

**The American Civil War Shooting Association, Inc.**  
**Minutes of the September 18, 2011, Interim Board Meeting**

1) The meeting was called to order shortly at 11:04 a.m. on the skirmish field of the Conservation Club of Kenosha County, 21001 85<sup>th</sup> Street, Bristol, Wisconsin.

**2) Roll call was held.**

a) The members of the Board of Directors present were:  
Commander: Bob Chabalowski  
Adjutant: Rob Weber  
Paymaster: Darlene Van Kauwenbergh  
Judge Advocate General: Dan Graff  
Inspector General: Les Knutsen  
Immed. Past Commander: Pat Kobosky

Absent

Deputy Commander: Dan Gibson

b) Team Commanders present:

1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Sharpshooters – Pat Kobosky  
15<sup>th</sup> Wis. Volunteer Infantry – Steven Sherry  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wis. Volunteer Infantry – Gary Van Kauwenbergh  
56<sup>th</sup> Virginia – Tom Brown  
6<sup>th</sup> Wis. Volunteers – Bob Jaburek  
66<sup>th</sup> North Carolina – Bob Chabalowski  
Iron Brigade Guard – Lance Herdegen  
8<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin – Dick Tessmann

3) **Minutes.** The minutes of the February 13, 2011, Annual Board Meeting were distributed in writing but not read. Approval of the minutes was deferred until the next Board meeting.

**4) Actions Taken.**

a) **2012 Dues.** Continuation of the first-year free program was approved for 2012. Reduction of regular dues to \$10 for 2012 was approved.

**5) Matters discussed (without voting).**

a) **Artillery rules.**

i) Four-man crew size was discussed and a consensus existed that the rule drafters should be permitted to agree on crew as small as 2 persons, but one

crew member must always and exclusively guard the box. It was mentioned that Michigan members are apparently shooting with 3-man crews at present.

- ii) The use of lead balls was also discussed, with a consensus that after 30 years of using lead balls, continued use should be permitted. Some discussion was had on whether the rules could include a limit on the size of lead shot and that was left open for the rule drafters.
- iii) Finally, the Dixie Gun Works cast iron mortar was discussed and there was a consensus that the mortar must be relined before any use in ACWSA skirmishing. Even the version of the mortar sold by Dixie with a sleeve must be re-sleeved before ACWSA skirmishing because Dixie poured iron around the sleeve which was felt to be too dangerous.

**b) Revision of the By-Laws.**

- i) Dan Graf said he hoped to have a first draft soon. Gary Van Kauwenbergh commented that the by-laws should be revised as quickly as possible in order to support an ACWSA application for §501(c) status under the Internal Revenue Code.

**c) 2012 Skirmish Schedule.**

- i) Some possible date changes to the draft skirmish schedule for next year were mentioned. The final schedule will be on the agenda for the February 2012 Board meeting.
- ii) For the February meeting, Team Commanders were requested to prepare plans for each skirmish a team will be hosting, including at least sketching out the specific events that will be held.

**d) Firearms.**

- i) Bob Chabaloski listed several firearms that may be placed on the agenda for the February Board meeting and considered for Wisconsin/Illinois regional approval, specifically:
  - (1) 1803 Harper's Ferry with drum and bolster conversion in .54 and .58 calibers.
  - (2) 1817 artillery cadet musket with drum and bolster conversion in .69 caliber.
  - (3) 1830 cadet musket with drum and bolster conversion in .54 caliber.
  - (4) 1857 Saxon musket in .54 caliber with Enfield long-range sight.

- (5) So-called Confederate Tennessee/Kentucky rifles in .44 and .54 calibers.
- 6) **The Annual Board meeting** will be held on February 12, 2012 at the residence of Steven & Elaine Sherry, 513 Storle Avenue, Burlington Wisconsin.
- 7) **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 11:27 AM.