



Western Region, North South Skirmish Association

Meeting Minutes January 17, 2010

Opening:

The regular business meeting of the North South Skirmish Association, Western Region was called to order at 11:03 am at the VFW Hall on January 17, 2010 in Wheaton, Illinois by John Matuszek, Western Region Commander.

Present:

6th Wisconsin
Battery H,
46th ILL
29th Wisconsin
114th ILL
1st USSS
56th VA
2nd USS

Not Present

15th Tennessee

A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Motion made by Mr. Weedman (114th Illinois).

Reports:

Commander:

Last year was a good year. Each skirmish averaged 30-40 individuals, 8-10 carbine teams, 5-8 musket teams.



Deputy Commander:

- A. Metal Targets
- B. Pleasant Hill Ohio Skirmish, hosted by the Union Guards
- C. Small Arms Approval
- D. Western Region Facebook Page

Motion made by 6th Wisconsin to create a Facebook Page for the Western Region

Paymaster:

Beg balance as of 1/2009, \$4295.36.

Paid out \$185.30 to John Matuszek for the National Board Meeting

\$117.20 to VFW Hall for the Regional Meeting

\$138.14 to Dave Altman for the website

\$1860.04 to Kevin Herrick for Defibulator

\$210.38 to Tom Shed for the August 2009 National Board Meeting

Total Paid Out: \$2511.06

Team fees received \$1080.00

\$40.00 Adjusted back into the account for checks not cashed from 2 years

Total Received: \$1120.00

2904.30 ending balance

Motion to accept by Battery H.

Inspector General:



Thanks to all for a safe year, due to team commanders policing their own teams. Need to get revolver tables at all shoots involving team or individual shoots. Mr. Thatcher has one on hand to loan if necessary at Western Region Skirmishes.

It was discussed to have a “training camp” for new skirmishers at each skirmish to be held by the Regional IG.

Adjutant:

No report. Mr. Shedd made a motion that there be an individual championship for each “gun” and also three gun aggregate. Motion passed.

Recruiting Officer:

The report was given by Mr. Renner. Mr. Davis participated at 3 recruiting activities:

1. Waukanda Wisconsin CW reenactment.
2. 114 ILL Gatling Gun Demonstration.
3. Set up camp at Boscobel Wisconsin.

Mr. Davis also announced that he will be stepping down as Recruiting Officer due to demands on his personal schedule.

Web Page Officer:

Launched our site on 2/19/2009. We have had about 22,000 hits in 11 months. Anyone having information or content for the site, please send it to both Mr. Altman and Mr. Matuszek. If hosting a skirmish, please submit team and individual awards given electronically. It is a good recruiting tool and drives traffic to the site. Photos are also welcomed.

National Meeting Report:

Ordinary business, with the exception of the Judge Advocate’s report regarding issues from the August, 2009 business meeting.



Alaska recruits will be discussed.

Mr. Shedd will be the Skirmish Director for the 125th Nationals in 2012. At the end of the year, the NSSA had 3,456 members.

B. Old Business

Schedule of Skirmishes:

Springfield Warm-Up - 3/20-21	
Sandy Ford 46 th Ill 4/24-25	
Spring Nationals 5/22-23	
Sandy Ford Battery H, 6/26-27	
Bristol Friendship 7/26-28	
40 Rounds 114 th Ill	
8/21-22	Bristol
Friendship 9/?	

C. New Business

Rule 1.5 Uniforms- NSSA approved uniforms are required on the line for individuals and team events. This rule needs to be respected and followed at all times.

It has been confirmed by the National Commander that there is no issue with insurance at joint NSSA and ACWSA Skirmishes.

Mr. Shedd's rule change proposal is not going to be discussed at the National Board Meeting in January 2010. The region will be working on the proposal to make it focus more upon recruiting. Rule changes must be submitted for the January Board meeting.



At National musket matches, if more than 268 musket teams are registered there will be two relays in the morning. If less than 268, three relays. If teams are 325 or more miles away, they will shoot first relay.

Remarks from Team Commanders:

6th Wisconsin:

They are present and recruiting.

46th Illinois:

Mr. Herrick made a motion to spend not more than \$100.00 on an accessory bag to accompany the defibulator. He also stated concerns that the Western Region has 9 teams and there are three main teams always hosting skirmishes. Mr. Herrick would like to see some of the other teams hosting skirmishes to add to the schedule or give the host team a break.

29th Wisconsin:

Mr. Mark welcomed the 6th back into the region. They are giving serious consideration to co-hosting a skirmish in 2011.

114th Illinois:

Come to our shoot in March. It will be fun and enjoyable.

1st USSS:

Mr. Kabosky is the new commander. He supports Mr. Shedd's proposal for reduced musket team numbers.

2nd USSS:

They have two new members. The 2nd USSS is fostering a new relationship with the Aurora Sportsman's Club in Waterman, Illinois. They are hoping to host a regional skirmish during the 2011 Skirmish Season. During 2012, they are hoping to host a tri-regional skirmish at this site including artillery and mortar. This club has a black powder shooting day the third Sunday of each month from 9:00am until approximately 1:00pm. The 1st USSS invites the members of the Western Region of the NSSA to come and participate on the third Sunday of each month.

56th Virginia:



No comments

Comments from the Floor:

Mr. Van Kauwenbergh is submitting a skirmish schedule to Mr. Altman to link the NSSA and ACWSA schedules. He also pointed out that the ACWSA website has a link to the insurance policy.

Mr. Chabloski(Spelling) suggested that we notify everyone where the defibulator is located at each skirmish. The point was made that it is always located at the tower during skirmishes.

Mr. Accord suggested that the reduced musket team numbers be proposed for joining NSSA and ACWSA shoots to begin.

Mr. Renner asked for everyone to remember Bob Carlson, Andy Gelmann, and Jimmy Robbins.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 1:53 pm by John Matuszek. The next general meeting will be at Spring Nationals.

Minutes taken by Yancey C. von Yeast for Jim Leinicke, Adjutant



2010 WR Meeting
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Roll Call – Confirm unit representatives

Reading of the last meeting's Minutes
-Correction or additions

Reports

- Commanders - Opening Statements
- Paymaster – Report
- IG Report – Safety
- Adjutant – Rosters
 - o Statistical results
- Recruiting officer
 - o Proposed events
- Web Page officer
 - o Discuss the posting of Skirmish dates
- National meeting report

Break to Eat.

Old Business

- Shooting Schedule
 - o Hour of instruction at skirmishes – Discuss worth it or not.



New Business

- National Board Meeting Package
 - o Rule changes as proposed by Tom Shedd.
- Western Rule addition – Revolver tables required if revolver is offered either team or individual.

Round Robin to Unit Representatives

Each unit representative will be given a chance to bring up questions, or concerns.

Open Floor

Individual members will be given the chance to ask questions or state concerns