

ACWSA Michigan Region Annual Meeting
February 21, 2015
Blue Water Sportsmans Club

Meeting called to order by Regional Commander Paul Lipka at 11:18 a.m.

Team representatives present: 1st Michigan, 1st South Carolina, 15th Virginia, 16th Michigan, 2nd Texas, 7th Wisconsin, 8th Arkansas, Richmond Purcell Battery
Absent : 18th Indiana Battery

Reading of minutes to the 2014 meeting by Norm Gibson. Motion to accept by the 15th Virginia, 2nd by 1st South Carolina.

National Meeting Review

- Bob Chabalowski, National Commander, reviewed the minutes to the regional meeting held in Wisconsin February 8 and joined via conference call by officers from the Michigan Region.
- Bob proposed holding the regional meetings on the same date as the national meeting. This was thought to be a good idea but securing a meeting place on Sundays in Michigan may be an issue since we meet at gun clubs.
- Discussed the Amazon Smiles program that the ACWSA is participating in. A portion of the sales is directed to the organization at no extra cost to you but you must sign up for it.
- Reviewed rules for 2 handed revolver shooting. If it encourages participation we should allow it. Can be published in skirmish program or at the discretion of the skirmish director.
- Metal targets were discussed. Metal targets should only be considered hit if they are knocked off the wire and to fall to the ground.
- Bob stated that a common sense approach should be followed when establishing rules.
- Hats have been ordered. The Michigan region will purchase 15 Gray and 10 Blue.
- A joint ribbon order will be placed for both regions in order to save on costs.
- Bob brought a copy of an NMLRA article concerning recruitment to share. See attached.
- Bob asked if there was any concern over Wisconsin handling national finances. None were expressed.

Adjutant Report

- The 2015 registration process went smoothly, with little concern. We have 24 additional members listed as inactive with a total at this time of 94 active members spread out over 9 teams. This does include a one man team. All roster data has been submitted electronically to the National Adjutant for recording.

Treasurer Report

- Cash on hand balance is currently 4325.17 in the checking account.
- A donation of 1460.00 was submitted to the Civil War Trust, the 2014 fundraiser recipient. We received a book on Chancellorsville in acknowledgement.

Motion to accept the Adjutant/Treasurer report by 15th Virginia, 2nd by 7th Wisconsin.

Inspector General Report

- Bob Hubbard –No report.

Small Arms Report

- Chris Hubbard – No report.

Artillery Report

- Norm Gibson - Brian Haack Memorial Artillery shoot will be held May 9/10 at Blue Water. The Grayling shoot was cancelled in 2014 due to the military needing the range.
- Norm updated the artillery registration form for cannon and mortar.

Medical Report

- Diane Gibson – completed inventory of medical supplies, removed expired items, and forwarded information to David Mandy.

By-Laws Committee

- Dan Gibson noted that since the Michigan region split the duties of the Adjutant by creating a Treasurer position the by-laws need to be changed to reflect the two positions. After discussion, it was determined that Dan Gibson will submit the wording of the proposal to be published then brought to a vote by team commanders at the first skirmish of the season.

Old Business

- Boy Scouts will again handle the concessions this year except at the official regional picnic. The Scouts are happy to come and provide food during our skirmishes and we are grateful for them.
- Doug Reed of the 2nd Texas picked up a transit van full of cardboard last summer and dropped them off at Richmond. The cost was \$0. Doug even left his dog at home in order to make this happen. The man is committed. The region needs a supply of cardboard at Blue Water.
- We have an ample supply of pigeons, and we need some wire at Blue Water.
- Target maintenance is needed, as well as gallon jugs and water bottles.

- Dan Gibson proposed introducing a new shape for the metal target inventory.
- David Mandy is the Awards Committee chair. Criteria for special awards should be submitted to him.
- Electronic payment- no development.

Recess for lunch at 12:34 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 12:50 p.m.

New Business

- Motion from the floor to allocate \$1200.00 to develop a new shape for the metal target. Motion passed by affirmation.
- 2015 Skirmish schedule and host teams:
 - May 9/10 Brian Haack Memorial Artillery Matches – 7th Wisconsin
 - June 6/7 Blue Water #1 – Richmond Purcells
 - June 27/28 Richmond #1 – 2nd Texas
 - June 25/26 Grayling Long Range Artillery
 - August 8/9 Richmond #2 – 8th Arkansas (Annual Picnic)
 - August 29/30 Ashley - 1st South Carolina
 - October 10 Blue Water - Lakeshore HS CW Field Trip
 - October 11 Blue Water #2 – 7th Wisconsin
- 2015 Charity event- decided not to hold one this year. Over \$20,000 was previously raised for good causes.
- Public events - Bruce Miller thanked those who participated in Birmingham last year. Jim Bone will be the contact point for Northville July 4 in 2015.
- Multiple targets falling:
 - Brace the frames so they are secure and do not wobble
 - Setting 2 rows of targets (upper and lower) is possible
 - Bend the wires so they are slightly pointing up after each event
 - Teams should police themselves (remember this is for fun, if the need to win is that great then perhaps you should re-examine why you are here)
- New team joining Michigan region: The C.S.S. Neuse, consisting of members of the Ashley Sportsman's Club. Welcome aboard!
- Commander Paul is in contact with living historians who are Civil War re-enactors and are interested in shooting their firearms in the traditional style- paper cartridges, unaltered sights, service loads. It was determined as long as no paper goes down the barrel and they show they can participate safely they are welcome to join. A few of us will meet them at a gun club to run them through the basics before they are allowed on the firing line. They are known as the 15th Michigan Infantry. National Commander said they had a similar experience with a group in Wisconsin and it was very positive, so much so that their group of historians adopted some of the methods we currently use to skirmish.
- It was inquired if there is an interest in a Henry /Repeater event at skirmishes. Solicitation for interest will appear on Facebook ACWSA page.

- As previously mentioned, the Michigan region will order 25 hats from Wisconsin. No interest in shirts thus far. Commanders asked to poll teams again. It was also asked if a ladies style were available.
- National Skirmish planned for 2016.

Committee Members:

- Michigan – Mike Zandarski/Chris Hubbard
 - Wisconsin – Gary Van Kauwenbergh/ Bob Chabalowski
 - Registration Spreadsheet - Paul Lipka discussed the registration and roster spreadsheet he developed using Excel. It was used last year and found to be very efficient in tallying individual skirmish fees and even determining placement of extra shooters.
- Penalty calculations were also discussed. Three methods were proposed:
 - Number of shooters on team
 - Fixed (flat) time
 - Calculation based on a full team

Option 3 was approved after discussion.

Additional items: None

Motion to adjourn by Chris Hubbard, seconded by Norm Gibson at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Einowski
ACWSA Michigan Region Adjutant
2nd Texas Sharpshooters

