

## ACWSA Board Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2010

**1. Call to Order:** Commander Bob Chabalowski called the meeting to order shortly after 9 a.m. on Sunday, February 14, 2010, at in the home of Stephen and Elaine Sherry in Burlington, Wisconsin. Thanks go to Stephen and Elaine for making their home available to us again this year.

The 2010 team rosters and dues were collected with the roll call. The Michigan/OH units presented one consolidated roster check for their dues.

Board members present: ACWSA Cmdr Bob Chabalowski  
Deputy Cmdr Dan Christensen  
Adjutant Gary Van Kauwenbergh  
Paymaster Darlene Van Kauwenbergh

Team representatives present: Iron Brigade Guard (Lance Herdegen)  
1 SC (Norm & Wally Gibson)  
1 USSS (Pat Kaboskey)  
2 WI (Gary Van Kauwenbergh)  
7 WI (Michael Zandarski)  
8 AR (John Mann)  
8 WI (Dick Tessmann)  
15 WI (Stephen Sherry)  
56 VA (Bob Bucher)  
66 NC (Bob Chabalowski)  
146 NY (Chris Hubbard)

Absent: JAG Dan Graff  
Blazers Scouts (Phil Spaugy)  
Bledsoe's Battery (Bill Wall)  
Dyger's Company (Peter A Simpson)  
Loomis' Battery (Fritz Brohn)  
Quantrill's Missouri Partisans (Pete Zahner)  
Richmond Purcell's Battery (James Boeder)  
USS MI Landing Party (Paul Davis)  
1<sup>st</sup> MI Inf. (Bruce Miller)  
2 TX Sharpshooters (Paul Lipka)  
2 USSS (Dan Davis)  
4 MI (Paul S Montresor)  
6 WI (Bob Jaburek)  
7 TN (Calvin Naylor)  
8 MI Cav (Mike Baker)  
15 VA Cav (Jon Ansley)

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

**3. Paymaster Report:** Paymaster Darlene Van Kauwenbergh gave her report for the 2009 skirmish season. A full copy of her report appears below these minutes. The report was accepted as read.

**4. 2010 Skirmish Schedule:** There will not be a 2010 ACWSA Championship skirmish because suitable facilities weren't available on the selected dates. The board asked the MI/OH group to begin planning a championship skirmish for 2011.

The following schedule for the 2010 skirmish season was approved:

<b>Wisconsin/Illinois Area</b>			
June 5-6,	Appleton, WI:	66th NC & 2 WI	Twin City Rod and Gun Club
July 17-18,	Bristol, WI:	56VA ACWSA/N-SSA	Bristol Range
August 6-8,	Boscobel, WI:	1USSS, 15 WI & 8 WI	Boscobel Sportsman's Club
September 3-5,	Rhineland, WI:	8 & 2 WI	near Rhineland, Wisconsin
September 18-19,	Bristol, WI:	15 WI ACWSA/N-SSA	Bristol Range
<b>Michigan/Ohio Area</b>			
May 8-9*,	Port Huron, MI:	146 NY	Blue Water Sportsman's Assn.
June 12-13	Caseville, MI	8 AR	Caseville Rod & Gun Club
July 24-25	Port Huron, MI	ACWSA	Blue Water Sportsman's Assn.
July 31-August 1	Camp Grayling, MI	Loomis' Btry - <u>Long Range Artillery ONLY</u>	
August 14-15	Richmond, MI	1st SC	Richmond Sportsman's Club
September 25-26	Grayling, MI	7 WI	Camp Grayling
October 9-10	Richmond, MI	1SC	Richmond Sportsman's Club
October 23-24*	Port Huron, MI	146 NY	Blue Water Sportsman's Assn.

Note: The May and late Oct skirmishes for the MI/OH group are not regular skirmishes. Saturday of these events will be a field exercise with Carbine and Musket Team events on Sunday.

**5. 2010 Budget:** A large part of the MI/OH group was commended for forgoing the "first year free program" and paying membership dues. With insurance costs at \$7-8 per person and annual dues at \$15, we did not have the funds to cover a nearly tripled membership under the "first year free" program instituted last year. The MI/OH group has been able to finance their own targets, membership and materials, and to date has cost ACWSA very little. Thanks again to our new MI/OH members!

We do not anticipate another growth spurt in 2010, and decided to leave "first year free" program in place with no changes. In essence, anyone who was not on the 2009 roster is eligible, but no one is added to the roster until they're physically present at their first skirmish. This prevents us from paying insurance premiums for well-intentioned no-shows.

A. We voted to expend funds for the following items in 2010:

1. AED battery (\$350) for the WI/IL region. AED (defibrillator) batteries only last two years after they're installed in the unit. We will keep the new battery on hand, but not install it until the old battery fails the self-test in the unit. New paddles, another perishable item, were purchased last year.

2. Ribbons. We split the existing stock of award ribbons between the OH/MI and WI/IL groups, and will purchase additional ribbons using the new ACWSA logo. Stephen Sherry is in charge of this item. A discussion on award plaques was deferred.

B. We discussed the following items, but do not need to spend money on them this year:

1. Metal targeting. Both the WI/IL and MI/OH groups have all the metal targets they need.

2. Metal detectors. Last year we speculated we could use a detector to help find metal targets in the tall grass, but numerous people reported they do not work because they're sensitive to all the lead bullets in the backstops.

3. Mary Borsec informed the group she had a source for purchasing clay pigeons for about \$8 per box.

**6. Skirmish Rules and By-laws Update:** JAG Dan Graff completed his assessment of the ACWSA Skirmish Rules and By-laws. As expected, both documents need work. Dan was not able to attend the meeting, but copies of JAG Graff's Skirmish Rules assessment were sent electronically to all team commanders before the board meeting. The board decided to:

- A. Update the ACWSA Skirmish Rules first.
- B. Updating the ACWSA By-laws will begin after the Skirmish Rules are updated.
- C. Efforts to obtain 501(c) (3) status will wait until after some needed changes to the By-laws. The board voted unanimously to pursue obtaining 501(c) (3) status. This status carries tax deduction benefit for members once the IRS recognizes the organization's status.

Adjutant Van Kauwenbergh informed everyone that member (and another retired attorney) Rob Weber volunteered to help JAG Graff with the updates. We would like to have the proposed changes presented and voted on through e-mails. Anything unanimously passed will go into effect, but any items that member units want to discuss will be deferred until the next face-to-face meeting.

Norm Gibson gave a presentation on the Artillery portion of the skirmish rules he'd been working on. It is still a work in progress. Norm was appointed the ACWSA Artillery Officer and he asked for a Deputy from the WI/IL area. Dick Tessmann volunteered, and was appointed to that position. Norm's artillery rules were provisionally approved and will be distributed as soon as possible. Any comments on the artillery rules should be in no later than April 15, 2010.

**7. T-Shirts:** The ACWSA T-shirts are still being worked on and not yet ready to distribute. The member doing the T-shirts may also be able to make hats. Norm and Wally agreed to approach the member to see if he'd be willing to do them too.

**8. Civil War Sesquicentennial:** We discussed 2011 as an upcoming recruiting opportunity. Last year member Rich Reiner expressed an interest in leading the effort. Stephen Sherry suggested a weekend at the Kenosha Civil War Museum.

**9. Insurance:** Adjutant Van Kauwenbergh announced Jack Richardson agreed to be our insurance broker. Jack will begin filling that role in April when our new policy comes into effect.

**10. Board Elections:** The 2010 elections were held and the following people were installed.

Commander	Bob Chabalowski
Deputy Commander	Chris Hubbard
Adjutant	David Listug
Paymaster	Darlene Van Kauwenbergh

Appointments:

Inspectors General: Les Knutsen, WI/IL  
Bob Hubbard & Jim Bone, MI/OH

Stats Officers: Kenneth Mifflin, WI/IL  
Dan Gibson, MI/OH

Web Masters Gary Van Kauwenbergh, Wally Gibson

JAG: Dan Graff (permanent)

Quartermaster: Mary Borsic

Artillery Officer: Norm Gibson

Deputy Artillery Officer: Dick Tessmann

The board thanked Dan Christensen his dedicated service as ACWSA Deputy Commander since 1999. Chris Hubbard was elected to that position as a way of dividing the responsibilities of the board positions between the two groups and provide a leadership role in conducting the operations in Michigan/Ohio. In a similar fashion, Wally Gibson has taken the role of "MI/OH Communications Officer" in order to provide a point of contact and coordinated communication point for the group in Michigan/Ohio, and as a way to share some of the responsibilities of the Adjutant between the two groups. We decided to continue to operate as one group in two separate areas to avoid the overhead of another level of "National" leadership. If we continue to expand, that may need to change, but for now it is working well.

Statistics Officer – Darlene Van Kauwenbergh stepped down as ACWSA Statistics Officer, a roll she'd filled since the fall of 2006. Ken Mifflin will be replacing her for the WI/IL group. Dan Gibson and Chris Hubbard will handle statistics for the MI/OH group.

Webmaster - Gary Van Kauwenbergh stepped down as ACWSA Adjutant, a roll he'd filled since the beginning of the year 2000, but will continue to serve as Webmaster. Wally Gibson will be his counterpart for the MI/OH group and is in the process of procuring the same software as we currently use (Microsoft Office FrontPage 2003)

**11. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned shortly after 12 p.m.

Humbly Submitted by  
Your Obedient Servant,

Gary Van Kauwenbergh  
ACWSA Adjutant

American Civil War Shooters Association (ACWSA)  
 Paymaster's Cash Flows for 2009  
 Prepared by Darlene Van Kauwenbergh

Cash Balance December 31, 2008 \$1,863.71

Receipts:

2/14/2009	Dues	1575.00	
3/7/2009	Dues	15.00	
10/25/2009	Dues	15.00	
	Interest for the year	3.22	
	Total Receipts		1,608.22

Subtotal \$3,471.93

Expenses:

2/8/2009	#230 Gene Haas MP3 Player	73.00	
2/8/2009	#231 Stephen & Elaine Sherry Hosting annual meeting	20.00	
3/7/2009	#232 Gary Van Kauwenbergh Hostek \$59.70,AED paddles \$47,CPR Mask \$9.86	116.56	
3/7/2009	#233 Lockton Risk Services Insurance Check #234 voided	814.71	
4/9/2009	#235 Stephen Sherry Award Ribbons	332.54	
5/18/2009	#236 Dept of Financial Institutions Annual Nonstock Corporate Report	10.00	
5/29/2009	#237 Genise Mathison Sympathy of Norm's loss	50.00	
5/30/2009	#238 Alzheimer's Association In honor of Bob Carlson	50.00	
7/19/2009	#239 Robert Chabalowski Plaque engraving by Appleton Trophy	140.70	
8/20/2009	#240 NRA Endorsed Insurance Program Insurance amendment # members	37.08	
10/6/2009	#241 Lockton Risk Services Insurance amendment # members	54.59	
	Total Expenses		1,699.18
	Cash Balance December 31, 2009		\$1,772.75

Summary of Cash Transactions by category

	Additions	Subtractions	Retained	
Totals	1,608.22	1,699.18	106%	-90.96
Dues	1,605.00		100%	
Interest	3.22		0%	
Insurance		906.38	53%	
Award Ribbons		332.54	20%	
Plaque Engraving		140.70	8%	
MP3 Player		73.00	4%	
Incorporation Fees		10.00	1%	
Web Site		59.70	4%	
AE Defibrillator		47.00	3%	
CPR Mask		9.86	1%	
Other (annual meeting & honorariums)		120.00	7%	