

The American Civil War Shooting Association, Inc.
Minutes of National Meeting
Sunday, February 8, 2015, Burlington, WI

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Commander Chabalowski. Present were the following:

Commander – Bob Chabalowski

Deputy Commander – Dan Christensen

Paymaster – Darlene Van Kauwenbergh

Judge Advocate General – Dan Graff

WI/IL Commanders: Pat Kaboskey - 1USSS; 2WI- Gary Van Kauwenbergh; 6WI – Lance Herdegan; 15WI – Stephen Sherry; 56VA – Tom Brown; 66NC – Bob Chablowski.

Appearing by Phone from Michigan – Mike Zendarski, Paul Lipka and Chris Einowski.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The minutes of the September 27, 2014, meeting were approved with the addition that it had been approved that team breechloader and revolver events may be shot during morning hours.
2. TREASURER'S REPORT. Darlene Van Kauwebergh presented the Treasurer's Report (attached) which was approved as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

1. FACEBOOK PAGE: Gary Van Kauwenberg asked whether the WI/IL Regional members thought it would be beneficial to establish a Facebook page, and asked whether Commanders thought it would be utilized. It was agreed to hold off on establishing a Facebook page for now and to concentrate on updating the web page.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ELECTIONS: The slate of officers as presented was unanimously elected for both the WI/IL Region and for National offices. Elected are:

WI/IL Regional Officers:

1. Commander – Bob Chabalowski
2. Deputy Commander – Gary Van Kauwenbergh
3. Adjutant – Terry Arliskas
4. Paymaster – Darlene Van Kauwenbergh

National Officers:

1. Commander – Bob Chabalowski
2. Deputy Commander – Michael Zandarski
3. Adjutant – Terry Arliskas
4. Paymaster – Darlene Van Kauwenbergh

2. 2015 SKIRMISH SCHEDULE – Michigan reported that their dates are set as on the draft schedule, yet to be determined is who the host teams will be. There is one correction to the WI/IL Schedule - that for the September 19 – 20 Skirmish, the host teams will be the 15th Wis. ACWSA and the 114th IL N-SSA. A discussion regarding ACWSA/N-SSA friendship shoots and NSSA rules followed.
3. 2016 NATIONALS – The Michigan contingent stated that the prospect of a National Skirmish was very appealing to them. Bob Chabalowski asked that the Michigan folks recommend two people from their Region to work with two people from the WI/IL Region to form a Nationals Planning Committee. Gary Van Kauwenbergh asked that once the Committee is formed, that another conference call be arranged for the Board, and he would like to participate in the call. He has been looking at ranges around South Bend, IN, and can talk about those prospects going forward.
4. 501(c)(3) STATUS – JAG Dan Graff reported that the organization has been granted 501(c)(3) status, but reported that the question had arisen as to whether we can take a position on a topic which is political in nature – i.e., the closing of a gun range. His answer – yes – but such topics cannot be the main emphasis of the organization.
5. AMAZON SMILES & TECH SOUP – Gary Van Kauwenbergh reported that we are registered and established as a donor organization with Amazon Smiles and as such, we get \$5 out of every \$1000 spent on that website. To date, we have received nothing, but the word needs to get out to the membership to utilize the site and hopefully we will see some benefits in the near future. He also reported on our relationship with Tech Soup which is a non-profit organization that provides low-cost software to 501(c)(3) organizations. Any ACWA member may purchase low-cost software from Tech Soup, provided that such software benefits the ACWSA in some manner.
6. WISCONSIN SALES TAX EXEMPTION – Gary also reported that the ACWSA is registered as a tax-exempt organization and that we have a Wisconsin Sales and Use Tax Exempt Certificate which may be used for any purchases in Wisconsin that in any way benefit the organization. A copy of the Certificate will be available on the website.
7. RULES – JAG Dan Graff addressed the following issues that needed clarification in the Skirmish Rules:
 - (1) Metal Targets – by current rules, they are considered hit unless knocked to the ground. Michigan reported that they adhere to that rule. WI/IL teams by a majority vote approved to adopt that provision of the rule as well.
 - (2) Two-Handed Revolver Shooting During Team Events – Michigan has allowed this on a case-by-case basis in the past. Discussion followed as to whether it should be allowed in the WI/IL Region as well. Dan Graff advised that we should have a written rule rather than allowing the practice on a case-by-case basis. It was proposed and approved that the current rule regarding prohibition of two handed shooting may be waived at a Regional Skirmish by the Skirmish Direction at his/her discretion.
 - (3) The need of a Rule on Mixed Single-Shot/Repeater Breechloader teams. The question was raised as to whether we need to establish a rule that repeaters may only be shot one bullet at a

time during mixed breechloader events. Michigan stated that they allow repeaters to be shot as such, but then the targeting is proportional – i.e., single shot breechloaders get ½ the targeting as repeaters. It was noted that Spencers are treated in the same manner as Henry rifles. A motion was made to establish a rule that appropriate targeting would be used to match appropriate breechloading firearms unless the Skirmish Director designates a change that all breechloaders must be shot as single shot. Dan asked that an addition be made to the proposed rule so that when repeaters are fired as repeaters, they shall have to hit twice as many targets as single shot breechloaders. The motion unanimously passed.

(4) Establishment of a 35 Yard Event – all agreed that they have nothing against it, and that it should be at the discretion of the Skirmish Director if such an event would be added to the schedule.

(5) Single Shot Smoothbore Pistols – all present agreed that there is nothing against shooting such firearms at regionals, but for the time being, they should be allowed only in individual competition. Shooting a 25 yard individual SS Pistol event shall be at the discretion of the Skirmish Director.

8. HATS AND SHIRTS. Bob Chabalowski reported that there was minimal interest in an order of ACWSA shirts – only seven people expressed an interest, but that approximately 30 people expressed interest in ordering ACWSA baseball hats. Gary said that he will place the order and estimated that the price should be about the same last time they were ordered.

9. WEB SITE – Gary reported that soon the current web page will no longer support our software and that our web pages will need to be written, so members should be aware that charges are coming to the website soon.

10. NEW TEAM – An application for team membership has been received for a new Michigan Team to be called V/R Crew of the C.S.S. Nance (see attached). The team will be composed of veteran skirmishers. By vote, it was unanimously approved to allow the team full membership. The question was then asked whether a form exists to be used as a application for team membership. The answer was no – our rules state that a letter to Board with a brief history of the unit and outline of prospective members is sufficient enough as an application.

11. RIBBON ORDER – WI/IL reported that their order for ribbons was ready to go and asked Michigan for their order. Michigan asked that order be placed for the same number as last time. Gary stated that he will place the order soon.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Arliskas
Adjutant

American Civil War Shooters Association (ACWSA)
2015 Budget and Comparison of 2014 Actual to Budget

| | 2015 Budget 215 members - \$10 Dues | 2014 Budget 235 members - \$10 Dues | 2014 Actual 224 members | Difference |
|----------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------|------------|
| Receipts | | | | |
| Dues @ \$10 for 240 | \$ 2,150.00 | \$ 2,300.00 | \$ 2,225.00 | \$ (75.00) |
| Interest & Other | \$ 2.00 | \$ 2.00 | \$ 301.79 | \$ 299.79 |
| Total Income | \$ 2,152.00 | \$ 2,302.00 | \$ 2,526.79 | \$ 224.79 |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Insurance (\$7 per member) | 1,505.00 | 1,645.00 | 1,612.96 | \$ 32.04 |
| Web Server (Hostek annual) | 59.70 | 59.70 | 59.70 | \$ - |
| Domain Name (3 years) | 44.85 | 44.85 | 44.85 | \$ - |
| Annual Corporate Fee | 40.00 | 10.00 | - | \$ 10.00 |
| Awards | 1,450.00 | - | - | \$ - |
| Promotional Materials | - | 300.00 | - | \$ 300.00 |
| Safety Equipment (CO2 cylinders) | - | - | 92.29 | \$ (92.29) |
| Other | 70.00 | 70.00 | 25.00 | \$ 45.00 |
| Supplies | 50.00 | - | - | \$ - |
| | - | - | - | \$ - |
| Total Expenses | 3,219.55 | 2,129.55 | 1,834.80 | 294.75 |
| (Shortage)/Overage | (1,067.55) | 172.45 | 691.99 | 519.54 |
| Balance 12/31/14 | 3,457.15 | 2,937.61 | 3,457.15 | \$ 519.54 |
| Anticipated Balance 12/31/15 | <u>\$ 2,389.60</u> | | | |

American Civil War Shooters Association (ACWSA)
 Paymaster's Cash Flows for 2014
 Prepared by Darlene Van Kauwenbergh

Checkbook Balance 12/31/13 \$2,765.16

Receipts:

| | | |
|------------------------------|---------|-----------------|
| 3/10/2014 Dues | 960.00 | |
| 3/16/2014 Dues | 1265.00 | |
| 9/26/2014 IRS Refund (501c3) | 300.00 | |
| Interest for the year | 1.79 | |
| Total Receipts | | <u>2,526.79</u> |

Subtotal \$5,291.95

Expenses:

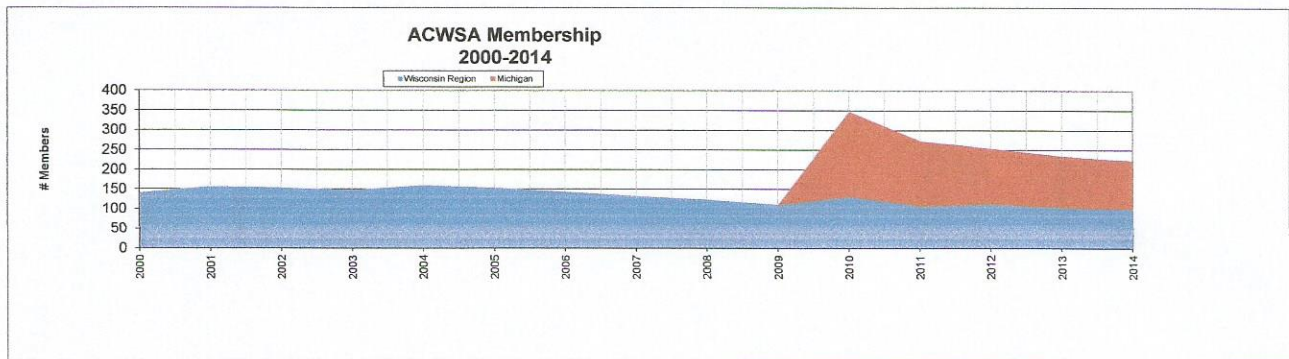
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|---|----------|--------------------------|
| 2/1/2014 #281 Gary Van K (Domain Lot 3 yrs) | 44.85 | |
| Domain name | | |
| 2/9/2014 #282 Stephen or Elaine Sherry | 25.00 | |
| Annual Meeting Hosts | | |
| #283 voided check | | |
| 3/8/2014 #284 Gary Van K (Web server) | 59.70 | |
| Hostek | | |
| 9/26/2014 #285 Rob Weber (NRA Endorsed Ins Program) | 1,612.96 | |
| Insurance | | |
| 9/26/2014 #286 Gary Van K (CO2 Cylinder & Refill) | 92.29 | |
| CO2 cylinder & Refill | | |
| Annual Report | | |
| Total Expenses | | <u>1,834.80</u> |
| Checkbook Balance 12/31/14 | | <u><u>\$3,457.15</u></u> |

Summary of Cash Transactions by category

| | Additions | Subtractions | Retained | |
|--|-----------|--------------|----------|---------------|
| Totals | 2,526.79 | 1,834.80 | 73% | \$ 691.99 27% |
| Dues | 2,225.00 | 88% | | |
| Interest & IRS Refund | 301.79 | 12% | | |
| Insurance | | 1,612.96 | 88% | |
| Award Ribbons | | 0.00 | 0% | |
| Annual Report | | 0.00 | 0% | |
| Web Site (Domain name, server, software) | | 104.55 | 6% | |
| Safety equipment (CO2 cylinders) | | 92.29 | 5% | |
| Other | | 25.00 | 1% | |

ACWSA Membership
2014 vs. 2013

| Unit | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Difference 2014 vs 2013 | |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|----------------------------|------|
| | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | # | % |
| 1st USSS | 16 | 14 | 16 | 19 | 13 | 14 | 12 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 14 | 13 | 15 | 2 | 15% |
| 2nd WI | 28 | 26 | 26 | 35 | 37 | 38 | 34 | 30 | 30 | 26 | 26 | 23 | 29 | 27 | 26 | -1 | -4% |
| 8th WI | 8 | 11 | 10 | 29 | 22 | 21 | 19 | 19 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 14 | 14 | 11 | -3 | -21% |
| 7th WI | 5 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 9th WI | 11 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 19 | 19 | 28 | 22 | 21 | 19 | 17 | 16 | 13 | 11 | 5 | -6 | -55% |
| 10th IL | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 15th WI | 10 | 9 | 9 | 11 | 13 | 11 | 10 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 14 | 3 | 27% |
| 56th VA | 18 | 17 | 17 | 20 | 22 | 26 | 24 | 20 | 15 | 12 | 16 | 14 | 16 | 15 | 16 | 1 | 7% |
| 66th NC | 17 | 14 | 20 | 11 | 23 | 14 | 11 | 17 | 14 | 11 | 17 | 15 | 17 | 15 | 15 | 0 | 0% |
| Iron Bgd Guard | 16 | 12 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Btry H | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 29th WI | 7 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| McAllister Btry | 0 | 26 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Wisconsin Region | 142 | 158 | 155 | 149 | 161 | 154 | 145 | 134 | 125 | 111 | 134 | 109 | 114 | 106 | 102 | -4 | -4% |
| 1st MI Infantry | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 1st Regiment SC Vol | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 2nd TX SS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 2nd USSS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 4th MI | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 7th TN | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 8th AR, Co K | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 8th MI Cav | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 15th VA Cavalry | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 16th MI | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 146th NY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Blazer's Scouts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Bledsoe's Battery | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Dygert's Company | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Loomis' Battery | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Quantill's MO Partisans | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Richmond Purcell's Btry | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| USS MI Landing | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Michigan | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 215 | 165 | 141 | 129 | 122 | -7 | -5% |
| Total | 142 | 158 | 155 | 149 | 161 | 154 | 145 | 134 | 125 | 111 | 349 | 274 | 255 | 235 | 224 | -11 | -5% |



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|------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Wisconsin Region | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
| Michigan | 142 | 158 | 155 | 149 | 161 | 154 | 145 | 134 | 125 | 111 | 349 | 274 | 255 | 235 | 224 |

Application for membership

To the ACWSA Board of Directors, through the National Commander.

The following members of "The First South Carolina Volunteer Infantry" respectfully request acceptance and approval of this application for a new member organization per the by-laws of the ACWSA.

Allen Burk, Jon Leghorn, Adam Gebert, Ashley Gebert and Jason Hindmon are hereby applying for a new member organization to be known as the Confederate States Ship Neuse (C.S.S. Neuse).

A brief history of the C.S.S. Neuse. The Neuse existed from the October 17, 1862 until scuttled by her crew to prevent capture on March 12, 1865. The Neuse had a mixed crew of Confederate Sailors and Soldiers mostly from North Carolina. This crew numbered 28 sailors and 66 "from those in the Army who are accustomed to a seafaring life and have volunteered". While still under construction, the Neuse was attacked by Gen J.G Foster at Whitehall N.C. Dec 15-16 1862. The Neuse was an Ironclad steamer with two Brooke 6.4" rifled cannon as main guns. Per Second Lieutenant R.H. Bacot "Yankees 18,000 strong came upon us & not having any prospect of being relieved before our provisions gave out & being in a narrow river where we could not work the ship under fire, after shelling the Yankee Cavalry for a little while, we removed our powder & stores & burnt the vessel". In a letter to his sister while fighting in Weldon N.C. Lt. Bacot wrote "I have no ship, live on land...trying to find out whether I belong to the Navy or Army".

Uniform requirements for the C.S.S. Neuse are; Confederate Navy or Confederate Army uniforms representing North Carolina Troops from Infantry, Cavalry or Artillery.

V/R Crew of the C.S.S. Neuse

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

1. The ACWSA is comprised of member organizations made up of individual members; **Allen Burk, Jon Leghorn, Adam Gebert, Ashley Gebert, Jason Hindmon.**
2. An ACWSA member organization is a group of not less than four persons, organized for skirmish shooting competition under ACWSA rules, which has been accepted for ACWSA membership by the ACWSA Board of Directors. **Pending, (5 members).**

NEW MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

1. An organization may apply to the ACWSA Board of Directors for acceptance as a member organization by submitting a written application to the Board of Directors, through the National Commander, at least two weeks before the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. The National Commander shall forward copies of all such applications to all Directors a reasonable time before the annual meeting. All such applications shall be acted upon by the Board of Directors at the first annual meeting after receipt of the application, or, in the discretion of the Board, by telephone, e-mail, or other electronic communication vote as soon as practicable after receipt of the application.
2. An application for membership shall include a brief description of the Civil War unit (regiment, battery, and/or company) which the applicant organization plans to portray, and a detailed description of the uniform the applicant organization would wear in ACWSA competition. A picture of the uniform may be substitute for a written description.
3. An application for membership will not be accepted if the applicant seeks to portray a Civil War regiment, battery, or other unit, already portrayed by an active ACWSA member organization. However, an application may be accepted if the applicant chooses a distinct company designation within a Civil War regiment already portrayed by an active ACWSA member organization, provided that the applicant obtains the written permission of the pre-existing active ACWSA member organization, and provided that the pre-existing active ACWSA member organization agrees to change its designation to a different, distinct company designation within that regiment upon acceptance of the new organization's application.