

MINUTES
ACWSA WISCONSIN REGION MEETING
March 6, 2022

The Zoom meeting was called to order by Commander Norm Gibson at 10:01 am on Sunday, March 6, 2022,

Participating were: Commander Norm Gibson (who is also Michigan Commander and Artillery Officer)
Deputy Commander Bob Chabalowski
Paymaster Darlene Van Kauwenbergh
Adjutant Terry Arliskas
JAG – Dan Graff
IG Dan Christensen (by phone)
Michigan Adjutant Doug Reed

1. Adjutant - the minutes of last year’s meeting were unanimously approved.

2. 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 and proposed 2022 budget were approved unanimously, and it was agreed that we do not need to raise dues at this time. It was noted that membership stands today at 66 in the Wisconsin Region and 69 in the Michigan region. The report was unanimously approved as given.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS:

1. AED Batteries and Pads – both Regions are good and do not need any supplies. Discussion was held regarding the shelf life of the batteries, which is no more than five years on a shelf and guaranteed for four years once in a machine. It was agreed that as long as the batteries pass the self test, they should be good to go.

2. Discussion was held regarding meetings – the By-Laws state that the Board will meet annually between January 1 and February 29 of each year. Per Dan Graff, that only becomes a problem if someone has an issue with it.

3. Awards. Norm reported that the Michigan Region has enough awards for this and Gary reported that the Wisconsin Region has enough ribbons for the year as well. Some teams have been talking about using their own awards and that’s fine if they wish to do so and discussion ensued about the different types of awards that we could use.

4. Internet – Gary discussed discontinuing the web site and just using our Facebook page. The consensus of the membership was to keep the web page. Norm added that we need to be careful not to post any photos of members with Confederate battle flags.

5. Dues for 2023 – Bob reported that the Wisconsin Region had voted to keep them at the same rate. Michigan would like to do the same so a motion was made to approve keeping dues at the current rate and it unanimously passed.

6. Insurance – Gary reported that every year our insurance company bills us for 160 members and every year he has to call and correct the number and ask for a refund. As the annual invoice will come later this month, Gary asked Terry to check the bill when it arrives as we may need to contact them again to give them the correct number of active members.

7. Skirmish Schedule – Discussion of the draft schedule was followed by a motion to approve as presented which was unanimously passed.

8. Other – Discussion regarding keeping our paid Zoom subscription vs using the free 40 minute Zoom options. As our meetings are usually longer than 40 minutes, it was agreed that we will keep the paid Zoom option.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Arliskas
Adjutant