



# WWII HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY Inc.

## WWII Historical Reenactment Society Minutes of the Board Meeting 10 November, 2025

**Call to Order at 7:05 CST PM** - Board Members Attending: Jon Stevens, President; Don Coffman, Vice President; Wayne McCulley, Treasurer; Adam Bednar, Axis Rep; Daniel Rowicki, Commonwealth Rep

**Members Attending:** Lea Wurth, Brad Buddehagen, Charles Saint

### **New Business**

**12<sup>th</sup> Podolian Lancers Vote as Full HRS Unit:**

**Belleville Tactical (Heartbreak Tactical)**

**Berlin: Twilight of the Gods**

### **Approval of Agenda**

JS motioned to approve the August, 2025 Agenda, as revised, which was seconded by WM. Agenda was approved by BOD vote.

### **Approval of August, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

The August 2025 Minutes were previously distributed to and reviewed by the board members. JS motioned that the Minutes be approved, which was seconded by DR. The Minutes were approved by BOD vote.

### **Officer Reports:**

#### **Vice President:**

#### **New Units:**

**Probationary Units:** 12th Podolian Lancers are still on probation through September, 2025.

#### **Dissolved/Disbanded Units:**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**MAY 2025**

**ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF APRIL 30, 2025**

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$3,344.24
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$2074.29
PNC High Yield Money Market Account	\$37,408.14
<b>Account Totals</b>	<b>\$42,824.70</b>

#### INCOME FOR APRIL 2025

Membership Income	\$120.00
Interest Income from Money Market Accounts	\$100.19
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$220.19</b>

#### EXPENDITURES FOR APRIL 2025

HRS Rockford Breakfast	\$500
Email Marketing Service	\$52.25
Liability Insurance Additional Named Insured	\$161.92
Bank Service Charge	\$3.00
Postage	\$14.60
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$555.25</b>

2025 Membership Income	\$5,735.00
2025 Interest Income	\$362.51
2025 Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00
2025 Total Income	\$6,097.51
2025 Total Expenditures	\$13,156.12
2025 Total Income Less 2025 Total Expenditures	(\$- \$3,820.90)

#### JUNE 2025

#### ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF MAY 31st 2025

PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account	\$5,478.52
PNC Bank Money Market Account	\$2,576.19
PNC High Yield Money Market Account	\$33,927.47
<b>Account Totals</b>	<b>\$41,982.18</b>

#### INCOME FOR MAY 2025

<b>Membership Income</b>	<b>\$215.00</b>
<b>Interest Income from Money Market Accounts</b>	<b>\$95.92</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$310.92</b>

#### **EXPENDITURES FOR MAY 2025**

<b>Email Marketing Service</b>	<b>\$52.25</b>
<b>Bank Service Charge</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$55.25</b>

<b>2025 Membership Income</b>	<b>\$5,950.00</b>
<b>2025 Interest Income</b>	<b>\$458.43</b>
<b>2025 Miscellaneous Income</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>2025 Total Income</b>	<b>\$6,408.43</b>
<b>2025 Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$11,129.87</b>
<b>2025 Total Income Less 2025 Total Expenditures</b>	<b>(\$5,278.56)</b>

#### **JULY 2025**

#### **ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2025**

<b>PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account</b>	<b>\$4,356.27</b>
<b>PNC Bank Money Market Account</b>	<b>\$2,576.21</b>
<b>PNC High Yield Money Market Account</b>	<b>\$34,020.73</b>
<b>Account Totals</b>	<b>\$40,953.21</b>

#### **INCOME FOR JUNE 2025**

<b>Membership Income</b>	<b>\$180.00</b>
<b>Interest Income from Money Market Accounts</b>	<b>\$99.28</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$279.28</b>

#### **EXPENDITURES FOR JUNE 2025**

<b>Email Marketing Service</b>	<b>\$52.25</b>
<b>Event Support Battle of Seelow Heights</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>Event Support Victory in the Ardennes</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>
<b>Bank Service Charge</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,305.25</b>

<b>2025 Membership Income</b>	<b>\$6,130.00</b>
<b>2025 Interest Income</b>	<b>\$557.71</b>
<b>2025 Miscellaneous Income</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>2025 Total Income</b>	<b>\$6,687.71</b>
<b>2025 Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$12,435.12</b>
<b>2025 Total Income Less 2025 Total Expenditures</b>	<b>(\$5,747.41)</b>

## AUGUST 2025

### ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF JULY 31st 2025

<b>PNC Bank Non-Profit Checking Account</b>	<b>\$4,354.02</b>
<b>PNC Bank Money Market Account</b>	<b>\$2,576.23</b>
<b>PNC High Yield Money Market Account</b>	<b>\$34,117.27</b>
<b>Account Totals</b>	<b>\$41,047.52</b>

### INCOME FOR JULY 2025

<b>Membership Income</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Interest Income from Money Market Accounts</b>	<b>\$99.56</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$149.56</b>

### EXPENDITURES FOR JULY 2025

<b>Email Marketing Service</b>	<b>\$52.25</b>
<b>Bank Service Charge</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$55.25</b>

<b>2025 Membership Income</b>	<b>\$6,180.00</b>
<b>2025 Interest Income</b>	<b>\$657.27</b>
<b>2025 Miscellaneous Income</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>2025 Total Income</b>	<b>\$6,837.27</b>
<b>2025 Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$12,490.37</b>
<b>2025 Total Income Less 2025 Total Expenditures</b>	<b>(\$5,653.10)</b>

**Officer Reports:**

**VP Report:** DC attended post-Rockford event meeting. Park District had issues with OKW Field Marshall group. Issue with SS unit. Park District considering not allowing SS reenactors. Subcommittee meeting will occur, waiting on date from Park District. DC had noticed that medical first aid kits were not present on all vehicles.

Some owners had period first aid kits, but NOT modern first aid kits. DC recommendation is that insurance printed paperwork should be present with all vehicles at all HRS events.

**National HRS Tactical:** Several different sites were offered to DC. DC doesn't believe that these sites will not be able to handle the volume of reenactors. DC will have a distilled list of site recommendations to review by BOD at January meeting.

DC asked JS if the HRS National tactical can be co-hosted with a non-HRS member. JS is open to the idea. Further research is needed but an HRS co-host unit would be required. DC inquired into using the HRS email list to make a call to identify more potential sites.

**Secretary:** 537 Paid members in Zeffy reported by WM.

**Commonwealth Rep:** Nothing to report.

**Allied Rep:** Position vacant.

**Axis Rep:** Alex Bartoli will be submitting unit charter for changing 10./SS Frundsberg to 7.Kp. "Der Fuhrer" / 2. SS Das Reich. Charter will be reviewed at next board meeting.

**Staff Reports:** Nothing to report.

**Committee Reports:**

**Governance:** Nothing to report

**Safety and Authenticity:** Nothing to report

**Scholarship:** Nothing to report

**Publications and Promotional (The Edge)**

**Vehicle:** Nothing to report

**Civilian:** Nothing to report

**WWI:** Nothing to report

**Old Business**

**S&A Brown Booklet:** A small brown, period-correct booklet was used at Rockford for emergency contact, unit membership, and other important participant information. JS said that the booklets were positively received by reenactors. DC will continue to improve the booklets.

**Fall Gelb Event: Waivers & \$140.00 reimbursement** have not yet been submitted by the organizer. AB to follow up with Rich Russo who has the event paperwork which was jumbled up in his move from Utah to Indiana. Tabled until the next meeting.

**Update to Event Request Form:** DC mentioned that that a “Safety Manager” should be added as a field to fill out on all event request forms. The “Safety Manager” would be responsible for creating an AAR report after any accident/injuries that occur at the event in question. JS recommended reaching out to RK.

**HRS Affiliations for HRS-Sponsored Events:** This is a follow-up conversation to mandate that all reenactors attending an HRS event must be either an HRS or another national reenacting organization. DC received a positive response from LHRA board members. DC still needs to reach out to Northwoods Living History group.

**2025 Unit Levels:** RK & WM still working on these reports. 2025 has been prepared. 2024 still underway. JS to send the list of units to WM.

**New Business:**

**12<sup>th</sup> Podolian Lancers Vote as Full HRS Unit:** BOD mentioned that no specific issues were witnessed at Rockford. AB mentioned that a member of the Lancers fired a Webley revolver too close to a German reenactor, causing powder burns to the German’s face. There were no serious injuries.

5 KP GD addressed the issues with the Lancers directly in their camp. They apologized and stated it was a new unit member who caused the issue at Lockport.

DC & MR mentioned that the Lancers have a track record of fixing single issues, but safety problems always arise at the next event. DC mentioned that events themselves should set the rules that all units must follow. JS has witnessed a lot of ups and downs of the Lancers over many years.

MR made a motion to make the Lancers a full HRS unit. WM seconded. BOD approved the motion with all votes. Lancers will be informed they are back to being a full HRS unit.

**The Edge Update:** First issue was posted to WWII HRS Facebook page. JS will email the issue to HRS membership via Zeffy. Lea as Editor is creating a Gmail account for photographers to submit photos. Lea will be soliciting topics & content for future issues. AB mentioned Lea should use Zeffy email tools to request more topics.

**Dues Increase Proposal:** WM presented a solution where all dues annual dues should be increased to \$20 with no early bird pricing. DC was in support in a lesser fee for minor members. DC expressed that the HRS needs to cover its costs to do more for its members.

JS proposed a vote increasing annual dues to \$20 for adults & \$15 for all minors for 2026. DC made a motion. AB seconded. Vote passed with all BOD members voting "Yes". JS to follow up with WM to make notice in The Edge.

**2026 Budget:** WM to prepare 2026 HRS budget off of increasing price of annual dues, 10% increase in insurance costs as a baseline for planning purposes.

**Officer Elections:** Axis Rep, Secretary, and President roles are up for election in January 2026.

**Event Request Form: Heartbreak Crossroads Tactical**

Parker Hancock spoke about the tactical in January in Belleville, MI hosted by Panzer Lehr & Frundsberg. Basic Heer & SS regs for 1944-1945 impressions are acceptable. 2<sup>nd</sup> ID for Allied. \$30 registration fee covers meals & firewood. AB made a motion to approved the event. WM seconded. Vote passed with all BOD members voting "yes".

**Event Request Form: Berlin: Twilight of the Gods**

Lea Wurth is hosting this tactical event in Cresson, PA. Lea confirmed she will use Eventbrite to collect registration funds. JS made a motion to sponsor the event. WM seconded. Motion passed by BOD will all voting "yes".

**Open Comments:**

Brad Buddehagen from 2 ID inquired about finding a German unit to practice squad maneuvers on the Northern end of the battlefield

**Next meeting:** The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the week of 12/8.

**Adjourn:** DR made motion to adjourn at 9:12PM CST. Seconded by AB. Motion to adjourn carried by BOD vote unanimously.