

ACWSA Board Meeting Minutes
February 08, 2009

1. Call to Order. Commander Bob Chabalowski called the meeting to order on February 8, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. in Elaine and Stephen Sherry's home in Burlington, WI. 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
1 USSS:	Becky Baird
6 WI:	Bob Jaburek
8 WI:	Dick Tessmann
10 ILL:	Rick Reiner
15 WI:	Stephen Sherry
56 VA:	Tom Brown
Iron Brigade Guard:	Lance Herdegen
Quartermaster:	Mary Borsic

2. Old Business

A. Minutes: The minutes of our last meeting were read accepted without correction.

B. Financial Reports: Paymaster Darlene Van Kauwenbergh's reports were accepted as read, and appear in full below these minutes. Included are the Paymaster's Cash Flows for 2008, 2009 Budget and Comparison of 2008 Actual to Budget, and a membership strength analysis broken out by team.

C. Appointments: Commander Chabalowski confirmed the following appointments for 2009:

Inspector General: Les Knutsen

Webmaster: Jim Boullion. Dave Altman stepped down as Jim's backup because he was having difficulties using

different software than Jim. Gary Van Kauwenbergh volunteered to assist.

Statistics Officer: Darlene Van Kauwenbergh

3. New Business

A. Rosters and Dues.

1. All teams present submitted rosters and dues, except the 66th NC, who had theirs in the mail.
2. Rick Reiner announced the 10th Illinois team is going on hiatus because of low membership. The two remaining members will be going onto the roster of any other team needing them, and asked that the board let the 10th come back without applying as a new unit, if and when they're able. The board agreed.
3. . We have one member, Mark Bowman of the 56th VA, serving in the Middle East this year that will be carried on our roster without charge. Bob Bucher reported he occasionally received e-mails from Mark, but Mark wasn't responding to notes he's sent. He thinks Mark only has internet access occasionally.
4. All teams reported membership levels about the same as 2008, and speculated most members missing from the 2009 roster would return before the end of the season.
5. David Altman is the new adjutant for the 6th Wisconsin. No other cadre changes were reported.

B. 2009 Schedule: The 2009 schedule was passed without change. It is:

May 2-3	66 th NC skirmish at Appleton
June 20	2 WI Musket/Carbine only, one-day skirmish at Bristol
July 18-19	56 th VA at Bristol
August 1-2	1 USSS, 15 WI & 8 WI at Boscobel

Sept 5-6 8 & 2 WI at Rhinelander
Sept 19-20 15th WI at Bristol

Notes:

1. The N-SSA will be invited to the July 18-19 and Sept 19-20 skirmishes.
The N-SSA Western Region meets November 15.
2. Stephen Sherry volunteered to act as envoy to Boscobel's coordinator Marie Leifheit (cirushwk@mwt.net).

C. 2009 Budget Items.

1. Gary Van Kauwenbergh reported the spare set of AED paddles Cmdr. Chabalowski wanted were purchased, and Gene Hass already had them in the case.
2. The board authorized purchasing:
 - a. An MP3 player (\$73) that Gene Hass procured and loaded with Civil War music. The MP3 player works with our portable speaker system.
 - b. Award ribbons (up to \$150). Gary Van Kauwenbergh will let Stephen Sherry what we need, and Stephen will procure them.
 - c. A CPR mouth shield for our first aid kit. Gary Van Kauwenbergh will take care of this item.

D. First Aid Kit. Gene Hass gave everyone a tour of the contents of our first aid kit and AED.

E. Lincoln Anniversary. Rick Reiner volunteered to coordinate ACWSA recruiting with any events commemorating the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. Anyone hearing of any such events should contact Rick directly at RREINER@aol.com or telephone 630-789-2493.

F. Awards.

1. Annual plaques for team events have not been presented for a couple years. Gary Van Kauwenbergh questioned whether we should revitalize the annual awards or retire them. The board decided to revitalize the annual awards program, but present them during the opening ceremony of the first skirmish for a season, when we had an proper audience. Bob Chabalowski agreed to track down where our awards are, and get them ready for presenting this year.
2. Certificate of Appreciation will continue to be used to show recognize contribution of members to the organization. Last years awards were totally funded by some of the ACWSA's lifetime members.

G. Targeting

1. Quartermaster Mary Borsic asked for advance notice from any team relying on her for targeting, especially for drilled pigeons or tiles. She reported the target frames are currently in good shape, but they may need some mid-season repairs with all the skirmishes at Bristol this year. Mary has room for storing the new metal targets, but said skirmish directors should pass them to one another during the season, and not rely on her to bring everything to each event.
2. Mike Young is done with the new metal targeting, but still working on storage boxes. He may decide to use military metal ammunition cans. The board will support what ever Mike thinks is best. Bob Chabalowski reported Eric Platz was making additional hanger for the new metal targets.
3. Stephen Sherry reminded everyone that there is no 100 range at Bristol anymore. After some discussion, we agreed we could offer a longer range events than 50 yards there as long as we didn't call it a 100 yard event. E.g., 85 yard silhouettes would be acceptable.

H. Recruiting.

1. The board voted to offer [free 2009 ACWSA membership to new members](#). This offer is good for 2009 only, and is available to anyone not on the 2008 ACWSA roster. Membership will begin as soon as the new member attends their first skirmish. We want to attract both new members, and bring back anyone who's been gone for a while.
2. Commander Chabalowski reminded everyone we have ACWSA brochures available. If you have a place for them, please contact him at yknotknit@aol.com or 920-725-9001.

I. Revolver Team. With smoothbores and Henrys becoming more popular, revolver team competitions are not being offered as often as they once were. Commander Chabalowski asked all present to try to include revolver team events in their skirmish schedules if possible.

J. Stonebank Range membership: With Eric Platz's pending move south, we need to recruit someone to hold a membership in the Stonebank Sportsmen's Club if we want to keep using that facility. At our last meeting, someone from the 6th Wisconsin was considering joining that club, but did not. Because Stonebank is revamping their rifle range throughout the summer, we scheduled all our skirmishes elsewhere this year. However, we do need a member in that club before we can start using it again. **We need a volunteer.**

K. Hosting Team Participation: Commander Chabalowski encouraged host teams to participate in their own skirmishes. We have enough willing and able volunteers to help put on a skirmish that no one should have to miss the team competitions.

4. Adjournment: With all business completed, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Your Obedient Servant,

Gary Van Kauwenbergh
ACWSA Adjutant/JAG

American Civil War Shooters Association (ACWSA)
 Paymaster's Cash Flows for 2008
 Prepared by Darlene Van Kauwenbergh

Cash Balance December 31, 2007 \$1,878.96

Receipts:

2/29/2008	Dues and insurance refund 2007	1680.90	
4/13/2008	Dues & insurance refund 2008	225.74	
5/20/2008	Dues	15.00	
8/15/2008	Dues	95.00	
10/6/2008	Dues	45.00	
	Interest for the year	<u>5.19</u>	
	Total Receipts		<u>2,066.83</u>

Subtotal \$3,945.79

Expenses:

1/12/2008	#223 Gary Van Kauwenbergh 3 year domain name (pd by credit card)	44.85	
1/12/2008	#224 Select Sound Service Sound system repair	158.40	
2/10/2008	#225 Elaine or Stephen Sherry Annual meeting	20.00	
2/29/2008	#226 Lockton Risk Services Insurance	970.14	
2/29/2008	#227 Gary Van Kauwenbergh Hostek \$59.70 and \$19.79 Coagulant	79.69	
4/18/2008	#228 WI Dept of Financial Institutions Annual Nonstock Corporate Report	10.00	
5/9/2008	#229 Gary Van Kauwenbergh AE Defibrillator	799.00	
	Total Expenses		<u>2,082.08</u>

Cash Balance December 31, 2008 \$1,863.71

Summary of Cash Transactions by category

	Additions		Subtractions		Retained	
Totals	2,066.83		2,082.08	101%	-15.25	-1%
Dues	1,875.00	91%				
Interest	5.19	0%				
2007 Insurance Refund	30.90	1%				
Insurance	155.74	8%	970.14	47%		
Sound System Repair			158.40	8%		
Incorporation Fees			10.00	0%		
Web Site			104.55	5%		

AE Defibrillator	799.00	38%
Anticoagulant	19.99	1%
Other (annual meeting)	20.00	1%

American Civil War Shooters Association (ACWSA)
 2009 Budget and Comparison of 2008 Actual to
 Budget

	125 members - No Change	2008 Budget 125 members - 7% decrease	2008 Actual 125 members	Difference
Receipts				
2008 Dues @ \$15	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 1,875.00	\$ -
		\$ 40.00	\$ 30.90	\$ (9.10)
Interest	\$ 5.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 5.19	\$ (5.81)
Total Income	\$ 1,880.00	\$ 1,926.00	\$ 1,911.09	\$ (14.91)
Expenses				
Insurance	815.00	1,080.00	814.40	\$ 265.60
Web Server/Name	59.70	104.55	104.55	\$ -
Repair of Sound System	-	158.40	158.40	\$ -
Annual Corporate Fee	10.00	10.00	10.00	\$ -
Awards	115.00	115.00	-	\$ 115.00
Other (annual meeting/anticoagulant)	20.00		39.99	\$ (39.99)
Extra Paddles for AE Defibrillator	47.00			
MP3 Player	73.00			
Defibrillator	-	900.00	799.00	\$ 101.00
Total Expenses	1,139.70	2,367.95	1,926.34	441.61
(Shortage)/Overage	740.30	(441.95)	(15.25)	426.70
Bank Balance 12/31/08	1,863.71	1,437.01	1,863.71	
Anticipated Bank Balance 12/31/08	\$ 2,604.01			

ACWSA Membership
2008 vs. 2007

Unit	2008	2007	2006	2005	Difference	
					#	%
1st USSS	8	8	12	14	0	0%
2nd WI	30	30	34	38	0	0%
6th WI	7	19	19	21	-12	-63%
7th WI	0	0	0	4	0	0%
8th WI	21	22	28	19	-1	-5%
10th IL	4	6	7	7	-2	-33%
15th WI	12	12	10	11	0	0%
56th VA	15	20	24	26	-5	-25%
66th NC	14	17	11	14	-3	-18%
Iron Bgd Guard	14				14	100%
Total	125	134	145	154	-9	-7%

