

ACWSA Board Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2008

1. Commander Bob Chabalowski called the meeting to order on September 21, 2008, shortly after awards were handed out for the ACWSA/N-SSA Friendship skirmish at Bristol.

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
Iron Brigade Guard:	Lance Herdegen
1 USSS:	Becky Baird
6 WI:	Bob Jaburek
8 WI:	Dick Tessmann
10 ILL:	Rick Reiner
15 WI:	Stephen Sherry
56 VA:	Tom Brown
Quartermaster:	Mary Borsic

2. The main purpose of this meeting was to publish the draft 2009 Skirmish calendar. It is listed below, but keep in mind it needs to be finalized at the February board meeting by the 2009 team commanders. Other items to note are:

A. Battery H's (N-SSA) normal skirmish date falls on Fathers Day weekend next year. The 2nd Wisconsin was hoping to host a one-day skirmish on that weekend at Bristol. I asked Btry H Commander John Matuszek if he was going to keep that date, or move it to avoid the holiday, and he said he hadn't thought about it yet. I told John we'd move the 2nd Wisconsin date to avoid conflicts if needed.

B. Stonebank Range will be working on their rifle range next spring and summer, and according to Eric Platz, may not be available until August. To avoid rescheduling, the 56th VA decided to hold their skirmish at Bristol next year.

C. We intend to offer the N-SSA the July 1-2 and September 19-20 skirmishes as friendship skirmishes.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Old Business:
 - A. Collection of dues and rosters
 - B. Reading of the last minutes
 - C. Paymaster Report - 2008 financial report
3. New Business
 - A. Team Reports – Any new commanders, adjutants, unit strength, or issues?
 1. 6th WIS Dave Altman new Adjutant
 - B. 2009 Appointments
 1. Quarter Master: Mary Borsic
 2. Statistics: Darlene Van Kauwenbergh
 3. Inspector General: Les Knutsen
 4. Web Masters: Jim Boullion and Dave Altman
 - C. 2009 Skirmish Schedule

1. Confirm all dates
 2. ACWSA only, Friendship or open?
 3. Vote
- D. 2009 budget – Any other purchases anticipated?

Estimated Cost	Item	POC	
\$815.00	Insurance	Gary Van K	
\$59.70	Internet	Gary Van K	
\$73.00	MP3 Player	Gene Hass	
\$115.00	Ribbons	Stephen Sherry	
\$50.00	Annual Meeting	Bob Chabalowski	
\$10.00	Annual Corporate Filing		
\$47.00	Spare set of AED Pads		
	First Aid Kit?		
	PA System Repair?	Gene Hass	
	Targeting or Frames?	Mary Borsic	

E. Metal Targets

1. Use, hangers
2. Storage, and transportation, weight issues

F. Membership level

1. Active duty members?
 - a. Bill Graff is back.
 - b. Mark Bowman?
 - c. Chris Bestul?
2. Recruiting?
 - a. 150th anniversary – Rick Reiner
 - b. ACWSA Recruiting Bounty

G. Awards

1. Annual Plaques
 - a. Where are they?
 - b. Continue or quit?
2. Certificates of Achievement

H. Stonebank Range – need a member in the club

I. Host teams participation at their own skirmishes.

4. Other new business

5. Adjournment

Bring in a new ACWSA member in 2009, and receive your 2010 membership free as a recruiting bounty. For the purposes of this bounty, a "new member" is anyone who was not an ACWSA member during the 2008 season. New members must participate in at least one skirmish during 2009.

This offer only applies to new members enlisted in 2009, and is only good for 2010 membership dues. For example, someone enlisting five new members would not get five years of free dues.

To Arms! To Arms!

Able Bodied Men and Women

DRAFT - 2009 Skirmish Season Weekends - DRAFT

Date	Holiday	ACWSA Skirmish	Expected N-SSA Skirmish	
Feb 8		ACWSA Board Meeting @ the Sherry home in Burlington		Super Bowl 2/1/08
April 11-12	Easter			
18-19				
25-26			46th ILL @ Sandy Ford, IL	
May 2-3		66 NC @ Appleton, WI		
9-10	Mother's Day			
16-17			NSSA Nationals	
23-24				
30-31	Memorial Day			
June 6-7				
13-14				
20-21	Father's Day	2 WI One-day Skirmish @ Bristol?	Btry H @ Sandy Ford, IL?	
27-28				
July 4-5	Independence Day Weekend			
11-12		56 VA @ Bristol, WI		Would like this to be a friendship skirmish
18-19				
25-26				
August 1-2		1 US, 15 WI & 8 WI @ Boscobel, WI		
8-9				
15-16			114 ILL @ Springfield, IL	
22-23				
29-30				
Sept 5-6	Labor Day	8 & 2 WI @ Rhinelander, WI		
12-13				
19-20		15 WI @ Bristol, WI	1st USSS @ Bristol, WI	Would like this to be a friendship skirmish
26-27				
Oct 3-4			NSSA Nationals	
10-11				
17-18				
24-25				

3. With a quorum present, we decided to hold 2009 board member elections. All the current board members were re-elected. They are:

Commander: Bob Chabalowski
Deputy Commander: Dan Christensen
Adjutant: Gary Van Kauwenbergh
Paymaster: Darlene Van Kauwenbergh

4. Other Business:

A. Bob Jaburek stated 6th Wisconsin member Paul Krause was looking for a new gun club, and considering joining the Stonebank range. Although we won't need a member there to replace Eric Platz next year because there won't be any skirmishes there, that would eliminate the need for Pat Kaboskey to join in order to have an ACWSA representative in their club.

B. We decided not to recharge the fire extinguisher we use to clear misfired firearms, because there seems to be quite a bit of charge remaining in it. Adjutant Van Kauwenbergh stated he could get it recharged in Madison for \$15 whenever needed.

C. Lance Herdegen thanked the ACWSA members who helped with the grand opening of the Kenosha Civil War Museum, and said they represented our organization well. He also informed everyone the main gallery is not open. The museum's web site is <http://www.kenosha.org/civilwar/index.html>

D. Gene Hass suggested the club purchase an MP3 player for Civil War music at the skirmishes. He stated it would work in conjunction with our sound system, and would cost about \$73, and he would load it with music. He will bring this up again at our February board meeting.

E. Adjutant Van Kauwenbergh commended Lance Herdegen of the Iron Brigade Guard for his recruiting efforts this year. Lance has, by far, brought in the most new members this year.

F. Stephen Sherry thought we might need to buy ribbons before next year. He promised to inventory what we had left. He was right. After the meeting, he forwarded this list:

Blue: 87
Red: 211
White: 356

Aggregates

Musket 26
Carbine 29
Musket/Carbine 2
Breechloader 2
Revolver 14
Smoothbore 2
Grand 21

G. Paymaster Van Kauwenbergh didn't intend to give a Treasury report at this meeting, but stated we had about \$1,700 in the club coffers.

5. With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
by Your Obedient Servant,

Gary Van Kauwenbergh
ACWSA Adjutant