

WWII Historical Reenactment Society
Minutes of the Board Meeting
22 February, 2024

Call to Order at 7:04 CST pm - Board Members Attending: Jon Stevens, President; Ron Kapustka, Secretary; Jeff Skender, Treasurer; Corey Vaughn, Allied Rep; Wayne McCulley, Commonwealth Rep.

Members attending: David Serikaku.

Guests attending: Edmund Malesa, Wojtek Swic.

Approval of Agenda

Ron made a motion to approve the January 2024 Agenda, which was seconded by Corey. Agenda was approved by BOD vote.

Approval of January, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The January, 2024 Minutes were previously distributed to and reviewed by the board members. Ron motioned that the Minutes be approved, which was seconded by Wayne. The Minutes were approved by BOD vote.

Officer Reports:

Vice President:

New Units: Jon reported that the 12th Polish Lancers had applied to be a probationary HRS Unit. They had been working with Wayne to hone their charter to be ready for consideration.

Edmund and Wojtek(E&W) from the 12th Polish Lancers told board members about their unit. They have been a unit for 24 years and have 16 members. Their unit equipment includes a 1943 GPW Jeep, a Bofors 37mm cannon, a field kitchen, and other misc items. They wish to share the history and contributions of Polish soldiers who served in World War 2 with students and the public to help insure that history is not repeated. . Ron asked about problems with the 37mm cannon that occurred at 2023 Lockport. Edmund assured us that the problem had been resolved after meeting with Lockport organizers. Edmund and Wojtek stated the issue happened when the loader dropped the shell the primer hit a piece of debris and triggered the shell. There had been no issues for 2-3 years prior to the Lockport incident. They are changing use of wood rod to load shell. Jon asked about past tensions with other Polish units. E&W stated that these problems have been resolved. Jon also asked about past issues between the Lancers and the HRS. E&W stated these issues were the result of former

members who are no longer a part of the 12th Lancers. It is their wish to build a new relationship with the HRS.rs had issue. These were the result of past members. We are building new relationship. Jon asked about problems with Jeeps in the past. Ron interjected that the members who owned these Jeeps are no longer members of 12th Lancers and no longer involved in the reenacting hobby.

Dissolved Units: JS reported on the following Units which either need to be disbanded or contacted with regard to their number of active members:

29th Infantry Division 116th Regiment Corey will contact unit.

517 PCRT Unit has had no members 2 years. Ron motioned unit be disbanded. Seconded by Wayne. Unit was disbanded by board vote.

82nd Airborne Division, 325 GIR F/K companies. Under 5 members last two years. Ron reported Scott Taft is working on pulling unit together. Ron suggested unit be put on probation. Motioned by Ron, seconded by Wayne. Unit put on probation by board vote.

201st Latvian Rifles Under 5 members last 3 years. No members last year. Unit was disbanded by b11th SS Feldgendarmarie Truppe No members 3 years. Unit will be contacted. Disbanded by BOD vote.

12th SS Panzer Division Hitler Jugend. Unit has had no members for four years. Ron motioned unit be disbanded. Seconded by Jeff. Unit disbanded by board vote.

2nd SS Panzer Division "Das Reich" 4th regiment. No members since 2020. Ron motioned unit be disbanded. Jeff seconded. Unit disbanded by board vote.

3rd SS Totenkopf. No members since 2019. Ron motioned unit be disbanded. Jeff seconded. Unit disbanded by board vote.

5th SS Panzer Division Wiking (Colorado). No members since 2019. Ron motioned unit be disbanded. Wayne seconded. Unit was disbanded by board vote.

7th Fallschirmjager Regt. 6. No members for 2years. Ron motioned unit be disbanded. Wayne seconded. Unit disbanded by board vote.

Grosdeutschland Combat trains. Non combat unit with three members. Unit okay.

Probationary Units: JS reported that the following Units need a Probation Review:

1st USMC Raider battalion D Co. Under 5 members since charter issued. Corey will contact.

1st Canadian Parachute battalion. No members since 2018. Ron motioned unit be disbanded. Wayne Seconded. Unit disbanded by board vote.

63 Legione CCNN d'Assalto Tagliament. No members 5 years. Ron motioned unit be disbanded. Corey seconded. Unit disbanded by board vote.

Unit Reviews: Jon reported on the 82nd Recon, Able Company Unit. We received first year reports which is being reviewed.

New Unit working on charter for 17th Shidan Division (Japanese)

Treasurer: Jeff reported as follows:

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| TREASURER'S REPORT | |
| WORLD WAR 2 HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY | |
| 17 February 2024 | |
| BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES | |
| PNC Bank Business Checking Account Available Balance | \$6,841.10 |
| PNC Bank CD | \$25,416.37 |
| PNC Bank Money Market Account | \$15,074.97 |
| PNC Bank Account Totals | \$47,332.44 |
| YEAR 2024 Total Income | |
| March Membership Income (3 Months) | \$0.00 |
| June Membership Income (3 Months) | \$0.00 |
| November Membership Income (6 Months) | \$0.00 |
| Total Membership Income | \$0.00 |
| January Interest Income | \$0.14 |
| February Interest Income | \$0.00 |
| March Interest Income | \$0.00 |
| April Interest Income | \$0.00 |
| May Interest Income | \$0.00 |
| June Interest Income | \$0.00 |
| July Interest Income | \$0.00 |
| August Interest Income | \$0.00 |
| September Interest Income | \$0.00 |
| October Interest Income | \$0.00 |
| November Interest Income | \$0.00 |
| Total Interest Income | \$0.14 |
| 2024 ALL Income | \$0.14 |
| YEAR 2024 ALL Expenses | |
| PO Box for 2024 Year | \$388.00 |
| Mass E-mail Service January 2024 | \$21.60 |
| Mass E-mail Service February 2024 | \$21.60 |
| Mass E-mail Service March 2024 | \$0.00 |
| Mass E-mail Service April 2024 | \$0.00 |
| Mass E-mail Service May 2024 | \$0.00 |

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| Mass E-mail Service June 2024 | \$0.00 |
| Mass E-mail Service July 2024 | \$0.00 |
| Mass E-mail Service August 2024 | \$0.00 |
| Mass E-mail Service September 2024 | \$0.00 |
| Mass E-mail Service October 2024 | \$0.00 |
| Mass E-mail Service November 2024 | \$0.00 |
| Mass E-mail Service December 2024 | \$0.00 |
| WW2 HRS D&O Insurance | \$783.00 |
| WW2 HRS Insurance | \$0.00 |
| 2024 ALL Expenditures | \$1,214.20 |
| YEAR 2024 Total - LOSS | (\$1,214.06) |

Secretary – The previously approved January, 2024 Minutes, will be sent to the webmaster to be put on the HRS website. 112 members

Commonwealth Rep:

Nothing to report

Allied Rep:

Nothing to report

Axis Rep:

Tabled

Staff Reports

Membership Coordinator:

HRS membership for 2024 is currently at 112. Discussion of membership cards. Jeff explained most members are asking for cards which is expensive and time consuming. Ron will check with his legal firm’s IT guy on better ways to print and send membership card. Subject tabled.

Committee Reports:

Governance – tabled

Safety and Authenticity- Jon stated we are continuing search for additional members.

Scholarship- 2024 Jon stated we are working on beginning work on finding 2024 scholarship candidates.

Publications and Promotional – Jon is communicating with party interested in being Edge editor.

Vehicle – tabled

Civilian –tabled

WWI – tabled

Old Business:

Victory in Ardennes Support: Adam asked about what info needs to be sent to receive support check.

New Business:

2024 Liability Insurance Jon received quote premium quote is \$8760.00, Policy will include terrorism coverage , 5 additional names insured and 20 events. Discussion was made of potential parties which want to be additional named insured. Payment is due March 5. Ron motioned insurance quote be accepted and paid. Jeff seconded. Payment was approved by board vote.

Open Comments: None

Announcements: Next meeting is targeted to be March 21, 2024.

Adjourn: Ron made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Corey, a BOD vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.