

ACWSA Board Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2008

1. Commander Bob Chabalowski called the meeting to order on February 10, 2008 at 10:16 a.m. at Elaine and Stephen Sherry's in Burlington, WI. The warmth of Camp Sherry was a welcome contrast to the sub-zero temperature outside, and we extend a special thanks to Stephen and Elaine for opening their home to us again this year.

Roll call was taken.

Present: Cmdr/66 NC: Bob Chabalowski
 Deputy Cmdr: Dan Christensen
 Adjutant/JAG/2 WI: Gary Van Kauwenbergh
 Paymaster: Darlene Van Kauwenbergh
 1USSS: Stephen Sherry
 6 WI: Bob Jaburek
 8 WI: Dick Tessmann
 10 ILL: Rick Reiner
 15 WI: Stephen Sherry
 56 VA: Bob Bucher
 Quartermaster: Mary Borsic

Absent: Iron Brigade Guard: Lance Herdegen¹
 1 USSS: Becky Baird²
 1. Lance slid into a ditch while en route to the meeting
 2. Becky needed to stay home tending a delivering goat

2. Old business

- A. The minutes of our last meeting accepted as read.
- B. Paymaster Darlene Van Kauwenbergh presented the ACWSA financial statements for 2007. The following reports were accepted as read and appear in full below these minutes.
 - 1. Cash Flow for 2007
 - 2. 2008 Budget
 - 3. ACWSA Membership, 2007 vs. 2006
- C. Appointments: Commander Chabalowski confirmed the following appointments for 2008:
 - Inspector General: Les Knutsen
 - Webmasters: Jim Boullion and Dave Altman
 - Statistics Officer: Darlene Van Kauwenbergh

3. New Business

- A. Rosters and Dues.
 - 1. All teams present submitted rosters and dues.
 - 2. The addition the Iron Brigade Guard team to the ACWSA was unanimously approved. Welcome aboard Iron Brigade Guard!
 - 3. We have two members serving in the Middle East this year who will be carried on our roster without charge. They are Bill Graff of the 2nd Wisconsin and Mark Bowman of the 56th Virginia. We'll be posting there pictures on our web site and sending packages during the year.
 - 4. The 2008 membership has dipped to 115. The board and commanders reviewed each of our losses by name. All of the losses appear to be either ghost members, people who have left the hobby or moved away.

B. 2008 Schedule: The 2008 schedule was passed with no date changes, but with the following caveats:

- 1. The September skirmish at Bristol will be a friendship skirmish with the N-SSA. This was already proposed to the N-SSA last month at their board meeting, and is on their schedule.

2. We will extend an invitation to the N-SSA Western region to make the 56th Virginia skirmish in July at Stonebank a friendship skirmish. We don't know what the chances are of the N-SSA taking advantage of this invitation.

3. The 2nd WI's one-day skirmish at Bristol in June will be an "OPEN" event, and we encourage everyone to bring prospective members. It will start as early as possible and try to get everyone out to the grand opening of the new Civil War Museum in Kenosha that weekend.

4. The 2008 schedule is:

May 3-4	66th NC skirmish @ Appleton
June 14	2 WI skirmish one-day skirmish at Bristol
July 12-13	56th VA @ Stonebank
August 2-3	1 USSS, 15 WI & 8 WI @ Boscobel
Aug 30- Sept 1	8 & 2 WI @ Rhinelander
Sept 20-21	15 th WI @ Bristol

C. Defibrillator: The board approved expending up to \$900 was approved for a defibrillator. Bob Chabalowski will do further research and find if we can save money purchasing a refurbished unit.

D. Target Frames. Last year there was a question about target frames. The ACWSA board has approved funds for building and repairing frames a few times but to date has only spent \$55.64 through Eric Platz in July 2007 for frame materials for the frames we use at Appleton and Oconomowoc. Other than the \$55 investment in the frames made by Eric Platz, the ACWSA does not own any target frames. The frames used in Rhinelander belong to the 8th Wisconsin.

The frames used at Bristol were initially funded by 1st USSS members, and have been rebuilt numerous times through the generosity of Mary and Dean Borsic. The board offered Mary and Dean a stipend to buy repair material for next season, but they declined saying they'd been able to keep up so far with scrounged lumber. The board made an open-end offer to help pay for materials, and Mary promised not to be bashful about asking for funds if needed.

E. Insurance: Adjutant Gary Van Kauwenbergh reported he'd discovered we'd been charged for 153 members last year when we had only 132 on our roster. A partial refund has been requested for our 2007 overpayment. Insurance companies usually bill their clients in March for the number of club members on the previous year's roster. It's normal to pay the invoiced amount then either pay additional premium for more members or ask for a refund if you have less. Our 2008 premium should cost the club less than \$800.

F. Metal Targets. Bob Chabalowski reported the 66th NC was pleased with the metal targeting they fabricated last year. He calculated the payback time for initial cost was just a few skirmishes. After discussing the pros and cons of metal targeting the board decided to experiment further by trying metal substitutes for the hanging pots that have become so expensive. Bob will be working with Mike Young to fabricate the metal targets.

G. First Aid Kit. The following items donated, and will be added to the ACWSA's first aid kit:

1. Hydrogen Peroxide (for powder burns)
2. An eye-flush kit
3. Two military "field dressing" bandages that are more suited for gunshot wounds than you normally find in standard first aid kits.

Adjutant Van Kauwenbergh also volunteered to check on a new sprinkle on coagulant for gunshot wounds and pHisoderm soap.

H. Percussion Caps: Bill Beaudot warned he'd heard speculation the cost of CCI Musket caps would top \$52 before the end of the season, and said he was interested in bulk buying for his unit early if possible. Adjutant Van Kauwenbergh offered to organize a group purchase for all the ACWSA units if would help him get a lower price for a bulk discount.

I. Using the ACWSA mailing list for proposed firearm regulation information: The board decided to leave it to Adjutant Van Kauwenberghs discretion what directly affects us and should pass on. He will also pass on the web sites of the organizations who have mailing lists for folks interested in tracking wider ranging legislation for those not already on those lists.

4. The meeting adjourned at 11:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Your Obedient Servant,

Gary Van Kauwenbergh
ACWSA Adjutant/JAG

American Civil War Shooters Association (ACWSA)
2008 Budget

	134 members - No Change	125 members - 7% decrease	115 members - 15% decrease
Receipts			
2008 Dues @ \$15	\$ 2,010.00	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 1,725.00
2007 Deposit in Transit	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
Interest	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.00
Total Income	<u>\$ 2,061.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,926.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,776.00</u>
Expenses			
Insurance	1,080.00	1,080.00	1,080.00
Web Server/Name	104.55	104.55	104.55
Repair of Sound System	158.40	158.40	158.40
Annual Corporate Fee	10.00	10.00	10.00
Awards	115.00	115.00	115.00
Defibrillator	900.00	900.00	900.00
Total Expenses	<u>2,367.95</u>	<u>2,367.95</u>	<u>2,367.95</u>
Shortage	<u>(306.95)</u>	<u>(441.95)</u>	<u>(591.95)</u>
Bank Balance as of 12/31/07	1,878.96	1,878.96	1,878.96
Anticipated Bank Balance 12/31/08	<u>\$ 1,572.01</u>	<u>\$ 1,437.01</u>	<u>\$ 1,287.01</u>

American Civil War Shooters Association (ACWSA)
 Paymaster's Cash Flows for 2007
 Prepared by Darlene Van Kauwenbergh

Cash Balance December 31, 2006 \$1,771.93

Receipts:

2/22/2007	Dues	1180.00	
3/20/2007	Dues & Shirts	44.00	
7/12/2007	Dues	30.00	
8/24/2007	Dues	65.00	
	Interest for the year	11.19	
	Total Receipts	1,330.19	1,330.19

Subtotal \$3,102.12

Expenses:

2/11/2007	#218 Steve & Elaine Sherry	20.00	
	2007 Board meeting refreshments		
2/17/2007	#219 Hostek.com Domain Name listing	59.70	
2/17/2007	#220 NRS Endorsed Insurance	1077.82	
	Insurance		
4/25/2007	#221 WI Dept of Financial Institutions	10.00	
	Annual Nonstock Corporate Report		
7/15/2007	#222 Eric Platz Frames for Oconomowoc	55.64	
	Total Expenses	1,223.16	1,223.16
	Cash Balance December 31, 2007		\$1,878.96

Summary of Cash Transactions
by category

	Additions		Subtractions		Retained	
Totals	1,330.19		1,223.16	92%	107.03	8%
Dues	1,265.00	95%				
Interest	11.19	1%				
Shirts	24.00	2%				
Insurance		0%	1,077.82	88%		
Awards			0.00	0%		
Incorporation Fees			10.00	1%		
Web Site			59.70	5%		
Frames			55.64	5%		
Other (annual meeting)			20.00	2%		

ACWSA Membership
2007 vs. 2006

Unit	2007	2006	2005	2004	Difference	
					#	%
1st USSS	8	12	14	13	-4	-33%
2nd WI	30	34	38	37	-4	-12%
6th WI	19	19	21	22	0	0%
7th WI	0	0	4	4	0	0%
8th WI	22	28	19	19	-6	-21%
10th IL	6	7	7	8	-1	-14%
15th WI	12	10	11	13	2	20%
56th VA	20	24	26	22	-4	-17%
66th NC	17	11	14	23	6	55%
Total	134	145	154	161	-11	-8%



