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February 11, 2002

Subject: AWCSA Board Meeting Minutes

ACWSA Commander Stephen Sherry called the first board meeting of the 2002-skirmish season at 10:12 p.m. on February 10, 2002 at his home in Burlington, Wisconsin. Special thanks go to hosts Elaine and Stephen Sherry for graciously opening their home for our gathering.

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

Officers Absent: Deputy Commander Dan Christensen, Inspector General Les Knutsen

Teams Present: 1 USSS, 2 WI, 6 WI, 7 WI, 8 WI, 15 WI, 56 VA, and 66 NC

Teams Absent: 1 IL Lt Arty, 10 IL and the IBG

Old Business:

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

Paymaster Darlene Van Kauwenbergh gave the financial report for year 2001, which was accepted as read. A copy of the report is attached.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to approach the Lodi rifle range board on behalf of the ACWSA to explore opening their range to skirmishing. Gary Van Kauwenbergh expressed an interest in possibly relocating the 2d Wisconsin team there, and reported he had visited the range, but had not approached anyone from the club yet. Bob Chabalowski of the 66th NC reported that Tom Mark Had already approached the club last year on behalf of the N-SSA 29th Wisconsin team. The Lodi Club was very receptive to the idea of bringing N-SSA skirmishing to their range, but the matter was dropped at that time because only two weekends still available during that season. Gary will coordinate with the N-SSA representative, approach the Lodi club, and report back to the board on his progress.

A similar motion was made and passed to approach the "Highway 11" shooting range. John Richard will make contact and report back to the board.

Commander Stephen Sherry reported that the Bristol Sportsmen's Club was actively pursuing having additional events at their facility. On a more serious note, he said that the club approached him after our last skirmish complaining there were a large number of beer cans tossed into the woods near the entrance to the firing line. The Boy Scouts who use the range found them and policed them up, but it was obvious that someone from our group threw them there. No names were mentioned, but our organization obviously does not want to risk losing any more ranges.

New Business:

2002 membership dues and team rosters were collected. A complete copy of the current ACWSA membership is attached. All team commanders need to proof read their teams listing, and get back to me with any additions or corrections. All newsletter mailing labels, insurance rosters, etc. are generated directed from this listing, and only those listed on it will be allowed to skirmish.

Adjutant Gary Van Kauwenbergh reported that Carpenter Insurance Company recently sent us a bill for \$967.00 to cover the 2002 skirmish season, and explained how our policy relies upon an accurate membership roster. Last year, in addition to our initial payment, we had to send in about five separate payments, more than half of them from veterans whose dues straggled in late. This takes extra time, effort, and costs our insurance company extra money to process these payments. **All commanders are asked to have any additional dues and roster updates to Gary by February 28, 2002**, so we can provide an accurate roster to the insurance company with the annual payment. Reminder, veterans joining are now subject to a \$1.00 late fee (read: nuisance tax.) First time joiners are never charged late fees.

Other Roster notes:

1. The 29th Wisconsin team has folded.
2. We have no team rosters for the 10th IL and the 1st IL Lt. Arty.
3. Only one person has paid their dues from the 66th NC

The 2002 Skirmish Schedule was unanimously ratified without any date changes, however some of the hosting teams were rearranged. The official skirmish schedule for the 2002 season is:

April 20-21	66 th NC (ACWSA) and 29 th WI (N-SSA)	at Stonebank Range ¹
June 22-23	56 th VA and 2 nd WI	at Bristol
July 13-14	66 th NC	at Stonebank
Aug 3-4	1 USSS & 8 WI (w/ some 6 th WI targeting)	at Boscobel
Sep 21-22	15 th & 7 th WI (ACWSA) plus ? (N-SSA)	at Bristol ²

Notes:

1. This is a joint ACWSA/N-SSA skirmish that will be conducted per N-SSA rules. I.e., 8-person musket teams, 5-person carbine teams and 3-person revolver teams. For a team's time to apply towards the ACWSA annual competition, more than 50% of its shooters must be from the same ACWSA team.
2. This may be another joint ACWSA/N-SSA skirmish, if an N-SSA team steps forward to co-host. Regardless, this skirmish will be conducted per ACWSA rules. I.e., 6-person musket teams, 4-person musket teams, and 4 person revolver teams.

Mortar competition will be held on Friday evening of both Stonebank skirmishes. There will also be mortar competition at the Boscobel skirmish on Saturday afternoon.

The 8th Wisconsin scheduled five public functions into our schedule. They are:

May 25	Memorial Day Ceremony in Harshaw, WI
May 27	Memorial Day Ceremony in Rhinelander, WI
May 31	Merrill Middle School Civil War Day
July 6	Pinery Days, Adams Friendship
October 19	Homecoming at Stout University

Commander Stephen Sherry reported that 2002 Inspector General (IG) intends to perform safety and trigger pull inspections every musket, carbine and revolver in the organization sometime during the season. Les is also willing to critique everyone's guns for trigger creep, lock speed, etc. Les is also looking for a trailer to transport his new gatling gun.

Pat Kabosky volunteered to coordinate purchasing award ribbons again this year. Thank you, Pat. Commander Sherry distributed forms to help everyone calculate how many ribbons they needed for their skirmishes. **Everyone requesting ribbons needs to have their request into Pat no later than February 28, 2002.**

Adjutant Gary Van Kauwenbergh asked all team commanders to make a special effort to gather e-mail addresses for all their team members. Again in 2002, we will be taking advantage of the Internet to provide everyone with an e-mail address will be electronically receiving copies of all minutes, skirmish fliers, last minute changes, etc. Normal paper correspondence will continue through command channels, and the newsletter.

Tom Shedd announced his intention to form a new unit portraying the 79th New York Regiment. Until the unit is manned and ready to go, the individuals will be mustering with the 1st USSS. Adjutant Van Kauwenbergh will be forwarding Tom the new unit application material.

Commander Sherry mentioned that the Bristol range needs a storage shed. The existing shed is dilapidated, and is heavily used by the cowboy action shooters. The group suggested trying to obtain a military CONEX, or Sealand container rather than building another wooden shed. Stephen will ask the Bristol board if that would be acceptable. Dick Tessman will contact Larry Hicks to see if he could forage a container. Bob Chabalowski will ask Erik Platz to inquire what the Stonebank range is going to do with the one in their parking lot now that their new building is complete.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Yr. Obt. Srvt.,

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ONT Paymaster's Cash Statement for 2001

Beginning Balance November 15, 2000		\$1,891.78	
Receipts:			
1/5/2001 Dues	380.00		
2/2/2001 Dues	700.00		
3/24/2001 Dues	185.00		
4/6/2001 Dues	20.00		
5/10/2001 Dues	30.00		
5/24/2001 Dues	260.00		
7/20/2001 Dues	32.00		
7/20/2001 Add'l Insurance Collections	6.50		
Interest for the year	51.26		
Total Receipts		<u>1,664.76</u>	
Subtotal			<u>\$3,556.54</u>
Disbursements:			
2/15/2001 #154 Carpenter Insurance	967.00		(Insurance Coverage for 2001-112 members)
2/26/2001 #155 Stephen Sherry	46.20		(Newsletter)
2/26/2001 #156 Office Depot	25.29		(Mailing envelopes and labels)
2/26/2001 #157 Stamps	72.88		(Newsletter and Adjutant mailings)
3/30/2001 #158 Pat Kaboskey	54.91		(Gun Show flyers)
4/6/2001 #159 Pat Kaboskey	195.04		(Geiger, Inc. Ribbon order)
4/6/2001 #160 Pat Kaboskey	2.97		(Cost of shipping ribbons)
4/18/2001 #161 Department of Financial Institutions	10.00		(Incorporation fee)
4/18/2001 #162 Carpenter Insurance	90.00		(Insurance for 15 add'l members)
4/18/2001 Refund from Carpenter for Insurance	-270.00		
5/22/2001 Reimbursement for Ribbon cost - LMCC	-78.00		
5/23/2001 #163 Carpenter Insurance	188.50		(Insurance for 29 add'l members)
7/20/2001 Refund from Carpenter for Insurance	-21.50		(Newsletter)
9/1/2001 #164 Postmaster	53.72		
Total Disbursements		<u>1,337.01</u>	
Cash Balance December 19, 2001			<u><u>\$2,219.53</u></u>