

ACWSA Board Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2009

1. Commander Bob Chabalowski called the meeting to order at 3:58 p.m. on Saturday, September 19, 2009, at the Conservation Club of Kenosha County (CCKC) in Bristol, Wisconsin.

Board members present:	Cmdr Bob Chabalowski Deputy Cmdr Dan Christensen Adjutant/JAG Gary Van Kauwenbergh
Tem representatives present:	The Iron Brigade Guard (Lance Herdegen) 1 SC (Norm Gibson) 1 USSS (Becky Baird) 2 WI (Gary Van Kauwenbergh) 2 USSS (Dan Davis) 6 WI (Bob Jaburek) 7 WI (Michael Zandarski) 8 AR (John Mann) 8 WI (Dick Tessmann) 15 VA (Linda Haack) 15 WI (Stephen Sherry) 56 VA (Tom Brown) 66 NC (Bob Chabalowski) and 146 NY (Chris Hubbard)

2. Minutes: After Adjutant Van Kauwenbergh reported he'd reviewed the last meeting minutes and there were no items needing follow-up, a motion was made and carried to dispense with their reading.

3. Michigan Units: The new Michigan Units were warmly welcomed and they expressed their satisfaction with what they'd seen so far of the ACWSA. The majority of the meeting was spent discussing how this relationship going to work. Everyone realizes we will have more to work out; and both groups are comfortable and confident we can work out whatever comes up as quickly and simply as possible.

We fully understand that Michigan area will operate separately and independently from the Wisconsin/ Illinois area. While no one was against creating separate formal regions, we decided to try avoiding electing and maintaining a separate national commander and staff for the time being.

Chris Hubbard will be nominated for ACWSA Deputy Commander at the February elections. The Wisconsin-Illinois and Michigan areas will each both have their own Inspector Generals, Statistics Officer, and Web Master. These are all appointed positions.

Chris Hubbard reported the Michigan group had no funds available. Adjutant Gary Van Kauwenbergh reported the ACWSA treasury currently had over \$1,800.00, and any expenses just need to be proposed, approved and sent through Paymaster Darlene Van Kauwenbergh. Approval for larger expenditures can take place via an e-mail vote by team commanders. Smaller expenditures just need the ACWSA Commanders okay.

Chris Hubbard reported our Michigan group already had sound system and first aid kit.

* He'll ask the doctor in their group look for an AED. We hope to spend less than \$1,000.

* The Michigan group is interested in metal targets similar to the ones used in Wisconsin. Adjutant Van Kauwenbergh will contact Mike Young about obtaining them. (It may be a while before we can afford them)

* Pat Kaboskey volunteered to obtain award ribbons for the Michigan units. We may or may not need a new design.

* Michigan will let us know their areas skirmish schedule as soon as it's worked out

* Chris Hubbard will check into the possibility of having a 2010 ACWSA Championship in the Michigan-Indiana area. Dan Davis will check the availability of a range near Waterman ILL. The date would depend on the facility available.

* We confirmed that anyone can try new targets, and vary shooting ranges as long as they are safe to shoot. We also pointed out the minimum age of skirmishers is dictated by the laws of the State you are shooting in.

4. Ranges: Adjutant Van Kauwenbergh reported the range improvements at the Stone Bank Range are completed and the facility is now available. However, before the ACWSA can use the range we need a member in their club. Membership is expensive, and involves a sizable work requirement. Additionally, when there is an event there, the member has to be on site the entire time. Range rental at Stonebank is the highest of any of the ranges we currently use, and the 56th VA reported they'd rather host at Bristol. No one was interested in reviving our relationship with the Stonebank Range at this time.

5. 2010 Planning. The following items were all proposed and unanimously passed after discussion.

* 2010 dues will still be \$15

* The "First Year Free" program will continue in 2010

* The next board meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on Sunday, February 14, 2010 (Valentines Day) in Pat Kaboskey's home at S80 W30650 Meadowlark Circle, Muckwanago, WI.

* The proposed 2010 schedule for Wisconsin-Illinois area is:

June 5-6	66 NC & 2 WI	at Appleton, WI
July 17-19	56 VA	at Bristol, WI (Friendship skirmish)
Aug 7-8	1 US, 15 WI & 8 WI	at Boscobel, WI
Sept 4-5	8 & 2 WI	at Rhinelander, WI
Sept 11-12	15 WI	at Bristol, WI (Friendship skirmish)

(The 2010 schedule is voted on at the February meeting)

5. The recent membership increase amplified the need to distribute the administrative workload among more people. A number of changes were made.

A. JAG - Gary Van Kauwenbergh resigned as ACWSA Judge Advocate General (JAG), and Cmdr. Chabalowski immediately appointed Dan Graff to replacement him. Dan is a soon-to-be-retired lawyer from the Wausau, WI area who has skirmished with his wife Karen for years. Dan first two goals are:

1. A review of our current Skirmish Rules and By-Laws. Dan will be assisted by Norm Gibson, who will draft the Artillery rules that are currently missing.
2. Completing the ACWSA 501(c) (3) application.

B. Webmaster - Gary Van Kauwenbergh will continue on as webmaster for 2010, but resign at the end of the season. Cmdr. Chabalowski needs to find a replacement for him by that time.

C. Statistics Officer - Darlene will continue as Statistics Officer for 2010, but resign at the end of the season. Cmdr. Chabalowski needs to find a replacement for her by that time.

6. The group unanimously voted to include all the firearms listed in the N-SSA's "Approved Weapons List". Becky Baird pointed out that the ACWSA is currently using more weapons than listed there, and were allowing sight modifications not covered there. For now, the group decided to table that discussion, but decided that any N-SSA legal firearm was legal to use for ACWSA competition. The Inspector General needs to follow up on this matter.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Humbly Submitted by,
Your Obedient Servant,

Gary Van Kauwenbergh
ACWSA Adjutant

DRAFT - 2010 Skirmish Season Weekends - DRAFT

Date	Holiday	ACWSA Skirmish	N-SSA Skirmish	
Feb 14	Valentine's Day	ACWSA Board Meeting @ Pat Kabowski's home		Super Bowl 2/7/10
Mar 20-21			114 th ILL Practice	NonN-SSA event open to all
April 3-4	Easter			
10-11				
17-18				
24-26			46 th ILL @ Sandy Ford, IL	
May 1-2				
7-8	Mother's Day			
15-16			NSSA Nationals	
22-23				
29-30	Memorial Day			
Jun 5-6		66 NC & 2 WI @ Appleton, WI		
12-13	Father's Day			
19-20			Btry H @ Sandy Ford, IL	
26-27				
July 3-4	Independence Day Weekend			
10-11				
17-19		56 VA @ Bristol, WI		Steve needs to check for CAS conflict
24-25				
31-1				
Aug 7-8		1 US, 15 WI & 8 WI @ Boscobel, WI		
14-15				
21-22			114 ILL @ Springfield, IL	
28-29				
Sept 4-5	Labor Day	8 & 2 WI @ Rhinelander, WI		
Sept 11-12				
18-19		15 WI @ Bristol	1 USSS @ Bristol, WI	
25-26				
16-17				
23-24			NSSA Nationals	
30-31				