

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Commander Chabalowski can't make it this weekend, and asked me to lead Sunday's regional meeting after the skirmish. Unfortunately, I've had to cancel at the last minute too. Rather than reschedule the meeting, I'm just going to e-mail everyone what was to be discussed. There are no action items other than the 2020 season schedule and 2020 dues.

1. There was no outstanding business from our February meeting.
2. Darlene reported the ACWSA National bank balance of \$3,273.83.
3. Elections –
 - a. Elections or all regional offices will be handled at our meeting in February. The current elected regional officers and appointees are all willing to serve another year.
 - b. National officers are elected for two-year terms that begin in January of odd-numbered years. We're good until 2021. Bob Chabalowski assumed the Commander position last year. Mike Zandarski is Deputy Commander. Terry Arliskas is Adjutant and Darlene Van Kauwenbergh is Paymaster.
4. Draft 2020 Skirmish Schedule. See the attached draft schedule. **Hosting units, please let me know if your date is listed correctly.**
5. Recruiting – Dan Davis is considering some sort of recruiting effort at one of the Sandy Ford events next year. A pig roast is a possibility, but no other information is available. John Mark thinks we may want to have one at Bristol too.
6. Bob wanted to discuss skirmish fees. We all realize hosting units need to charge enough to cover costs. However, if you're hosting at a no-cost or split-the-profit range, you don't need to raise your skirmish fees just keep up with folks who are getting charged high range rentals. It behooves us to keep our events affordable – especially for new shooters.
7. **Paymaster Darlene sees no reason to raise dues. Unless I hear otherwise, I'll assume everyone would like to keep dues at \$10 for 2020.**
8. Insurance.
 - a. During the 2018 season, the MI region was not aware that friendship skirmishes also needed to be official N-SSA skirmishes in order for them to have insurance coverage. The MI region wants to invite N-SSA members to their skirmishes, but does not want to coordinate with the N-SSA. Our current policy does not

cover non-members, so last winter we went shopping for a different policy.

We're not happy with much of the verbiage in our current insurance contract, but couldn't find any better policy on the market than our NRA-backed policy written by Lloyds of London sold through Lockton Affinity Insurance Company.

Rather than have joint skirmishes with the N-SSA, the MI region opted to have just ACWSA skirmishes and pay insurance premiums for any non-members attending. The non-members are being called 'associate members' for insurance purposes and do not belong to ACWSA teams.

- b. The MI region sent insurance premiums for 15 N-SSA members that attended their friendship skirmish in 2019. I called our insurance company when I received the check, but by the time Lockton responded, they said not to worry about paying additional premiums this late in the year. We plan on just keeping MI's money, and applying it to next year's premium.
 - c. Other Insurance News: Last year the New York Dept. of Financial Services fined several insurance companies (including the ACWSA's carrier Lockton Affinity) hundreds of thousands of dollars for participating in an NRA-backed program called 'Carry Guard' that covers concealed carry permit holders. New York also contacted numerous banks and insurance companies asking them to reconsider doing business with the NRA. In May of 2018, the NRA filed suit against New York Governor Andrew Cuomo. The exact scope of the case is currently being narrowed, and has not yet gone to court. The case is 'National Rifle Association vs. Cuomo'. I doubt this will affect our 2020 coverage, but if it does we'll need to react to any adverse outcomes as soon as possible.
9. Awards – We probably will not need to reorder ribbons next year. We'll inventory what we have after today's skirmish and talk about it at our February meeting.

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