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February 5, 2001

Subject: AWCSA Board Meeting Minutes

ACWSA Commander Stephen Sherry called the first board meeting of the 2001 skirmish season at 10:12 pm. on February 4, 2001 at the Lake Mills Conservation Club.

Officers Present: Commander Stephen Sherry, Adjutant/JAG Gary Van Kauwenbergh, and Paymaster Darlene Van Kauwenbergh.

Officers Absent: Deputy Commander Dan Christensen, Inspector General John Smallwood

Teams Present: 1 USSS, 2 WI, 6 WI, 8 WI, 15 WI, 29 WI, 56 VA, 66 NC, and IBG

Teams Absent: 7 WI, to IL

Old Business:

The group voted to dispense with the reading of the last minutes.

Paymaster Darlene Van Kauwenbergh gave the following financial report for year 2000, which was accepted as read:

12/15/99	Beginning Balance	\$1,759.65
	Receipts	<u>1,489.50</u>
	Subtotal	\$3,249.15

11-15-00	Disbursements	<u>1,357.37</u>
	Ending Balance	\$1,891.71

Darlene also expressed a concern about the decreased membership numbers. We had over 140 members at the end of last year, but at the time of the meeting only had 110. Almost 20 of that drop came from the 7<sup>th</sup> WI having no roster; and 66th NC only having a partial roster. The 8th WI roster increased by 3 members, the 10th IL remained the same, but all other teams were short of their 2000 enrollment by at least one member.

**Adjutant Gary Van Kauwenbergh asked all commanders to have any additional dues and roster updates to him by February 14, 2000**, so we can provide an accurate roster to the insurance company with the annual payment. Reminder, veterans joining after 1/31/00 are subject to a \$1.00 late fee, but new members are exempt.

Membership rosters current as of 2/2/01 were distributed to the commanders. Updated

rosters will be distributed at the first skirmish. Remember that mailing labels for the upcoming newsletter will be made from the current roster. If commanders are still missing members from the roster when they receive the next issue, you should assume you'll need to provide the latecomers with a copy yourself.

Commanders were thanked for providing e-mail addresses on their membership rosters, and reminded that all members will continue to receive the same level of paper communications we've traditionally sent out. Members with e-mail addresses will receive electronic copies of minutes, skirmish fliers, and any other appropriate communications that were normally only sent to team commanders.

Commander Sherry distributed copies of a paper written by Dave France on sighting, and gave away his collection of various black powder and history magazines.

Drafts of a recruiting brochure was distributed and reviewed. Three additions were made, and a corrected copy is provided attached to these minutes. .

The board voted to continue paying table rent for teams sponsoring recruiting booths at gun and military shows. Various other methods of recruiting were discussed. The Boscobel event will be providing an opportunity for spectators to fire during the individual competition. Members were reminded that the ACWSA has a copy of the N-SSA recruiting tape available to use.

The subject of declassifying members to a lower competition class was raised. Statistics Officer Pat Camus stated members who have been away for over a year, or members who 'got lucky' one day on the range, but can't score that high again can petition for reclassifying to a lower level. If the member can present a convincing justification, he will downgrade the member, and maintain the new classification.

The group voted to use ribbons as awards again this year. Hosting units, please get a count of how many blue, red and white ribbons you'll need for your skirmish to Awards Chairman Pat Kaboskey as soon as possible, so he can make place an order with the Geyer Awards Company.

The following addition to the skirmish regulations was unanimously approved:

#### "8.12 EYE AND EAR PROTECTION

Eye and ear protection must be worn by all active competitors, safeties and timers on the firing line during individual and team events."

Statistics Officer Pat Camus distributed additional proposals for changes and additions to the skirmish regulations. The board voted to adapt these proposals temporarily so we can have them in place for our first skirmish. The discussion and vote for permanent adoption will be taken after the closing ceremonies of the 2nd Wisconsin skirmish in June.

The 2001 Skirmish Schedule was ratified without any changes to the dates tentatively set. However, the date for the optional, June 30-July 1 N.;SSA Friendship Skirmish at Marseilles was added to the schedule. The official skirmish schedule for the 2001 season is:

May 5-6	2d WI	Lake Mills
June 2-3	7th & 29th WI	Lake Mills
June 30-1	N-SSA Friendship Skirmish	Marseilles, IL
July 14-15	IBG & 66 NC	Stonebank
Aug 4-5	1 USSS & 6 WI	Boscobel
Sep 22-23 1	5th WI	Bristol

The 1st Place Mortar Competition Award was presented to 8th Wisconsin Commander Dick Tessmann. Congratulations!

Pat Kaboskey distributed schedules for the Boscobel event. The schedule is available on-line at Boscobel's website. Pat talked about some innovative things they were going to try at this year's event. First, please don't bring your team's overhead t~s to the event. One t~, large enough for everyone will be erected on the side of the range so spectators will have an unobstructed view of the firing line. Second, there will be an ACWSA versus the Boscobel Sportsman's Club "All Stars" exhibition scheduled on Saturday. Third was the "Hands-on History" opportunity for spectators to shoot the weapons during individual competition previously mentioned.

Commander Stephen Sherry reminded all team commanders to bring award plaques to the last skirmish of the season. It's very anticlimactic conducting an awards ceremony without them.

Pat Kaboskey also mentioned we need to do a better job of keeping non-uniformed, non-competitors out of the shooting area (i.e., behind the dead zone.)

**Next Meeting:** The next ACWSA board meeting will shortly after the closing ceremonies of the 2nd Wisconsin Skirmish on Sunday, May 6, at the Lake Mills Conservation Club. Please be prepared to discuss and vote on the skirmish regulations proposals distributed at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Yr. Obt. Srvt.,

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