

MINUTES  
ACWSA WISCONSIN REGIONAL MEETING  
February 20, 2022

Commander Bob Chabalowski called the ZOOM meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. on Sunday, February 20, 2022.

1. Roll Call:

Present:     Commander Bob Chabalowski  
              Deputy Commander Gary Van Kauwenbergh  
              Paymaster Darlene Van Kauwenbergh  
              JAG – Dan Graff  
              1<sup>st</sup> USSS – Rick Reiner  
              2<sup>nd</sup> WI – Gary Van Kauwenbergh  
              56<sup>th</sup> VA – Tom Brown  
              66<sup>th</sup> NC – Bob Chabalowski  
              8<sup>th</sup> WI – Dick Tessman/Connor Ahrens  
              15<sup>th</sup> WI – Dan Christensen/Eric Stockdale

Absent:

              Adjutant Terry Arliskas

Rosters are in from all teams, but dues are still in the mail for the 1US and 8WI.

2. Old Business

- A. With no pending items, we dispensed with reading of last year's minutes.
- B. Paymaster Report – Darlene presented the Paymaster report. The full report can be seen at  
[http://acwsa.org/Documents/Meeting\\_Minutes/Paymaster2021.pdf](http://acwsa.org/Documents/Meeting_Minutes/Paymaster2021.pdf)

Highlights:

- \* Current balance is \$2,525.90
- \* The \$625 loan for the shed at the Beloit from the ACWSA kitty range is fully paid.
- \* 2021 ACWSA for the WI/IL region was 65 (one less than 2020)

C. Elections – Our regional officers are beginning the second year of their two-year terms. Commander Chabalowski noted Dan Christensen replaced Bob Bucher as Inspector General (IG) last year.

### 3. New Business

#### A. Skirmish Schedule –

Apr 22-24, 2nd WI @ Springfield, IL  
Jun 4-5, 66th NC @ Appleton, WI  
Jun 25-26, Btry H @ Streator, IL  
Jul 16-17, 56 VA @ in Bristol, WI  
Jul 30-31, 1USSS @ Beloit, WI  
Aug 26-28, 46ILL/66NC@ Beloit, WI  
Sep 2-4, 8WI @ Rhinelander, WI  
Sep 17-18, 15 WI @ Bristol, WI

Bob Chabalowski said the N-SSA Western Region would now establish their skirmish schedule for the upcoming season no later than our board meeting after the final skirmish of the season at Bristol.

B. ACWSA skirmish hosts are free to charge whatever team fees they deem appropriate. Skirmishers need to be mindful that costs are rising.

C. The group voted to continue our first-year-free policy for new member dues.

D. Bob Chabalowski reported he'd bought all the ceramic tiles he could at @ \$.04 each. If you want some, talk to him.

E. AEDs – We may have bought AED batteries last year when we didn't need them. AED pads only last two years, but batteries should last at least four years. We bought both last year, so we shouldn't need batteries until 2025. Batteries have a five-year shelf life, and guaranteed four (4) years from the install date listed on the battery. Just as we don't replace the batteries in our cars when they go out of warranty, we should continue to use AED batteries until they fail a self-test. Self-test are performed monthly when the batteries are installed, and every time the AED is turned on.

F. Zoom – Gary stated that no one was using our Zoom subscription other than the National and WI/IL boards for their meetings. We've paid

\$158.15 for the Zoom “Pro Plan” the past two years allowing longer meeting times. Free Zoom accounts allow up to participants for up to 40 minutes. Gary asked if any teams were interested in their own Zoom meetings in the future. Rick Reiner said he would consider using Zoom for coordinating his skirmish this year.

G. Connor Ahrens briefed the group on the new ACWSA Facebook page he created last year. The page serves the WI/IL region, is titled ‘The American Civil War Shooting Association – ACWSA’, and can be seen at <https://www.facebook.com/TheAmericanCivilWarShootingAssociation/>. You need to ‘like’ the page to see the content. Connor tries to add content frequently.

The Michigan Region has their own Facebook page titled ‘American Civil War Shooting Association - Michigan Region’ at <https://www.facebook.com/acwsami>

The ACWSA spends about \$90 in name registration fees and host fees for the <http://acwsa.org/> webpage Gary maintains. Gary asked if we should use just the free Facebook pages, and the group unanimously said no. Gary’s fine with doing that, but let everyone know that he has no backup. Connor Ahrens volunteered to act as back-up.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, by  
Gary Van Kauwenbergh, for  
Terry Arliskas  
Adjutant