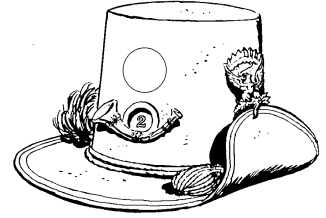


Headquarters

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February 8, 2020

Ladies and Gentlemen, I have the honor to report,

The 2020 annual meeting for the Second Wisconsin skirmish team scheduled to begin at noon on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at Roy and Cathi's didn't get started until 1:20 because of all our catching-up and noshing. Thank you Roy and Cathi for letting us have our meeting in your home again this year.

Roll Call:

Present: Dan Graff, David Listug, Cathi Nelson, Roy Nelson, Darlene Van Kauwenbergh, Gary Van Kauwenbergh, Mike Young – Jeff Murphy tried to come, but went to the wrong address.

Absent, with dues paid: Bren Buck, Jan Buck, Gary Elliott, Dick Hanson, Jim Leinicke, Bill Weedman, David Roemer, Len Sedivy, Rob Weber and Duncan Von Yeast

AWOL: Randy Boyce, Douglas Ortwerth

With the heavy snow forecasted for Sunday, Dick Tessman wisely chose to stay home this year.

2019 Season Summary:

The skirmish team finished last year with 19 members. That's six less than the year before. Paul Hinds died in a car accident last February. Al Bortles is still coping with Crohn's disease, and sold off his equipment last year. Karen Graff's cataract surgery and retina wrinkle kept her away, but she occasionally considers coming back. Back problems kept Rob Weber home. Bill Graff and Dan Young are busy with other things. We lost Brandon Enck when he had his first child, and now that he has a second, is probably done.

We did field teams at all eight of the ACWSA eight skirmishes offered, but less 'B' teams as in years past. Competitively, we usually finished in the middle of the pack in musket and carbine team, but typically placed in Smoothbore and Henry matches. The Smoothbore team has always been strong, and our Henry team improved greatly recently. Interest in revolver team competition is waning in the ACWSA, but we usually put up a team when offered. We also now have enough shooters for two smoothbore pistol teams.

The ACWSA hosted a Civil War small arms station at Company K's School Days during May in Milton, WI and plan on supporting them again this year.

Elections: The group reelected the existing cadre with one vote for all positions. They are:

Commander (Sergeant)	Gary Van Kauwenbergh
Corporal	Roy Nelson
Paymaster	Darlene Van Kauwenbergh

I personally think the team would do better with a commander who is on the skirmish line with them, and electing someone else would not hurt my feelings nor effect my attendance. I am perfectly willing to keep communicating, planning and doing the stats, but Darlene and I are becoming fair-weather shooters. If the forecasts look too wet or too hot, you probably won't see us at a skirmish. Dar and I may be helping the host team run their skirmishes this year.

2020 Outlook:

The roster looks healthy for next year. I suspect Randy and Doug will get their dues in late, and:

- Alumni Duncan Von Yeast has already rejoined, but I don't expect to see him anywhere other than Loami.
- Marty Richards is now living in Minnesota, and would like to skirmish with us.
- Luke Lybert's probationary period is over, and he thinks he resume skirmishing again.
- Rob Weber's back is doing better, and hopes to make a comeback.
- David Listug shoulder is 100% healed and will be back this season.

The Western region of the North-South Skirmish Association (N-SSA) is still inviting the ACWSA to all their events. With the N-SSA skirmishes, we have eight competitions scheduled:

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April 24-26	114th IL (N-SSA) & 2nd WI @ Springfield, IL ³
June 6-7	66th NC @ Appleton, WI
June 27-28	Battery H (N-SSA) @ Sandy Ford, near Streator, IL ^{2, 3}
July 18-19	56th VA @ Bristol, WI
Aug 1-2	15th & 8th WI @ Boscobel
	46 th IL (N-SSA) @ Streator, IL ^{1, 3} Either
Aug 8-9 or	
22-23	46th IL @ Beloit, WI
Sep 4-6	8th & 2nd WI @ Rhinelander, WI
Sept 19-20	15th WI @ Bristol, WI ⁴

Schedule Notes:

1. The 46th ILL skirmish is moving their event to a more affordable range near Beloit, WI. Unfortunately, their regular date isn't available at the new venue. The dates available will be either the next weekend after our Boscobel skirmish, or

just two weeks before Rhinelander. If you can make both, that's great, but if you can only make one - please plan on the ACWSA skirmishes at Boscobel or Rhinelander. Kevin has good reasons to move the 46th IL skirmish, and is sensitive to the schedule, but I do not want to decrease attendance at ACWSA events to support an N-SSA event that encroached on our dates.

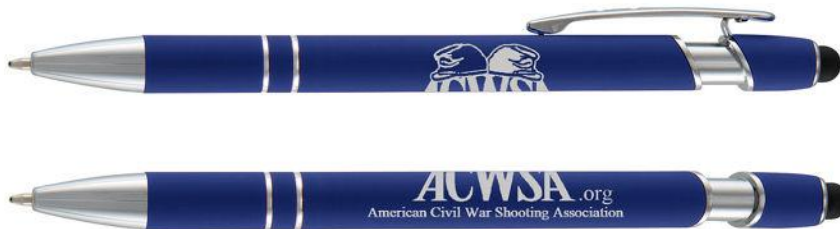
2. Battery H's 2020 skirmish will still be at Sandy Ford, but may move to Beloit sometime in the future.
3. The N-SSA Western region voted to charge \$10 per person per team event at all their skirmishes.
4. The 114th Illinois (N-SSA) no longer wants to be associated with 15th WI skirmish. The 29th WI (N-SSA) will now co-host that event, and run the tower.

I distributed powder and caps before to meeting for everyone attending. I still have caps for Jan and Randy, and powder for Jim and Doug. If you still need caps, the best deal I've found is from Back Creek Gun Shop. This is the dealer by the exit of the N-SSA range. If you can't get someone going to the nationals to pick some up for you, they do mail up to five thousand caps without charging Hazmat fees.

Other kibitzes:

- Bill Graff will be deploying to Afghanistan in July
- Mike Young and David Listug both have new grandchildren
- Gary, Dar and Dan drove to Burlington for the next day's ACWSA regional meeting. Road conditions on the way home were atrocious, but we all made it safely.
- Gary ordered ACWA logo pens to use for awards at our Rhinelander skirmish. The printing is in silver on a soft-grip coated, aluminum barrel with a stylus tip and blue gel ink. We'll have enough for two years, and if we sell 30 of the black pens at \$5 as fundraisers, they'll pay for themselves.

First Place:



Second Place:



Third Place:



The meeting ended at 2:17.

Respectfully submitted by, Yr. Obt. Srvt.,
Gary Van Kauwenbergh