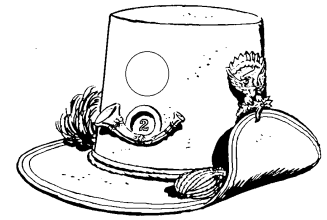


Headquarters

2^d Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry (ACWSA)
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January 25, 2014

Ladies and Gentlemen, I have the honor to report,

The annual meeting for the 2nd Wisconsin skirmish team's 2014 season began at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 9, 2013 in Jessica's Restaurant, 140 W Main St., in Whitewater, WI. Lodgewood Mfg. originally intended on opening their doors to let us shop, but had a last minute conflict and couldn't be there.

The group decide next year's meeting should be held at 1 p.m. - Roy and Cathi offered their home as a meeting place.

Roll Call - 2014 dues were collected and the roster was updated.

Present: Jan and Bren Buck, Randy Boyce, Dan and Karen Graff, David Listug, Roy and Cathi Nelson, Gary and Darlene Van Kauwenbergh, Rob Weber, Mike Young,

Absent with dues paid: Lee and Nancy Arnold, Chris Bestul, Donna Boyce, Bill Graff, Doug Ortwerth, Dave Roemer, Bill Weedman, Dan Young

AWOL: Nate & Angie Brown, Cameron Wagoner

Minutes: The group voted unanimously to dispense with reading the last meeting minutes.

Treasurers Report: There are no 2nd Wisconsin Team dues. All dues collected go directly to the ACWSA, and about \$7 of the \$10 annual dues are spent on insurance. The money in the 2nd Wisconsin coffers comes from the cannon bounties collected at Boscobel, and a 2013 donation from the 114th IL after our joint skirmish.

Beginning Balance		\$244.00
Collections		
Bristol Shed Assessments	260.00	
114IL/2WI Skirmish Profits	100.00	
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Subtotal		604.00
Disbursements		
Bristol Shed	345.00	
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Ending Balance		<u>\$259.00</u>

2013 Season Summary: Across the board, we finished very well in 2013. The skirmish team had 28 members in 2013. The team attended all six skirmishes offered, and fielded at least one team in every competition.

Musket Teams:	A	2 nd in a field of 7 (2 nd in 2012)
	B	3 rd in field of 6 (2 nd in 2012)
Carbine Teams:	A	5 th in a field of 8 (3 rd in 2012)
	B	1 st in a field of 4 (1 st in 2012)
	Ladies	We still have a team, but no one else fielded one in 2013
Revolver Team:	A	3 rd in a field of 4 (1 st in 2012)
Smoothbore:	A	1 st in a field of 7 (2 nd in 2012)
	B	1 st in a field of 4 (1 st in 2012)

Breechloader A 3rd in a field of 4 (2nd & 4th in a 2012)
Mortar: 1st at Boscobel (2nd in 2012)

New Business

2014 Elections were held:

Commander (Sergeant)	Gary Van Kauwenbergh
Corporal	Roy Nelson
Paymaster	Darlene Van Kauwenbergh

Commander Van Kauwenbergh made the following appointments:

Carbine Team Commander	Roy Nelson
Revolver Team Commander	Nate Brown
Smoothbore Team Commander	David Listug
Henry Team Commander	Dan Graff

Supplies: Powder and caps were brought back from the N-SSA fall nationals, and distributed to everyone who ordered them. Gary scrounged enough lead at \$.50 per pound for everyone that asked for it, but still needs to distribute the majority of it.

Lorenz Muskets: The 2nd Wisconsin was initially issued Model 1816 Harpers Ferry smoothbores, which were replaced by .54 caliber Lorenz muskets. Jan Buck, Randy Boyce and Dan Graff all acquired Lorenz muskets last year. I'm currently restoring one for Mike Young, and Jan is considering buying another one from me for Bren to use. I suspect Jim Leinicke will be armed with one as soon as he finds a suitable one. I suspect we'll be able to field an entire team with Lorenz shooting marksman shortly.

Artillery Changes: The majority owner of the cannon and full sized mortar our team was using decided to sell them last year. We still have a ¾ size mortar that I own, but no longer have a cannon.

2014 Outlook:

The team looks healthy again for 2014. No one has dropped from the roster. Rob Weber is back, and Chris Bestul is now retired from the Army Reserves. Lee Arnold still hasn't been cleared by his doctor yet, but remains on the roster. That being said, it always helps to get new blood into the organization. About a dozen reenactors from the 2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association expressed an interest in shooting live rounds sometime during our Boscobel weekend. At this point I'm not sure whether they want to just shoot a few rounds at the 'Hands-On History' or compete as a team on Sunday. Lance Herdegen is working out the details with Association President (and curator at the Wisconsin Veteran's Museum) Kevin Hampton. Whatever they work out, I'd like our team to help sponsor. This could involve some of us bringing extra muskets and ammo to Boscobel.

2014 Schedule:

Apr 26-27	2nd WI skirmish in Springfield, IL
June 7-8	66 NC & 2 WI skirmish in Appleton, WI
July 19-20	56 VA skirmish in Bristol, WI
August 1-3	1 US, 15 & 8 WI in Boscobel, WI
Aug 29-31	8 & 2 WI Labor Day skirmish in Rhinelander, WI
Sept 20-21	15 WI skirmish in Bristol, WI

Affiliations

N-SSA: Want to go to more skirmishes? Jim and Sam Leinicke, Dan Graff, David Listug, Roy Nelson, Doug Ortwerth, David Roemer, Rob Weber, Bill Weedman and I all belong to the N-SSA with the 114th Illinois Infantry out of Springfield, IL.

Reenacting: Interested in reenacting or living history events? We also have an affiliation with a very active reenacting group, the Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association. The association has companies centered near Madison, Fox Lake, and Appleton using the same uniforms as us. If you're interested, let me know and I'll get you in contact with the right person in your area. There may be a group of these folks wanting to live-fire at the Boscobel skirmish.

Other Non-ACWSA Events

The **Return of the 6th Wisconsin** will be commemorated by the Wisconsin Veteran's Museum with a living-history event on the second weekend of July at Camp Randall in Madison, WI. I'm hoping to have an ACWSA sponsored 'Weapons of the Iron Brigade' display at this event, and may need some help manning it.

The **Old Soldier Fiddlers**, whose musicians are all either 2nd Wisconsin or my family members, will have three performances this year. You can see their performance at the Civil War Expo in Kenosha last March on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=po3JRe2xvKg>.

3/29 at 2 pm- Civil War Expo at the Museum in Kenosha, WI

4/26 - After diner performance at the 114th IL/2nd WI skirmish near Springfield, IL

5/13 - Rock County Civil War Round Table in Janesville, WI

Other Kibitz:

Mike said he knew he couldn't make the Springfield skirmish. Dan Graff mentioned he won't be able to make Appleton this year. Rob said he couldn't make Boscobel. I'll be asking for a headcount before each event.

David Listug came to the meeting, but his old glasses didn't because he doesn't need them after his eye surgeries. He now going in soon for some work on his eyelids.

Mary Young (sporting a new, shorter hairdo) said her and Mike planned to eat Saturday dinner of the Boscobel skirmish at Jones Black Angus in Prairie du Chen again next year, and wanted to make sure everyone knew they were invited. It's further away and more pricey than the places we usually go. See <http://www.urbanspoon.com/cities/322-wisconsin/restaurants/1320831-jeffers-black-angus/menu> for their menu.

You can find these minutes, along with all our past meeting minutes in the table of links at the bottom of our teams web page at http://acwsa.org/Pages/TeamPages/2nd_wisconsin/2nd_wisconsin.htm

Respectfully submitted by, Yr. Obt. Srvt.,

Gary Van Kauwenbergh