

OLD NORTHWEST TERRITORY

March 9, 2000

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 A.M. on Sunday, March 5, 2000, by ONT Commander Les Knutsen at the Lake Mills Conservation Club.

Roll was read with the following Staff and Commanders being present: Cdr, 2nd Wisconsin; Cdr, 8th Wisconsin; 6th Wisconsin (Gene Haas); Cdr, 56th Virginia; Cdr, Iron Brigade Guard; Cdr, 66th North Carolina; Cdr, 15th Wisconsin/Awards Chairperson; ONT Deputy Commander; Cdr, 1st US Sharpshooters/ONT Commander and ONT Adjutant.

Not present: ONT Paymaster; ONT Statistics Officer; Cdr, 7th Wisconsin; Cdr, 29th Wisconsin and Cdr, 10th Illinois.

The Commander asked for any Officer Reports:

Deputy Commander, Dan Christensen, said that he had been working on lining up a gun show to try to do some recruiting. He will continue to work on it.

Awards Chairperson, Steve Sherry, gave Les order forms for the awards. I would like to have the teams that are hosting and want ribbons to get one, check off what they want and get it back to me so I know what to get. I need to have a count of what to get. We can give ribbons for anything that is a competitive event. I would like the forms back before you leave today.

Adjutants report (Jan Hicks): The roster is up-to-date except for the 56th Virginia and I had all of the dues in by the 31st of January. Because the 56th is late with their dues they will have to pay a fee of \$2.00 per member. As soon as I get the roster and check from the 56th VA I can complete the roster and get it sent out to the commanders. I'll get the money for the dues sent to Steve Immekus. I did get the notice on the insurance, it is due in April. We will have to get that sent in before the first shoot. The membership cards will be sent out as soon as the Commander gets the complete roster.

Old Business:

The dates for the 2000 Skirmish Year are as follows:

May 6-7	Lake Mills, WI	1 st US Sharpshooters and the 2 nd Wisconsin
This will be dual shoot with the NSSA with us.		
Jun 3-4	Lake Mills, WI	8 th Wisconsin and 29 th Wisconsin
Jul 15-16	Stone Bank, WI	Iron Brigade Guard and 66 th North Carolina
Aug 5-6	Boscobel, WI	6 th Wisconsin and? (whoever can help out)
There will be an artillery shoot planned if the burm is approved.		
Sep 23-24	Bristol, WI	15 th Wisconsin
Oct 29	Bristol, WI	15 th Wisconsin (Fun Shoot – One Day Musket)

The fall meeting will be held at Bristol after the shoot.

Steve Sherry asked if we plan on having regional medals again at the end of the year.

Les: Yes, I think we should think about designing something less expensive. We ordered medals for our first shoot that only cost two dollars and something. They are large, gold, silver and bronze on a ribbon. All you got to do is come up with a design for the face.

Steve Sherry: Which day are you looking at to present these medals.

Les: It happens at the last skirmish. Everything is figured out and the awards are given.

Dick Tessman: If I can add two things that we would like to be involved in. Memorial Day weekend on the 29th up by us, (Rhineland), we have been asked to provide a cannon or two or three for a Memorial Day celebration up there and if anyone would care to come up and bring artillery up, we will be shooting off blanks, two or three rounds. Then on what we think will be July 29th and 30th, Volk Field will be having their open house. We have always gone up there to support their open house on Saturday and we would like to have an artillery shoot up at hardwood range on Sunday. We will invite all artillery people. We would like to get those two added to the schedule.

Les: What we will do is make up two separate schedules. One will be the artillery schedule. If the Boscobel thing goes we can add that to the artillery schedule too.

Gary: The big thing there is to have it somehow published for insurance purposes.

Les: This is published in our minutes now. It will also be published in our newsletter. The 8th Wisconsin Commander will be the skirmish director and they will be the sponsoring unit. That should cover it.

Les: Last year there were a few members of teams that were out of uniform. They were given until this season to get their uniforms. So if you have any members that aren't in uniform by the first skirmish they won't be allowed to shoot. If you have any people on your roster that shot last year and didn't have a uniform they should be in uniform by this year. They will be required to have a complete uniform if they want to shoot.

In the last two skirmishes we started using these scoring sheets that we scored the team events with. I would like to see that carried through. If you are going to host a skirmish this year I would like to have you use these score sheets. These were provided by Steve Sherry.

The main thing that we have to go through today is the Skirmish Rules for ACWSA. We started out last year going through all of our By-Laws and Skirmish Rules for the association that applied and weren't in here and this is the last thing that's left to do. Last year we quickly went through some of these things page by page and if anyone came across something they needed an explanation or they didn't understand or they didn't like, then we brought it up for discussion.

We went through the ACWSA Skirmish Rules with the following changes being discussed:

As reads: 7.1(b) The time limit for challenges must be announced when scores are published.

Proposed: The time limit for challenges will be two hours after posting of scores.

The above proposal was approved by the board.

As reads: 18.4(f) (last sentence.) Before the company can clear the line the safety officer shall inspect each chamber of each revolver on his position to assure that all are cleared.

Proposed: Before the company can clear the line the safety officer shall examine the weapon for live caps prior to inspecting each chamber of each revolver on his position to assure that all are cleared.

The above proposal was approved by the board.

Gary proposed changing Paragraph 18.5, Scoring, Revolver Company Matches. (Proposal is on file).

There was discussion to change the revolver company match event time to 60 seconds with the penalty being doubled to 120 seconds. There will also be larger targets used for the Revolver match. This will be discussed at the Revolver Commander's meeting prior to the event.

It was voted on to suspend paragraph 18.5 for the first shoot. The vote was unanimous.

Les: Asked for a motion to adopt the Skirmish Rules as read. Motion made by Lance Herdegen and seconded by Robert Chabalowski. Motion carried.

New Business:

Winter Conclave next year. It was proposed that the conclave be held again next year in southern Wisconsin. It will be co-hosted by the 8th Wisconsin and part of the 2nd Wisconsin. We will possibly try to have the ONT meeting on Saturday afternoon. The conclave will be held around the first weekend of February, location to be announced.

Gene Haas: ACWSA By-Laws, Section 2, he would like the word "men" changed to "those". Change was approved.

Les asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was made by Robert Chabalowski and seconded by Steve Sherry to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Hicks
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Regional Adjutant

The Volk Field Open House is now going to be held on July 15th instead of the 29th. The status of the artillery shoot is uncertain at this time.