

ACWSA Annual Meeting
Richmond Historical Society Schoolhouse
December 2, 2017

Call to order 10:00 am

Present: 1st Michigan, 1st South Carolina, 15th Virginia, 18th Indiana, 2nd Texas, 7th Wisconsin, 9th Kentucky (CS), CSS Neuse

Not in Attendance: 16th Michigan, 8th Arkansas, Purcell's

Officers Report

Commander: Attendance is down

Adjutant: Review of meeting minutes from February 27, 2017. Unanimously accepted

Paymaster: Review of 2017 balance sheet. Unanimously accepted.

Inspector General: No representative present

Small Arms: No representative present

Artillery: Mortars had a good showing last year. Grayling schedule not yet finalized

Medical officer: No major injuries. Defibrillator battery expired, need an inventory of necessary supplies and expiry on defibrillator pads. Basic defibrillator training will be presented at one skirmish next year.

By Laws committee: No representative present

Old Business

New steel target design (acorn) still needs to get pricing and produced. Mike Z. will follow up

New Business

New team, 9th Kentucky (CS) has formed bringing two new members. Cal Naylor is Commander.

One team name has been retired, 15th Michigan, remaining members have joined the 2nd Texas.

Motion by 1st Michigan: *For the 2018 skirmish season, all regional skirmishes shall be open to participation by the units of the N-SSA. These units would skirmish under the rules of the ACWSA and be subject to all entry fees.*

After discussion, motion was passed unanimously.

Motion by 9th Kentucky (CS): *Funds, up to \$100, be made available for a table in at the 2018 Kalamazoo Living History Show for recruitment purposes.*

After discussion, motion was passed unanimously.

Motion by Norm Gibson (2nd SC): *Funds, up to \$530, be made available for the purchase of 2 years' worth of new awards. 1st place for Musket, Carbine; Smoothbore, Pistol, Mortar, and Artillery; 2nd place for Musket, Carbine; Smoothbore, Pistol; 3rd place for Musket, Carbine.*

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2018 skirmish schedule presented and host teams volunteered as noted below:

Bluewater #1	(Jun 9-10)	Hosted by 9 th KY (CS)/RPB
Richmond #1	(Jun 23-24)	Hosted by 1st MI
Richmond #2	(Aug 11-12)	Hosted by 2nd TX
Ashley	(Aug 25-26)	Hosted by CSN
Bluewater #2	(Sept 29-30)	Hosted by Volunteers from all teams

Discussion regarding hosting duty rotation, the idea was tabled for re-visitation at a later date, if needed.

Discussion on a new policy that team commanders submit an "Intent to participate" with the number of members that will be attended each skirmish, two weeks in advance of the skirmish date.

Executive action to implement Intent to participate notification requirement as policy.

N-SSA NWT has invited all ACWSA members to participate in all NWT skirmishes, under N-SSA rules.

Concessions from 2017 were generally not profitable.

Lively discussion on what should be offered at concessions. Decision to offer bottled water only, food will no longer be available at concessions.

Motion by 15th Virginia: *For funds, up to \$200, to purchase 2 coolers and enough bottled water for the season.*

After discussion, motion was passed unanimously.

- Bottled water will available and sold for \$1.00, on the honor system, at each skirmish.
- Host team is responsible for setting up cooler with ice and contacting Paul Lipka to get the bottled water.
- Host team may seek reimbursement for ice purchase by submitting receipts to the paymaster.
- Profits from bottle water sales will fund the annual picnic.

Range supply inventory needed – All receipts to be submitted to paymaster for reimbursement

2x4 for frames – those responsible for each range to procure

Cardboard – Doug will procure a truckload to be disseminated to each range.

Gallon Jugs – Doug may have some

Richmond has excess tiles that will need to be moved or sold. The shed cannot accommodate the weight.

2018 ACWSA Nationals discussion on whether or not to hold the event

Vote taken after discussion, Nay's carried. The Michigan Region will not be holding the 2018 ACWSA Nationals.

Nay: 1st Michigan, 1st South Carolina, 15th Virginia, 18th Indiana, 2nd Texas, 7th Wisconsin, CSS
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Yay: 9th Kentucky (CS)

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Election of Officers

Regional Commander

Paul Lipka nominated, nomination unimously approved and position has been accepted for two years

Regional Paymaster

Mike Zandarrski nominated, nomination unimously approved and position has been accepted for two years

Discussion regarding question of entry fees for mortars

After discussion, it was decided the entry fee of \$15 was fair in keeping with the average of \$5/per participant per event as mortar teams are generally three participants. Mortar fees contribute to range and insurance fees.

Discussion regarding new range in Grand Rapids

Jon L. (CSN) is in contact with the range. Jon reports that they want to host ACWSA skirmishes and are in the process of obtaining the necessary permits to accommodate our campers and certification for their new kitchen.

The range is expected to be available to the ACWSA for the 2019 skirmish season.

Jon will provide links on the ACWSA Facebook page to the range.

Discussion regarding NRA Grant

Sherry M. has submitted a grant proposal to the NRA for 2 muskets, 2 carbines and leathers to use for potential new member recruitments. Further discussion will be needed if and when any materials are awarded through the grant. A recruitment flyer and new member onboarding program details were also presented.

Copies of the flyer and new member program will be posted on the ACWSA Facebook site.

Discussion regarding annual dues collection

Paymaster has requested that all dues collection be completed and sent to him by February 1, 2018.

Discussion regarding WWII event

Further details will be available through a Facebook page for any interested individuals.

Submitted Respectfully,

Sherry MacGregor
9th Kentucky (CS)
Michigan Region Adjutant