

MINUTES
ACWSA WISCONSIN REGION MEETING
February 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Commander Bob Chabalowski at 9:45 am on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at the home of Steven Sherry.

Present were: Commander Bob Chabalowski
Deputy Commander Gary Van Kauwenbergh
Paymaster Darlene Van Kauwenbergh
Adjutant Terry Arliskas
Representatives of the 56th Virginia, 8th Wisconsin, 2nd Wisconsin,
15th Wisconsin, and 66th Wisconsin. Absent was the 1st USSS. Noted that
the 6th Wisconsin has folded.

1. Paymaster Report – Darlene presented an up to date Paymaster Report and discussion followed regarding expenditures, and assets. Upon a motion to accept as presented, the Report was approved unanimously.
2. National Elections – It was noted that Mike Zandarski has one more year as National Commander. It was recommended that in addition to the IG position, there should be a Deputy IG so that each Region would have an Inspector General. Upon a motion to accept the current slate of officers as it stands, current slate was unanimously approved.
3. Skirmish Schedule – Discussion of the draft schedule was followed by a motion to approve as presented which was unanimously passed. It was noted that the ACWSA will be represented at the Civil War Expo on March 10th at the Kenosha Civil War Museum. Discussion then followed regarding the Boscobel range and a complaint that had been lodged regarding alleged rounds going beyond the range and into the Wisconsin River. Steve Sherry offered to contact the range and discuss the matter further. Discussion then followed regarding new ideas for 100 yard targets.
4. Michigan Region Highlights – Commander Bob relayed the highlights of the recent Michigan Region meeting which included Michigan voting “NO” to a 2018 National Skirmish; one new team and one retiring team; all ACWSA skirmishes are now open to NSSA members under ACWSA rules and vice versa; and that there is a new range near Grand Rapids.
5. Budgeting and Awards – It was reported that Michigan would like to forego ribbons and go with wooden tokens as awards. Cost of the token is approximately \$1.15 vs ribbons current cost of .60/each. Bob proposed that Michigan be reimbursed the .60 cost of a ribbon and they would have to make up the difference in the cost of wooden token. Discussion then followed regarding awards to be given by the Wisconsin Region. It was proposed that this year we could try an order of ACWSA logo pens and use them as individual awards and continue with the ribbons for team awards. Per Gary, this option would save money over what we are now spending on ribbons. Upon motion to accept proposal, it was unanimously passed.

Darlene noted that this year we will need new batteries and pads for the defibrillators which will add \$340 to the budget. Upon motion, the proposed 2018 budget was unanimously approved.

6. Shotgun Smoothbores – Bob related that Gunsmith Steve Krolick has asked that ACWSA approve reproduction Civil War era shotguns as approved firearms for the Smoothbore event. Only one barrel would be used and when finished shooting, both barrels would be cleared. Our current rules state that “only single barrels may be used” but also “if used during the Civil War, it can be used for shooting” and “if used in the Civil War, a commercial gun used in the interim before an issued gun cannot be used”. However, Steve has documentation that there are reports of shotguns as Confederate issue firearms. Therefore, our rules would have to be changed to allow for their use. Bob asked team commanders to think about it and noted that these shotguns would not be used by very many people, but added that the request has been brought up also in Michigan.

7. Set Triggers - It was noted that double set triggers are not N-SSA allowed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Arliskas
Adjutant