

Minutes of the WWII Historical Reenactment Society Board Meeting 25 September, 2014, 7:30 pm

Welcome and ROLL CALL:

Position	Name	Present
President:	Jonathan Stevens	YES
Vice President:	Vacant	
Treasurer:	Wayne McCulley	YES
Interim Secretary:	Craig Dvorak	YES
Allied Representative:	Ron Kapustka	YES
Commonwealth Rep:	Bryce Seyko	NO
Axis Representative:	Doug Loge	NO
Newsletter Editors:	Jeff Skender	YES
Business Manager:	David Jameson	NO

HRS Members Present

Jim Schouten Brian Jones Pat Sanchez Kurt Gustafson Chuck Bolanz Kevin Williams Pollie Blanton Sean Godfrey (for Rory Silverstein) Rich Russo Michael Best Steve Rorerson Nicole Fornell Carlos Rameriz

Reading of the July and August, 2014 Minutes:

The reading of the July, 2014 Minutes were highlighted by Jon Stevens. A motion was made by Ron K to approve the July minutes as read, which was seconded by Wayne McCulley. A vote was taken and the July Minutes were approved as read. The August, 2014 meeting minutes were read by Wayne McCulley. A motion was made by Ron K to approve the August minutes as read, which was seconded by Wayne McCulley. A vote was taken and the August Minutes were approved as read

Officer Reports:

Vice President

New Charters:

<u>19th IR</u>: Pat Sanchez reported on their charter and advised they will be a 1938-1941 "early war" impression. They will attend late war events as the unit was in existence through the end of the war. They have 12 members and the French troops would be their main opponents. Jon Stevens reported that the charter will be sent to the S&A Committee.

<u>2nd Armored Division, 41st Armored Infantry</u>: Mike Best has members from the 2nd Panzer Division and they'll focus primarily on tactical events. They'll focus on a 1944-45 impression. They have 9-10 on the charter and 2-3 more guys interested. They'd like to keep the unit to 20 or so, a couple of squads. The are working through the dual membership issues. Jon Stevens reported that the charter will be sent to the S&A Committee.

<u>Junior Red Cross</u>: Nicole Fornell reported that they will not be doing any tacticals, but public displays. They'll have a place for civilians and minors, especially younger children, at events. They'll be working from/following the Junior Red Cross Manual. They'd like to be based either in a building, a shelter or a covered area. They may also possibly use an Army or a civilian tent. Jon Stevens reported that the charter will be sent to the S&A Committee.

<u>7th Banija Division (Yugoslavian partisans)</u>: Sean Godfrey reported that they were known as the National Liberation Army of Yugoslavia. They'll focus on the 1943-45 years, with Allied equipment. They'll attend tacticals and other events. In general, they were considered the "shock troops" of the Yugoslavian Army. They used a wide variety of weapons as well. Jon asked if they could narrow their unit designation down from a "Division" sized unit to a smaller sized unit. Sean advised that their division size could be as small as 20-30 men, not what one would normally consider as a division sized unit of men. Sean reported extensively on the weapons that the Unit would be "authorized" to use, based upon history. Jon Stevens reported that the charter will be sent to the S&A Committee.

Probationary Charters:

<u>7th Infantry Div</u>: The S&A Committee did not complete their review of this unit and it will be tabled until the October meeting.

<u>201_{st} Latvian Rifles</u>: The S&A Committee did not complete their review of this unit and it will be tabled until the October meeting.

Defunct Charters:

<u>101st Airborne Div., 321st Glider Artillery Battalion, A Co</u>: This unit has not contacted any of the Board nor have they had any members for two years. Ron K made a motion to defunct the charter which was seconded by Wayne McCalley. A vote was taken and the unit will be removed from the rolls.

Treasurer:

Account Balances as of August 30, 2014			
PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account		\$12,037.26	
PNC Bank Money Market Account	Money Market Account \$48,340.32		
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$ 302.20		
Account Totals	\$ 60,679.78		
Income			
Eventbrite Online Gross Membership Income		450.00	
Mailed Membership Income		720.00	
Interest from Money Market Account		3.07	
Total Income	\$	1173.07	
Expenditures:			
Mad Mimi Marketing		12.80	
Eventbrite Fees for the Month of July	\$	56.60	
Total Expenditures	\$	69.40	

Secretary: Craig Dvorak reported that he received waivers for the 416th Rifle Regiment event in Cedar Rapids, IA. He received the Wade House tactical Request Form. 1121 members as of today's date.

Commonwealth: No Report

Allied Rep: Nothing to Report

Axis Rep: No Report

Edge Editor: The next issue is waiting for the approval of Jon Stevens.

Business Manager: No Report

Membership Coordinator - unfilled

Event Development Group: Rich Russo reported on the event in Highland, IN, and a new event he is working on with Bensenville. Planning for the Waukegan event is ongoing.

Committee Reports:

S&A: They are reviewing several Rockford reports, including a Jeep conversion guidelines for post-war Jeeps. They are also discussing the two safety violations at Rockford, including hot brass hitting a spectator and the discharge of a weapon at S&A.

Unit Commanders: Nothing happening at the moment

Vehicle: Working on the post-war Jeep conversion standards. There were 56 vehicles that passed S&A; 2 that failed and 3 that failed (for insurance and/or lights) but allowed to stay for display only.

Old Business:

Rockford Report: The HRS sponsored Saturday lunch; Sunday breakfast and a raffle for 3-\$100.00 gas cards (Phil Lauricella, Don Pilchers, and Sam Snell)and 6 members who were chosen at random and received a \$100.00 gift card (Zack Okeli; Cameron Gertz; Zach Hardin; Craig DeBartolo; Rafal Deriga; and Daniel Daeg). The details on the expenses will be in the next issue of The Edge and available at the October Board Meeting. Midway Village contributed \$600.00 towards the meals as well. There were 895 HRS members registered for Rockford.

New Business:

Interim Vice President:

Event Insurance: Vandalia, IL; Franklin Park, both need their insurance documents asap.

New Event: Wade House Tactical. This will be on the website shortly.

Civilian Committee: There was lengthy discussion of a new Civilian Committee and how to manage civilian impressions at Rockford. This committee would be a "subcommittee" of the S&A Committee. There was meeting and the decision was to create a fairly detailed document which includes pictures, etc., and will be presented to the Board next month and would than go to the membership for a vote to be approved. There will be a future article in The Edge as well. The committee would be in a mentormentee relationship for newer civilian members. Once the written proposal is submitted to the Board, it will be reviewed and considered.

2015 Dues Schedule: There has been a proposal for the 2015 dues for a possible reduction for early payers and a penalty for late payers of dues. Thus will be considered by the Board and tabled for now.

2015 Scholarship Announcement: The 2015 scholarship was awarded to Anthony Giordano, from the 5th SS Wiking, and a check for \$500.00 will be sent to his school.

Open Comments: Rich Russo brought up an issue of "the press" being outside of the safety line, this will be watched at future events.

Announcements: Next Meeting is October 16

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the Meeting was made by Wayne McCulley and seconded by Craig Dvorak. A vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm.