

**The American Civil War Shooting Association, Inc.**  
**DRAFT Minutes of the February 13, 2011, Annual Board Meeting**

1) The meeting was called to order shortly after 9:00 a.m. at the Steven & Elaine Sherry residence, 513 Storle Avenue, Burlington Wisconsin.

2) Roll call was held. The members of the Board of Directors present were:

Commander:	Bob Chabalowski
Deputy Commander:	Dan Gibson
Adjutant:	Rob Weber
Paymaster:	Darlene Van Kauwenbergh
Judge Advocate General:	Dan Graff

Absent

Inspector General:	Les Knutsen
Immediate Past Commander:	Pat Kobosky

3) Team Commanders present:

1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Sharpshooters – by proxy (Steven Sherry)  
15<sup>th</sup> Wis. Volunteer Infantry – Steven Sherry (also Dan Christianson, adjutant)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wis. Volunteer Infantry – Gary Van Kauwenbergh  
56<sup>th</sup> Virginia – by proxy (Bob Chabalowski)  
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

Also present from Michigan were Norm Gibson and Dan Gibson, members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, South Carolina Volunteer Infantry.

Others present included Gene Hass, Dick Fritz, Mary Borcic, Elaine Sherry, Fran Fritz, Linda Tessmann, Diane Gibson, and Karen Gibson.

4) Gary Van Kauwenbergh's minutes of the meeting on September 19, 2010, were approved without reading.

5) Copies of the membership roster as of February 2, 2011, were distributed, showing 327 members. However, membership rosters for several teams were submitted at the meeting and additional changes were anticipated, as more teams meet and filed their rosters. NOTE: Rosters received, non-renewals and other post-meeting updates have brought the total membership down to 285 in 23 teams.

6) Paymaster Darlene Van Kauwenbergh reported on the income and expenditures for 2010, and the year-end balance of \$2,539.80. Her report was approved (see Paymaster's written report, attached, for details).

- 7) The 2011 Budget was approved, including the purchase of a new battery for the defibulator (see Paymaster's separate budget document).
- 8) Elections were held and Bob Chabalowski was re-elected Commander, Dan Gibson was elected Deputy Commander, Rob Weber was elected Adjutant and Darlene Van Kauwenbergh was re-elected Paymaster.
- 9) The ACWSA 2011 skirmish schedule for the Illinois/Wisconsin area was approved:
  - a) June 11-12, 2011 – Appleton, WI
  - b) July 16-17, 2011 – Bristol, WI (Joint skirmish with N-SSA)
  - c) August 6-7, 2011 – Boscobel, WI
  - d) September 3-5, 2011 – Rhinelander, WI
  - e) September 17-18, 2011 – Bristol, WI

10) **Old Business.**

- a) Discussion about a championship match was led by Dan Gibson. There will be none this year, although members from Wisconsin and Illinois are invited to participate in the August 13-14 "Crossover Shoot" to be held by the Michigan region at Bluewater MI. The future goal is to include an annual championship match between regions, probably beginning in June 2012. Use of ranges in Bristol, IN or Bluewater, MI is being researched.
- b) Bob Chabalowski reported that a night-time Gatling gun demonstration is being organized for the Boscobel skirmish.
- c) Lance Herdegen reported on anticipated Civil War sesquicentennial events including an event at Camp Randall.

11) **New Business.**

- a) **Plaques:** It was decided to continue the annual award plaques and to display them in the clubhouses at Appleton and/or Boscobel.
- b) **Dues:** The "first year free" dues program was continued for 2011.
- c) **National Commander idea:** Bob Chabalowski discussed his proposal to reorganize ACWSA on a strong regional basis with a National Commander and Deputy Commander having very limited authority, and with the office of Commander shifting between the two existing regions. A motion was approved to create (as a temporary measure to be in effect for no more than three years) and pending the revision of the Bylaws, the offices of National Commander and Deputy National Commander, each serving a three year term, to be responsible for overseeing national meetings and such additional duties as the future revised Bylaws shall specify. The National Commander and Deputy Commander shall be from different regions of the ACWSA and the Deputy Commander shall become National Commander at the end of the National Commander's term. The Michigan area regional commander and Deputy National Commander is Dan

Gibson. The Wisconsin/Illinois regional commander and National Commander is Bob Chabalowski.

- d) **Bylaws:** The Commander designated Adjutant Rob Weber and JAG Dan Graff to draft a re-write of the 1999 Bylaws.
- e) **Artillery rules.**
- i) The go-ahead was given for Norm Gibson to proceed to draft the final Artillery Rules for Cannon.
  - ii) Draft Artillery Rules for Mortars were also tentatively approved, except for articles II, V and XV. The mortar team commanders will work out differences and reach a consensus before the skirmish season begins. Norm Gibson may proceed to draft the final rules, with the exceptions noted until a consensus is reached.
- f) **Skirmish rules:**
- i) Individual votes were held on several specific rule proposals with the following results:
    - The term “weapon” SHALL be replaced throughout the skirmish rules by “arm” or “firearm.”
    - A team in the top three for the current season SHALL NOT be allowed to shoot with reduced or enlarged numbers and pro-rated targets. **[1.4e - Limits on who may shoot long or short on shooters.]**
    - A team with enough members present and shooting at a match to make a full team SHALL NOT be allowed to send shooter(s) to another team and shoot short or substitute from outside the team. **[1.4i – Limits on substitution.]**
    - The skirmish director SHALL have the discretion to allow timers and safeties from a team which includes members of the official’s team. **[1.10c & 1.10d – duties of timer and safety.]**
    - The skirmish director SHALL have the discretion to allow timers and safeties to be the same person in repeater and handgun matches. **[1.10c & 1.10d – duties of timer and safety.]**
    - The skirmish director SHALL have unlimited discretion in setting individual and team targeting distances different than 50 and 100 yards (with pre-skirmish notice). **[2.2 through 2.8 – Distances.]**
    - A bullet mark on a target SHALL count as a hit, even if target material is not removed. **[3.1e – Hits.]** NOTE: considerable discussion took place on

this rule and a clarification was made that the rule refers to a mark left by the bullet itself, not grease.

- Steel targets SHALL be knocked down to count as a hit. **[3.1e – Hits.]** That is, a bullet mark on a steel target is not a hit. As for being “knocked down” see Rule 3.1e2 which provides that hitting and distorting the wire hanger (or other target support) so that the target cannot fall does count as a hit on the target (the “Nate Brown” rule).
  - Self contained cartridges SHALL NOT be allowed to be carried except in cartridge boxes. **[6.4d, 6.12a4 & 6.8c – Cartridge gun safety.]**
  - It SHALL NOT be required that Henry rifles be required to clear with a rod through the barrel. **[6.4d, 6.12a4 & 6.8c – Cartridge gun safety.]**
  - Cartridge gun shooters SHALL be required to keep the action open to and from the firing line. **[6.4d, 6.12a4 & 6.8c – Cartridge gun safety.]**
  - A shooter SHALL get the benefit of the doubt when the scoring officer and/or the skirmish rules committee cannot tell if a hole was made by more than 4 shots, and the shooter claims it was. **[4.5d, 1.13 & 8.1 – Individual match scoring.]**
- ii) Rules 1.7b, 1.14a., 1.14b, 1.14c, and 1.14e and 5.6, are to be moved into the Bylaws because they appear to be less directly connected with the skirmish event itself.
- iii) Amendments were made to Rules to 1.2a, 1.21a. and c., 2.1b., 2.8e., 3.1, 3.2a. and 3.5d while Rules 1.9f. 1.14d, 2.5e., 4.4b., 4.5b, 6.5a, and 6.12a1. were deleted.
- (1) The most significant amendments for shooters are probably the following:
- (a) Individual targets will be scored based on the center of the hole being on or inside the ring, rather than the edge of the hole breaking the ring.
  - (b) Only one cap, rather than two, must be snapped before a match for shoulder arms (with similar provision for firing the priming pan of a flintlock).
- iv) Rule 3.5e, pertaining to penalties for other rule violations 9 (on page 13) was tabled for further development.
- v) With those changes, the draft Skirmish Rules were approved. JAG Dan Graff will complete the final Rules.

g) **Firearms approval.**

i) Member requests to approve four specific firearms were discussed:

(1) The Uberti 1849 Colt Pocket Model (.31 caliber) was approved for use.

(2) The Cook & Brother carbine, .58 caliber, was approved for use.

(3) The Spencer Rifle Model 1860, caliber 56-50 was not approved as manufactured, but after modification a firearm may be submitted for individual inspection and approval. The modification noted was the removal of the sling swivel.

(4) The so-called 1857 "Mauser" a Pedersoli reproduction of a .54 caliber rifle manufactured by the Wurtemburger arsenal at Oberndorf was not approved. However, this firearm and any additional proof of its actual issuance to troops may be considered by the ACWSA firearms committee in the future.

ii) Bob Chabalowski authorized each regional commander to designate one or more members having recognized historical expertise to serve on a firearms committee to be responsible for approving firearms for ACWSA use. The regional designees shall coordinate their considerations so that approvals are granted only on a national basis, not region by region.

h) The meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

American Civil War  
 Shooters Association  
 (ACWSA)  
 Paymaster's Cash  
 Flows for 2010  
 Prepared by Darlene  
 Van Kauwenbergh

Cash Balance  
 December 31, 2009 \$1,772.75

Receipts:

3/6/2010 Dues	3535.00	
8/29/2010 Dues	217.50	
12/28/2010 Dues	15.00	
Interest for the year	2.71	
Total Receipts	3,770.21	

Subtotal \$5,542.96

Expenses:

3/24/2010 Bank Check Order	14.00	
New checks needed with accurate bank info		
3/19/2010 #251 Stephen & Elaine Sherry	20.00	
Hosting annual meeting		
3/25/2010 #252 NRA	1,931.87	
Insurance		
4/14/2010 #253 Dept of Financial Institutions	10.00	
Annual Nonstock Corporate Report		
4/21/2010 #254 Brian Haack	60.00	
Wire bending jigs		
5/26/2010 #255 Geiger Awards	677.31	
Award Ribbons		
6/10/2010 #256 Eric Platz	50.64	
Wire for metal targets		
8/29/2010 #257 Gary Van Kauwenbergh	59.70	
Hostek payment (web server)		
8/29/2010 #258 Gene Haas	179.64	

Sound system repair	
Total Expenses	<u>3,003.16</u>
Checkbook Balance 12/31/10	<u>\$2,539.80</u>
Bank Balance 12/31/10 Check 258 outstanding	\$2,719.44

Summary of Cash  
Transactions by  
category

	Additions	Subtractions	Retained
Totals	3,770.21	3,003.16	80% 767.05 20%
Dues	3,767.50	100%	
Interest	2.71	0%	
Insurance		1,931.87	64%
Award Ribbons		677.31	23%
Wire bending jigs		60.00	2%
Wire for metal targeting		50.64	2%
Incorporation Fees		10.00	0%
Web Site		59.70	2%
Sound System Repair		179.64	6%
Other (annual meeting & honorariums)		34.00	1%