

ACWSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – February 2nd, 2003

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American Civil War Shooting Association
Board Meeting Minutes
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Ladies and Gentlemen, I have the Honor to Report:

1. Commander Pat Kaboskey opened the meeting at 10 a.m. on Sunday, February 2, 2002 in the home of Stephen and Elaine Sherry, in Burlington, WI.

2. Roll call was taken as dues and rosters were collected.

A. Units present with dues and rosters:

1. 1 USSS, Jim Boullion
2. 2 WI, Gary Van Kauwenbergh
3. 6 WI, Bill Beaudot
4. 7 WI, John Rickard
5. 8 WI, Dick Tessmann
6. 15 WI, Stephen Sherry
7. 56 VA, John Martin-Mehrl
8. Iron Brigade Guard, Lance Herdegen

B. The 66 NC was represented by Bob Chabalowski, however, but no dues or roster was submitted.

C. Units Absent. E-mail reminders to all the members of the absent teams were sent after the meeting. All teams submitting dues and rosters after this time will need to pay \$12 person (\$10 membership plus \$2 late fee.):

1. McAllister's Btry (Paul Fischer Commanding)
2. 10 ILL (Rick Reiner Commanding)
3. Btry H (Richard Koch Commanding)

3. Old Business.

A. The minutes from the September 23, 2002 meeting were distributed and read. After the following corrections were made, the minutes were accepted:

1. The March 29-30 preseason muster was added to the schedule
2. Dan Davis's name was added to the public affairs group

B. Paymaster Darlene Van Kauwenbergh gave her report. A copy her complete report follows these minutes.

4. New Business.

A. Ranges. Commander Kaboskey expressed a concern that we only have two ranges in our area to use. Jim Boullion and Gary Van Kauwenbergh visited ranges at Columbus, Lodi, Stoughton and North Bristol recently, but reported none of them were suitable for our needs. Bob Chabalowski reported Eric Platz checked the Horicon Range, but it too was unsuitable. A number of other possibilities were suggested:

1. The Wisconsin Sportsmen's Association, located on highway 11, just off Interstate 94, near Union Grove. John Rickard reported the club seemed anxious to have more money generating events on their facility. John said there was good camping, and club membership is \$17 per year. John volunteered to approach the club for further details.

2. The Twin Cities Rod and Gun Club, west of Appleton, was suggested by Bob Chabalowski. Bob volunteered to approach that club.

3. Bob Chabalowski also suggested a range near Oshkosh, that member Tom Marc belongs to. Bob volunteered to investigate that club.

4. Dick Tessmann reported there were plenty of ranges "up north", and volunteered to host a skirmish in 2004 at one of them. The board approved the effort, and the 2d Wisconsin volunteered to co-host the skirmish.

5. The possibility of buying our own range was discussed. There was agreement that having our own range would be nice, however, Adjutant Gary Van Kauwenbergh did some number crunching, and it did not seem to be within the range of possibilities. A number of possibilities, such as leasing, or purchasing an existing range were discussed. The board encouraged members to prepare and present specific proposals for their consideration, and tabled the issue. Bob Chabalowski volunteered to investigate further.

B. Dues. Commander Kaboskey made a motion to increase dues to \$20, in order to subsidize the increasing cost of skirmishes. Adjutant Gary Van Kauwenbergh pointed out that even at the current \$10 level, our coffers grew by almost \$400 last year to over \$2,500. We had sufficient funds to subsidize 2003 skirmishes if needed. Gary also pointed out that a \$100 subsidy to each of five skirmishes in a year would only increase dues by \$3.33 per member. Pat amended his motion to increase dues to \$15 per year, and the board tabled the motion until our September meeting after the last skirmish of the year, where we will discuss it further and vote.

C. Skirmish Costs. A motion was made, seconded and passed to allow the ACWSA Commander to subsidize any 2003 skirmish up to \$200, if the skirmish loses money and the host team has been reasonable with their expenses. Subsidies over \$200 need board approval.

D. Late Fees. A motion was made, seconded and passed to increase late fees from the current \$2, to \$5. Hopefully this will encourage units to submit their dues and rosters on time. Dues and rosters submitted after the first board meeting of the year are considered late.

E. Newsletter and Web Site: With no one volunteering for newsletter editor, and our new bulletin board up and running, the board voted to stop publishing the "Shooters to the Line" newsletter. Newsletter costs in past years have run \$200-\$300, and Webmaster Jim Boullion estimated cost of the web page at about \$100 annually. Team commanders who have members without e-mail address need to insure their members keep informed. Adjutant Gary Van Kauwenbergh asked all team commanders to double-check the e-mail addresses on their rosters.

F. Roy Peters: Commander Kaboskey read Roy Peters eulogy, and reported that he attended his funeral. A motion was made, seconded and passed to dedicate the next skirmish in Boscobel to Roy, and title the next trophy in his memory.

G. Promotional brochures and fliers: Commander Kaboskey passed out samples of the multi-fold brochure and fliers he was having made. Corrections were made and the costs were approved. Commendations go to Pat Jaburek for his work on the materials.

H. 2003 Skirmish Schedule: The following skirmish schedule was approved. No dates were changed from the proposed schedule, but the preseason muster was added, the 15th TN was listed as co-host on the April Skirmish, and 2nd WI replaced the 66 NC as hosts of the July skirmish. There was some confusion about which N-SSA team were co-hosting the friendship skirmishes. Adjutant Gary Van Kauwenbergh will confirm the co-hosts and report as soon as possible. The board agreed that any friendship skirmish that was not co-hosted by an N-SSA team would revert to ACWSA rules and be closed to non-members.

March 29-30	Preseason Muster at Bristol, Hosted by 1st USSS
April 26-27	6th WI & 15th TN Wis at Bristol ACWSA/N-SSA Friendship Skirmish, N-SSA Rules (8-man musket, 5-man carbine) Dan Christiansen Wedding
June 21-22	56th VA & 15th Wis at Bristol
July 19-20	29th & 2nd Wis ACWSA/N-SSA Friendship Skirmish, At Stonebank ACWSA Rules (6-man musket, 4-man carbine)

August 2-3 1st USSS & 8th Wis at Boscobel

Sept 20-21 15th Wis at Bristol ACWSA/N-SSA Friendship Skirmish, N-SSA Rules (8-man musket, 5-man carbine)

I. Statistic Officer Pat Camus passed out statistics form to all the commanders hosting skirmishes. Adjutant Gary Van Kauwenbergh reminded everyone that we need the individual scores from every skirmish to keep our two-classification awards program up-to-date.

J. Monthly ACWSA Meetings. Commander Kaboskey reminded everyone of the February 24 general membership meeting at the Bristol range club house, where he'll be showing a video on proper casting techniques. The March meeting is being planned at Lodgewood Manufacturing in Whitewater, with the topic of accurizing your musket. Exact date and presenter will be announced as soon as possible.

K. Adjutant Gary Van Kauwenbergh suggested resurrecting the annual ACWSA Winter Conclave, and volunteered to work up a proposal.

L. Awarding bounties for recruiting new members was discussed. The board decided it was unnecessary.

5. The board thanked our gracious hosts Elaine, Sven and Stephen Sherry for inviting us to hold our meeting in their home. Your hospitality is appreciated.

6. A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Yr. Obt. Srvt,

Gary Van Kauwenbergh
ACWSA Adjutant
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ONT Paymaster's Cash Statement for 2002

Beginning Balance December 19, 2001 \$2,219.53

Receipts:

2/15/2002	Dues	980.00	
2/25/2002	Dues	203.00	
3/4/2002	Dues	132.00	
4/13/2002	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 1,714.76

Subtotal \$3,934.29

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

9/1/2001#164 Postmaster 53.72
(Newsletter)

Total Disbursements 1,337.01
Cash Balance December 19, 2001 \$2,597.28

Summary of Cash Transactions by category

	Additions		Subtractions		Retained
Totals	1714.76		1337.01	78%	377.75 22%
Dues	1657.00	97%			
Interest	51.26	3%			
Insurance	6.50	0%	954.00	71%	
Newsletter			198.09	15%	
Awards			120.01	9%	
Incorporation Fees			10	1%	
Promotion (gun show flyers)			54.91	4%	