

February 6, 2005

Subject: February 1, 2004 ACWSA Board Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by ACWSA Commander Pat Kaboskey at 10:10 in the home of Stephen and Elaine Sherry, in Burlington, WI. Thanks go to Stephen and Elaine for opening their home to us again this year.

2. Roll Call.

Present: ACWSA Cmdr / 1USSS-Pat Kaboskey, ACWSA Dep Cmdr Dan Christiansen, ACWSA Adjt / 2 WI-Gary Van Kauwenbergh , ACWSA Paymaster Darlene Van Kauwenbergh, 6 WI-Bob Jaburek, 10 IL-Rick Reiner, 15 WI-Stephen Sherry, 56 VA-Pat Magoon, 66 NC-Bob Chabalowski

Absent: 7 WI-John Rickard, 8 WI-Dick Tessmann

The 8 WI team sent in their dues and roster before the meeting. The 7 WI contacted the Adjutant after the meeting, and will send in their roster and dues late.

Adjutant Gary Van Kauwenbergh apologized for scheduling the meeting on Super Bowl Sunday. When we established the first Sunday of February for our meetings the Super Bowl was usually on the last Sunday of January. Super Bowls are now usually the first Sunday of February, so we'll be scheduling any future meetings the following week.

2. A motion was made, seconded and passed to forgo reading the September 19, 2004 board meeting minutes.

3. Paymaster Darlene Van Kauwenberghs presented her **Annual Financial Report** was accepted as read. A copy of the report appears below these minutes.

With our bank balance is approaching the level it was before buying the sound system, we briefly discussed rescinding the \$5 surcharge. We only anticipate expenses for banners (\$200?) and trophies (?) this coming season, Commander Kaboskey proposed we charge the normal \$5 shooting fees at the Wade House School of the Solder, use that money to offset the last of the sound system expenditure, and table discussing dropping of the surcharge until the end of the year. The proposal was seconded and passed.

4. **2005 dues and rosters** were turned in. Any veterans rejoining after the meeting will need to pay a \$5 late fee (total \$20.) New members do not pay late fees.

Adjutant Gary Van Kauwenbergh reminded everyone we no longer have reduced dues. When the board cut the cost of annual membership to \$10, we decided there would no longer be "insurance only" or prorated dues. New members joining any time during the 2005 season need to pay \$15 (the full \$10 annual dues plus the current \$5 surcharge.)

4. Old Business:

A. **Trophies:** Adjutant Gary Van Kauwenbergh reported he'd found trophies similar to the ones we're currently using, but he wasn't sure he was getting a reasonable quote from his local vendor. We are replacing the first and second place musket team trophies, and adding third place trophies for musket and carbine teams. Commander Pat Kaboskey volunteered to get a quote from Geigers where we buy our award ribbons.

B. **2005 Schedule:** The 2005 schedule was approved with some minor changes. The minor changes appear in brackets below. Although there are no "Friendship" skirmishes this year with the N-SSA, we did coordinate a schedule with no direct conflicts.

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| June 12 | Wade House Skirmish |
| July 23-24 | 66 th VA at Appleton |
| Aug 5-7 | 1 st USSS & 8 th WI at Boscobel, WI [Aug 5 added] |
| Aug 26-28 | Ducks Unlimited promotional event at Oshkosh [non-shooting event added] |
| Sept 2-4 | 8 th & 2 nd WI skirmish at Tomahawk, WI [Sept 2 added] |
| Sept 17-18 | 6 th WI at Bristol [6 th WI hosting alone] |

5. New Business.

A. **Frames:** Stephen Sherry reported that the frames we've been using were being repaired. Mary Borsic added she'd found usable pallet material at no cost to the club to replace the damaged uprights and cross members. Thank you Stephen and Mary! Mary only anticipates transporting target frames to the Bristol skirmishes this year.

B. **Targeting:** Mary reported no one requested targeting last year from the stock stored at the Borsic's. We anticipate more people using it this year.

C. **School of the Soldier:** Pat Kaboskey reported plans for the 2005 School of the Soldier event were progressing well, but he first wanted to acknowledge a number of members for their participation at last years event. Pat McGee was cited for the excellent job he did running the "hands-on" range. Pat also commended Karen and Dan Graff for their work at the main gate.

Some changes have been made to this year's event. The event will be on Sunday rather than Saturday, Pat is trying to get local celebrity Larry McCarren as our guest Colonel. The schedule will only have one "School of the Soldier" drill session this year, and for safety, clay pigeons will be used on the "hands on" range rather than metal gongs. As last year, this is a muskets-only skirmish limited to 50 yards and it does count towards the Annual Musket Team trophy.

This year on Saturday, we want at least two members from each team at the Wade House helping prepare for the next day. The following teams volunteered to prepare targets:

1. 15th Wisconsin - Clay Pigeons
2. 2nd Wisconsin - Hanging Tiles
3. 6th Wisconsin - Hanging Cans
4. 1st USSS - Pots
5. Pat Kaboskey - Telephone Poles

Tentative Schedule for the June 12, 2005 School of the Soldier:

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| 9:00-10:30 | School of the Soldier |
| 10:45 | Grand Review |
| 11:00 | Pigeon board |
| 11:30 | Pigeon board with ACWSA All-stars (Muskets/Carbines/Henrys) Versus Rev War, Indian War and WWII era teams |
| 12:00 | Tiles |
| 12:00 | Machine Guns versus Gatling Guns |
| 1:00 | Hanging Pots |
| 1:30 | Hanging Cans |
| 2:00 | Brigade Shoot, North versus South, Telephone Poles |
| 2:15 | Cannons, Gatlin Guns and Mortars |
| 3:45 | Closing Ceremonies |

Fliers for the event are available through Pat Kaboskey.

D. Award Ribbons: We forgot to talk about this topic at the meeting. Any hosting teams that need award ribbons need to let Pat Kaboskey know how many blue, red and white ribbons they want before April 1, 2005.

E. Appleton Skirmish. A number of questions concerning the skirmish at the new range in Appleton were raised. Bob Chabalowski reported on-site camping is available and the facility will be open Friday night. There is a clubhouse with water and toilets, and Bob will have porta-potties where needed. It's "bring your own shade" for both the range and camping area.

The club owning the range has their family day event scheduled for the same weekend, so Bob plans to have a "hands-on" shooting opportunity for spectators, along with Mortar and Gatling gun competitions.

F. Wade House Reenactment: Dan Christiansen will coordinate a recruiting booth at the 15th Annual Civil War Days at the Wade House on September 24-25. If you'd like to help Dan, contact him at (262) 694-3497.

G. ACWSA Members on Active Military Duty: We currently have four club members who were been called up for service in the Middle East. Gary Van

Kauwenbergh proposed the following motion, which was seconded and unanimously passed:

"ACWSA members serving in the National Guard and Reserve who are involuntarily called to active duty are exempt from annual dues, and will be carried on the ACWSA roster as if there were no break in membership. No insurance premiums will be paid for the member during their absence, but if they are released from active duty after the first skirmish of a season, the ACWSA will pay the members insurance premiums for the remainder of that season in appreciation of their service.

ACWSA members returning from active duty before the first skirmish of a season must pay membership dues for that year, but are exempt from late fees. Once paid, no membership dues will be refunded for ACWSA members called to active duty.

Active duty for the purposes of this rule does not include Active Duty for Training (ADT), Basic Combat Training (BCT) or Advanced Individual Training (AIT), i.e., temporary duty (TDY) assignments."

H. **Ranges:** We briefly discussed the ranges we have available for skirmishing. Our problem of relying on too few ranges is solved, but now we have more ranges available than we have skirmishes. With no skirmishes scheduled at Stone Bank this year, Bob Chabalowski reported Eric Platz is concerned about losing access. Bob also reported there is a range near Wisconsin Rapids interested in having skirmishes, but the facilities are primitive. Pat Kaboskey also said he intended to contact the "Highway 11" range this year.

I. **N-SSA.** Tom Arliskas attended the meeting on behalf of the N-SSA to express concerns about our two organizations coordinating with each other. With no Friendship Skirmish planned in the foreseeable future, Commander Kaboskey tabled the discussion and added he'd be talking about any mutual concerns directly with N-SSA Western Region Commander Tom Shedd.

J. **Ralph Reiner:** Rick Reiner informed us his father Ralph passed away last November of Pneumonia complicated by MS. Ralph was a CWSA member with Rick, and Rick thanked our group for allowing his dad to compete in the musket competition using a musketoon from his wheelchair while he was still able to shoot.

K. **Team Reports:** We went around the table and did a quick check with each team commander. The 1st USSS reported all's well. The 2nd Wis. is having another hard year with two members in the Middle East, and another four moving to Minnesota, but still has enough to field their "A" teams. The 6th Wis. reported all present except one member in the Middle East. The 10 IL is revitalizing and concentrating on fielding teams at two of this year's skirmishes. The 15th Wis reports two members missing, but may find them before spring. The 66th NC said they were okay.

6. A motion was made to adjourn, seconded and passed.

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American Civil War Shooters Association (ACWSA)
 Paymaster's Cash Flows for 2004
 Prepared by Darlene Van Kauwenbergh

Cash Balance December 31, 2003 \$2,573.06

Receipts:

| | | | |
|-----------|-----------------------------|---------|----------|
| 2/17/2004 | Dues | 1770.00 | |
| 3/2/2004 | Dues | 460.00 | |
| 6/14/2004 | Dues | 180.00 | |
| 6/16/2004 | Wade House Pre Registration | 185.00 | |
| 9/28/2004 | Dues/Wade House | 393.00 | |
| | Interest for the year | 6.17 | |
| | Total Receipts | | 2,994.17 |

Subtotal \$5,567.23

Disbursements:

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| 2/14/2004 | #176 Carpenter Insurance | 865.00 | Insurance Coverage, 139 members |
| 3/1/2004 | #177 HosTek.com | 59.70 | Domain - ACWSA.org |
| 3/1/2004 | #178 Select Sound | 1562.00 | Portable Sound Equipment |
| 3/13/2004 | #179 Family of Jim Swart | 50.00 | Jim Swart Memorial 2nd WI |
| 4/20/2004 | #180 Betty Cook | 50.00 | Fred Cook Memorial 2nd WI |
| 4/21/2004 | #181 Dept of Financial Inst | 10.00 | NonStock Corporation Report |
| 5/17/2004 | #182 Carpenter Insurance | 175.00 | Addl amount due plus add 6 members |
| 5/17/2004 | #183 Postmaster | 7.40 | Book of 20 stamps |
| 6/15/2004 | #184 Carpenter Insurance | 81.00 | \$25 addl location, 7 new members |
| 6/30/2004 | #185 Jim Boullion | 65.00 | HAZMAT fee, donated powder |
| 7/26/2004 | #186 Select Sound via 2nd WI | 360.00 | Final pmt on Portable Sound Equipment |
| 8/7/2004 | #187 Cherry Kaboskey | 277.15 | Reimb for Geiger Inc Award Ribbons |
| 9/17/2004 | #188 WE Energies | 20.00 | Brochures |

Total Disbursements 3,582.25

Cash Balance December 31, 2004 \$1,984.98

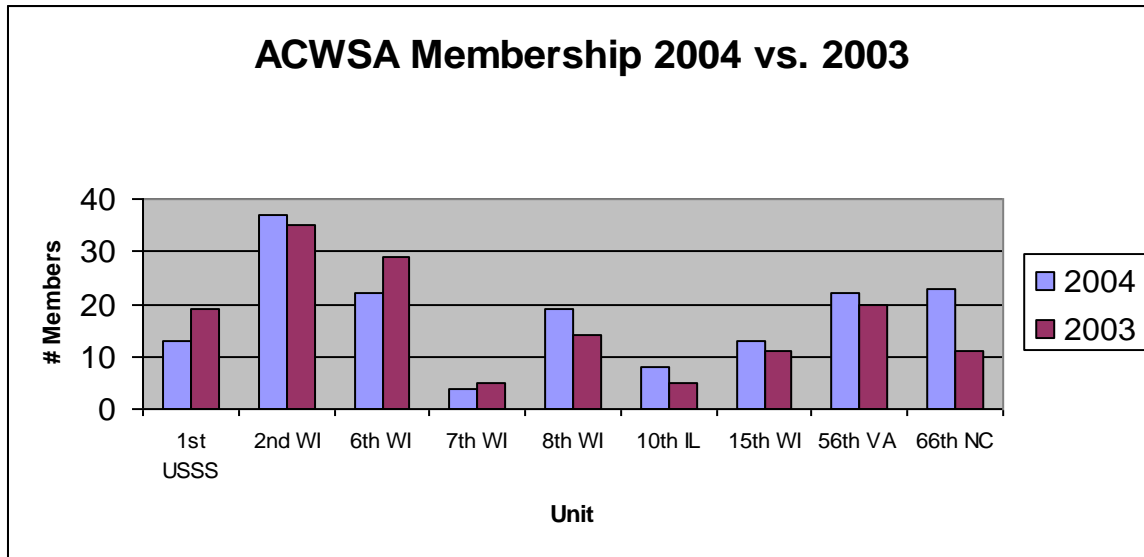
Summary of Cash Transactions by category

| | Totals | Additions | Subtractions | Retained |
|------------|--------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| | | 2,994.17 | 3,582.25 120% | -588.08 -20% |
| Dues | | 2512.00 84% | | |
| Wade House | | 476.00 16% | | |

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| Interest | 6.17 | 0% | | |
| Insurance | 0.00 | 0% | 1121.00 | 31% |
| Newsletter | | | 0.00 | 0% |
| Awards | | | 277.15 | 8% |
| Incorporation Fees | | | 10.00 | 0% |
| Web Site | | | 59.70 | 2% |
| Portable Sound Equipment | | | 1922.00 | 54% |
| Promotion (Brochure & Flyers) | | | 0.00 | 0% |
| Memorials | | | 100.00 | 3% |
| Stamps | | | 7.40 | 0% |
| Other (WE & HAZMAT) | | | 85.00 | 2% |

ACWSA Membership
2004 vs. 2003

| Unit | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000 | Difference | |
|------------|------|------|------|------|------|------------|------|
| | | | | | | # | % |
| 1st USSS | 13 | 19 | 16 | 14 | 16 | -6 | -32% |
| 2nd WI 37 | 35 | 26 | 26 | 28 | 2 | 6% | |
| 6th WI 22 | 29 | 10 | 11 | 8 | -7 | -24% | |
| 7th WI 4 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 5 | -1 | -20% | |
| 8th WI 19 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 11 | 5 | 36% | |
| 10th IL 8 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 60% | |
| 15th WI 13 | 11 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 2 | 18% | |
| 56th VA22 | 20 | 17 | 17 | 18 | 2 | 10% | |
| 66th NC | 23 | 11 | 20 | 14 | 17 | 12 | 109% |
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| | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 0% |
| McAllister Btry | | | | 12 | 26 | 0 | |
| Total | 161 | 149 | 155 | 158 | 142 | 12 | 8% |
| w/o McAllister | 161 | 149 | 143 | 127 | 135 | 12 | 8% |