

February 2, 2004

Subject: February 1, 2004 ACWSA Board Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by ACWSA Commander Pat Kaboskey at 10:12, with all units represented.
2. The minutes from the September 21, 2003, board meeting were accepted as read.
3. The **Paymasters report** was accepted as read. A copy is printed below these minutes.

All 2004 dues and rosters were turned in except for the 56<sup>th</sup> Virginia. Commanders, any veterans rejoining after the meeting need to include the \$5 late fee. New members do not pay late fees.

Paymaster Darlene Van Kauwenbergh compared the 2002 and 2004 membership, revenues and expenditure trends. Membership and dues dipped slightly because Battery H, 1<sup>st</sup> Illinois Light Artillery and McAllister's Battery are no longer with us. The Iron Brigade Guard also disbanded last year, but all of it's members transferred into the 6<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin.

Darlene also reminded everyone there is no such thing as prorated ACWSA dues. A number of new members joined at the last skirmish of 2003, and various amounts of money were turned in. When the board reduced membership fees we decided there would no longer be any "insurance only" or prorated dues.

#### 4. **Old Business:**

A. **Sound system.** Commander Pat Kaboskey reported the price of the sound system increased \$60, with the total cost now at \$1562.00 plus tax. A motion was made and unanimously passed to authorize the expenditure. Pat will make the purchase, and bring the unit to the first skirmish, where it will be passed from one skirmish director to the next, until the end of the season.

B. **Ranges.** We are still searching for additional ranges suitable for skirmishing.

1. Lance Babl knew of a possible range near Eau Claire, and wanted to know if the board was interested in pursuing a range that far away from our normal area. The board said no for now.

2. Bob Chabalowski reported he was checking into three ranges. The first is a new range was being constructed in Ripon, WI. The second two are existing ranges, one west of Oshkosh, and the other, The Twin City Rod and Gun Club, located west of Appleton.

3. Rick Reiner reported the Aurora Sportsmen's Club, near Sugar Grove, IL, was moving, but that was probably still a couple years in the future. After the meeting, Rick Nimsgen reported that last year the club signed a 15 year lease agreement with the town of Sugar Grove that will allow them to operate at their current location without interference. This will give the club time to purchase land

near Waterman, IL, and build the new facility. So they will remain at the current location for at least 12 to 14 years.

4. John Rickard said the Wisconsin Sportsmen's Club, located near Union Grove, WI, asked him for a club contact last month. Pat volunteered to go to a Wisconsin Sportsmen's Club meeting and check the club out.

C. Tomah Skirmish. Commander Kaboskey asked if there was any interest in a July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005 skirmish at the Tomah Fair Grounds that was being proposed by the locals as part of a larger celebration. After a brief discussion, the offer was declined.

## 5. New Business.

### A. Recruiting.

1. The 10<sup>th</sup> Illinois and 7<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin teams are having trouble filling their rosters. We are looking for volunteers to transfer from their existing teams into one of the two teams having trouble. Commanders, please canvas your troops for anyone willing to relocate. We also decided to direct any undecided prospects from this year's recruiting efforts into those two teams.

2. Dan Davis presented the draft of a membership application. After some suggestions for improvement, the form was given to Bob Jaburek for printing.

B. **ACWSA Logo:** Commander Kaboskey proposed the ACWSA adopting the logo appearing on this letterhead. The logo was temporarily adopted, but we are looking for other proposed designs from the ranks. The board will examine any other suggestions and vote to adopt a logo at the 2004 September meeting.

C. **New Two Tier Team Classifications:** Dan Davis proposed the ACWSA adopt a two-tier classification system for team competitions where the number of teams competing at a skirmish is divided by two, and separate ribbons are awarded to the top and bottom finishing teams in both groups. There will no longer be a "B" Team competition. The board unanimously voted to adopt this system for the 2004 season. This two-tier system lapses at the end of the season unless the board takes action to permanently adopt it.

D. **Award Ribbons:** Any teams needing award ribbons need to let Pat Kaboskey know how many blue, red and white ribbons they need before April 1, 2004.

E. **2004 Skirmish Calendar.** Please note the changes from previously published schedules! The board individually reviewed each skirmish date and confirmed each with their hosting units.

April	No Skirmish
June 5	1 <sup>st</sup> USSS/15 <sup>th</sup> Wis at Wade House – This modified musket competition will count toward our annual awards!
June 19-20	6 <sup>th</sup> Wis at Bristol
July 17-18	15 <sup>th</sup> Wis (ACWSA)/29 <sup>th</sup> Wis(N-SSA) Friendship skirmish at Stonebank. ACWSA rules.
Aug 7-8	1 <sup>st</sup> USSS/8 <sup>th</sup> Wis at Boscobel, WI
Aug 28-29	8 <sup>th</sup> Wis/2 <sup>nd</sup> Wis skirmish near Tomahawk, WI.
Sept 18-19	15 <sup>th</sup> Wis(ACWSA)/1 <sup>st</sup> USSS(N-SSA) Friendship skirmish at Bristol. N-SSA rules.

F. **Wade House.** Pat Kaboskey reported planning was going well, and the Wade House will be building berms and target frames for us. Lodgewood Manufacturing will be setting up shop at the event. The facility will be open for camping on Friday night. There will be weapons inspection. A number of broadcast personalities are being pursued to help promote and narrate our event, i.e., Charlie Sykes, Vince Petrono, and Jonathan Green. A special recruiting flier is being worked on. More information will be forthcoming when the planning is done.

G. **Possible May Practice at Bristol.** Bill Beaudot and Stephen Sherry may be offering an early-bird practice at the Bristol Range sometime in May. Watch your e-mail for more information.

H. **ACWSA/N-SSA Friendship Skirmishes.** Last week Pat Kaboskey received an e-mail from N-SSA Western Region Deputy Commander Jim Leinicke, outlining some insurance concerns and N-SSA rule restrictions needed addressing. Jim's original e-mail, along with Gary Van Kauwenbergh and Dan Davis's responses were read. Copies are on file, and can be provided for anyone interested. After a short discussion the board agreed we wanted to keep the friendship skirmishes going, and would be open to any reasonable accommodations the N-SSA needed keep things going on their end. Dan Davis offered contact N-SSA National Commander Ear Coates directly concerning friendship skirmishes, and the majority of the board thought that was a good idea.

I. **Brochure.** A motion was made and unanimously passed to omit skirmish dates, units and commanders, and any other perishable information from the next run of brochures, so they don't become obsolete at the end of each season.

J. **Web Site.** The ACWSA web site, ACWSA.org, has not worked for quite some time because our server provider went out of business. Bob Jaburek offered to look into a replacement provider and will work with our web master Jim Boullion to get us back up and running. Note: Jim brought the web site back up shortly after the meeting. It is now up and running. See it at 'ACWSA.org'.

K. Mary and Dean Borsic generously offered to store target materials and frames at their home. The board unanimously voted to create the new position of **Quartermaster**, and Commander Kaboskey appointed Mary to the post. Mary will store tiles, wires, clay birds, pots, ties and cardboard along with target frames. She has offered to transport targeting as far as Bristol for pickup. Mary wants two months lead time for anyone taking advantage of this service. Payment must be received in advance for any targeting. Paper targets for individual competition is still the responsibility of the skirmish hosts, and all preparation work, e.g. painting pots, drilling tiles, must still be done by the host teams.

L. Dan Davis proposed the creation of a "**Roy Peters Memorial**" **traveling trophy** to be awarded annually to the top scoring ACWSA or N-SSA team at our friendship skirmishes. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. The trophy will be made and donated by DanCo Machinery Inc. Thank you, Dan.

M. Commander Kaboskey raised the issue of **memorials from the ACWSA** when deaths within our small circle occur. After discussing our budget and an appropriate amount, the board voted unanimously to authorize the commander to send a \$50.00 memorial to the family of anyone who dies while a current member of the

association. A cash memorial of no more than \$50.00 for a past member can be made at the ACWSA Commander's discretion. No memorials will be sent to non-members, but we'll continue to communicate to the entire club when there are deaths in the immediate family of member, so each team and individual can take appropriate action.

N. A motion was made and passed to accept all educational visits and public events sponsored by any of our member teams. Adjutant Gary Van Kauwenbergh explained that our insurance policy covered such events, but only if they were published. Any team sponsoring a school visit, parade march, etc. should contact Gary so he can include the event on our calendar.

O. Bob Chabalowski asked for the board's opinion on flying CSA battle flags. The organization encourages hosts to fly both Federal and Confederate flags at skirmishes. The ACWSA does not have an official policy on which Confederate flag to fly, but some units remarked they use the Confederate first-issue national flag rather than the battle flags.

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### **ONT Paymaster's Cash Statement for 2003**

#### **Prepared by Darlene Van Kauwenbergh**

Beginning Balance December 18, 2002 \$2,730.96

#### Receipts:

3/2/03 Dues 1222.00

4/16/03 Dues 34.00

7/6/03 Dues 188.00

8/27/03 Dues 60.00

12/7/03 Dues 41.00

Add'l Ins Collections

Interest for the year 8.00

**Total Receipts 1,553.00**

**Subtotal \$4,283.96**

#### Disbursements:

2/28/03 #170 Carpenter Insurance 780.00  
(Insurance Coverage -120 members)

2/28/03 #171 HM2 150.00

(Flyers)

3/1/03 #172 Jim Boullion 29.90

(Web Domain ACWSA)

4/16/03 #173 Dept of Financial Inst. 10.00

(WI Annual Report)

6/20/03 #174 Pat Kaboskey 300.00

(Ribbons/Winter Meetings)

12/15/03 #175 HM2 441.00

(ACWSA Brochure & Wade House Flyers)

**Total Disbursements 1,710.90**

**Cash Balance December 31, 2003 \$2,573.06**

**Summary of Cash Transactions by category**

**Additions Subtractions Retained**

Totals 1,553.00 1,710.90 110% -157.90 -10%

without Wade House Pmt 1,553.00 1,489.90 96% 63.10 4%

Dues 1496.00 96%

Interest 8.00 1%

Insurance 49.00 3% 780.00 46%

Newsletter 0.00 0%

Awards 250.00 15%

Incorporation Fees 10.00 1%

Web Site 29.90 2%

Promotion (Brochure & Flyers) 370.00 22%

Wade House Flyers 2004 221.00 13%

Winter Meetings (food) 50.00 3%