

The American Civil War Shooting Association, Inc.

WI/IL Regional Meeting

Sunday, September 21, 2013 – 12:00 AM
Conservation Club of Kenosha County
21001 85th Street
Bristol, Wisconsin

Current WI/IL Officers:

Commander: Bob Chabalowski
Deputy Commander: Vacant
Adjutant: Gary Van Kauwenbergh (for Rob Weber)
Paymaster: Darlene Van Kauwenbergh
Inspector General: Absent (Bob Bucher)
Judge Advocate General: Dan Graff
Immediate Past Commander: Pat Kaboskey
WI/IL Commanders:
1USSS Pat Kaboskey
2WI Gary Van Kauwenbergh
6WI Bob Jaburek (for Lance Herdegen)
8WI Dick Tessmann
15WI Stephen Sherry
56VA Tom Brown
66NC Bob Chabalowski
Stanford's Btry absent (Chuck Wozniak)

1) Roll Call. Notes:

- a) Stanford's Battery – Cleburne's Division joined under the 'first year free' program at the Boscobel skirmish, and are primarily interested in artillery competition at Boscobel. The 2012 roster needs to be updated.
- b) The 3rd Iowa Artillery, Unit Commander Roger Shannon with other members came to Boscobel as observers last year, and are considering joining next year. They are from the Des Moines, Iowa area.

2) The minutes of the February 10 & 16 2013, Annual Meeting were approved without reading after Gary Van Kauwenbergh stated he'd review them and included all the outstanding action items in our agenda.

3) Paymaster report.

- a) There is no separate WI/IL Regional treasury. With no significant financial transactions looming, the group decided to not establish separate dues or a checking account for the WI/IL region. Balance at beginning of year - \$3,060.03. Balance on hand in the ACWSA checking account as of 8/30/13 - \$2,764.70. Budgeted balance was expected to be \$3,287. Expenses outside of budget included a promotional video (\$300) and ACWSA signage (\$208.80).
- b) All financial activity for Bristol storage shed is now complete. The total cost of the shed was \$1803.12, of which \$1,425.00 in membership assessments went into and came out of the national checking account. An additional \$378.12 was generated through a raffle and contributions from the teams actually using the shed. The additional \$378.12 was handled on a cash basis between the parties concerned and outside of the checkbook.

Expenses						Totals
	John Mark(Drexel Building Supply)				1682.77	
	Bob Chabalowski(Menards)				120.35	1803.12
Income						

	Member Assessment		1425.00	
	Raffle + Donations from Dan Davis & Pat Kaboskey		238.12	
	User Team Contributions (15WI, 56VA,1USSS,29WI)		140.00	1803.12

4) Old Business.

- a) Final report on Bristol storage shed. Commander Chabalowski reported all bills were paid. Dan Christensen reported everything was done on the shed except some minor trim work, and that they already had the needed materials.

Dan Christensen also reported the Bristol Range Master requested the combination for the lock on the shed. The group voted to give it to him with the understanding that it not be given out to anyone else.

Dick Tessmann volunteered to laser engrave an aluminum ACWSA sign for the shed. Gary Van Kauwenbergh will do the graphics for it. The sign will have the ACWSA logo, organization name, and web address on it.

- b) The ACWSA By-laws were amended at the last meeting, but were not published on the web site. The amendments involved adding a conflict of interest clause needed for 501(c) (3) status, defining the National and Deputy Commander Positions, and allowing regional dues. Dan Graff will forward a copy of the amended by-laws to Web Master Gary Van Kauwenbergh for posting on the web site.

5) New Business.

- a) Report on §501(c) tax status. JAG Graff reported we've still not heard from the IRS concerning our application. He said he contacted the IRS concerning it, and the IRS said they couldn't find any tax returns on file for us. The ACWSA has not filed anything except our annual reports for the WI Secretary of State. 15th WI member Sue D'Aloia is an accountant who at one time specialized in non-profit organizations. She said the IRS filing requirements changed in 2008, and that we should now likely be filing returns every year, probably on a small post-card sized form. Sue volunteered to help us look into the matter and Gary Van Kauwenbergh volunteered to assist her.

- b) Draft 2014 Skirmish Schedule for WI/IL. (Friendship skirmishes shown with N-SSA co-host in parenthesis.) The following skirmish dates for the 2014 season were proposed, and they will be approved at the next meeting after teams have had their elections. Note: Pat Kaboskey reported the N-SSA 1st USSS skirmish team was disbanding, and that a new N-SSA hosting team would be needed for next year's September skirmish at Bristol if it was going to continue to be a friendship skirmish. Gary Van Kauwenbergh volunteered to coordinate finding a new N-SSA host for that skirmish.

- i) April 27-28, 2nd WI @ Springfield, IL (114 ILL N-SSA)
- ii) June 7-8, 66 NC & 2 WI @ Appleton, WI
- iii) July 19-20, 56 VA @ Bristol, WI (29th WI N-SSA)
- iv) August 1-3, 1 USSS, 15 & 8 WI @ Boscobel, WI
- v) Aug 29-31, 8 & 2 WI @ Rhinelander, WI
- vi) Sept 20-21, 15 WI @ Bristol, WI (1st USSS N-SSA)

c) 2014 Dues

- i) The group unanimously voted to recommend 2014 dues remain \$10.
- ii) The group unanimously voted to not collect any regional dues.
- iii) The group unanimously voted to recommend continuing the First-year-free program for the 2014 season.

- d) 2014 WI/IL Regional Elections were held (any national elections will be held in February).
2014 officers are:
 - i) Regional Commander: Bob Chabalowski
 - ii) Regional Deputy Commander: Gary Van Kauwenbergh
 - iii) Adjutant: Rob Weber
 - iv) Paymaster: Darlene Van Kauwenbergh
 - v) JAG: Dan Graff
- e) Appointments. Commander Chabalowski made the following appointments for 2014:
 - i) Statistics Officer: Ken Mifflin
 - ii) Webmaster: Gary Van Kauwenbergh
 - iii) Bristol Range Liaison: Dan Christensen
- f) Recruiting was discussed at length. Bob Chabalowski emphasized the need to recruit younger members. Advertising, recruiting at gun shows, leaving brochures at sporting goods stores and museums were mentioned. Possible groups mentioned to recruit from included schools, hunter safety classes and Boy Scout troops. Pat Kaboskey volunteered to head up our recruiting efforts. Gary Van Kauwenbergh volunteered to put together a distribution list for public service announcements.
- g) Next meeting, 10 a.m. on Sunday, February 9, 2014 at Stephen and Elaine Sherry's home, 513 Storle Ave., Burlington, WI.

6) Adjournment.

DRAFT Interim Board Meeting Agenda

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1) Roll Call.

- a) Commander: Absent (Dan Gibson)
- b) Deputy Commander: Bob Chabalowski
- c) Adjutant: Gary Van Kauwenbergh (for Rob Weber)
- d) Paymaster: Darlene Van Kauwenbergh
- e) Inspector General: Absent (Bob Bucher)
- f) Judge Advocate General: Dan Graff

2) Approval of the posted minutes of the February 10 & 16 2013, Annual Meeting.

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4) 2014 Dues

- a) The WI/IL part of the National Board recommended 2014 dues remain \$10.
- b) The WI/IL part of the National Board recommended First-year-free continue in 2014.

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7) Next meeting, 10 a.m. on Sunday, February 9, 2014 at Stephen and Elaine Sherry's home, 513 Storle Ave., Burlington, WI, followed by the MI meeting the following weekend.

8) Adjournment.