

**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
PACIFIC AREA CIVIL WAR REENACTORS
MARCH 8, 2008**

The meeting was held in Shafter at the home of Kevin Miller.

Members present at the meeting were:

Phil Gallanders-WBSHA, Chairman

Kevin Miller-WBSHA, Parliamentarian

Paul DeNubilo-ACWS

Izabella Hunt-Jones Eaves-CCWR

Ted Miljevich-CHAS

Norm Roger-CHAS guest

Steve Mata-Ft Tejon Historical Association, guest (late arrival)

Stu Howe-NCWA

Richard Henkus-NCWA Vice President

John Nevins-NCWA guest

John Eave-RACW

The meeting was called to order by Phil Gallanders, Chair at 13.07.

General housekeeping matters were discussed and cleared prior to the commencement of this general meeting.

Stu Howe indicated he is representing as seat and voice position only the ACWA due to the illness of William Entriken. The members accepted Stu's position as proxy.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and a correction offered to the minutes to indicate CCWR was present at the last meeting by Mike Creager/
Izabella Hunt-Jones Eaves so moved and Stu Howe 2nd to accept the minutes as read and amended.

The vote 6/0/0, the motion carries.

The Chair then requested each member organization present the status of its club.

Paul DeNubilo stated the ACWS is continuing to administer and record the safety tests.

CCWR doesn't have the latest version of the liability waiver on the web site because it was not made available to them. This will be corrected in the future. The safety tests are continuing to be administered to everyone whether the individual takes the field or not. CCWR will have the Carson City Rendevoouz in June for the first time.

CHAS is using the latest waiver form and is posted on the web site. The test is continuing to be conducted and a hand written notation is made on the individual's membership card indicating the type of test taken and passed.

NCWA reports status quo-nothing has changed. It continues to administer the tests and is looking forward to replace the current safety tests in 2009 with the version currently being worked on by the testing committees. Stu is also ready to discuss NCWA's schedule of events for 2009.

WBSHA is an education and preservation organization and the Cock & Pullet and Maverick's Gaming Hall is the primary vehicle used for fundraising. Camp Moore in Louisiana is the target of WBSHA's support and in 2007 WBSHA gave over \$3,500 to Camp Moore which represented over 1/3 of Camp Moore's operating budget.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Memorandum of Understanding has been prepared by Kevin Miller and distributed to all members for their review and comments. The Chair stated 20 minutes will be allocated to discuss this issue.

Norm Roger thanked Kevin for his efforts and stated the scope of purpose of PACWR seems to be too narrow. After discussion the following wording is added to the end of Para 3 "...sponsored by the members: **and otherwise further and promote the interest of Civil War reenacting.**"

It was discussed and agreed by the members to include the mission statement of PACWR as part of the Memorandum of Understanding document. The statement that was written at the August 2007 meeting will be used and reads as follows:

All Pacific Area Civil War Reenactors members are independent Corporations that own autonomous activities.

All member Corporations agree and covenant themselves to:

- (1) Agree to the current Pacific Area Civil War Reenactors safety rules and tests governing reenactments.**
- (2) Agree to use Pacific Area Civil War Reenactors waiver of liability forms.**
- (3) Agree to use best efforts not to establish competing events on the same weekend another member Corporation is holding its events.**
- (4) Maintain all membership qualifications as outlined in the minutes of March 24, 2007.**

Further discussion was offered regarding the consequences of a member organization not complying with the PACWR agreement. Consequences will range from removal of the offending organization's calendar from the common PACWR event schedule and revoking the reciprocal membership recognition.

Since "punishments" are being meted out to potential violators, a procedure must be put into place to hear complaints and mitigating conditions before imposition of sanctions against an offending organization. In the forum organizations believed not to be in compliance shall be required to show cause as to why they should not be subject to sanctions.

Under Section 9 "Sanctions against members not in compliance with the membership Rules", old paragraph "a" is moved to become paragraph "b" and new the following new paragraph "a" is proposed:

- (a) Member Corporations that are believed not to be in compliance with the Memorandum of Understanding shall be required to show cause as to why they should not be subject to sanctions at either a regular or special meeting called as such.**

The method to terminate membership in PACWR is desired to be stated and the consensus of the Board members is to add a new subparagraph (3). To complete the proposed changes to Section 9 to read as follows:

Section 9 Article(b) will be a new paragraph (3) to read

(3) Termination of their membership in PACWR will be by a 2/3 vote of the Board of PACWR

Under Section 8 “Rules for Soliciting Membership in PACWR a discussion was held regarding the approval of representation of absent members at PACWR meetings by proxy and a requirement of five (5) days notice from the absent member nominating their proxy. Situations may arise where such proxy may not be deliverable within the five day minimum as a current example of William Entriken’s sudden illness and inability to attend the meeting.

The Board discussed potential remedies and approved the following modification to the Memorandum of Understanding:

Section 8 Article (c) (1) new paragraph is added to read

(A) Proxies submitted less than five (5) days prior to the meeting may be approved by a simple majority present.

Kevin so moved and 2nd by Paul the Memorandum of Understanding be approved as written with the addition of the items discussed and agreed to.

Vote 6/0/0. The motion carries.

Kevin will re-write the Memorandum with the modifications approve, and will e-mail the revised version to all members of PACWR.

The meeting was recessed at 14.09.

The meeting reconvened at 14.15.

Ted as chair of the Artillery Safety Test reports he did not get a committee together. Stu Howe did produce a generalized test for the Artillery.

Jack Eaves noted the question #6 regarding the method to produce more smoke when firing a black powder cannon, has a misleading suggested answer. The answer has should be “never” as the use of any foreign substance to the black powder prohibits such practice and thus is a safety violation.

Question #4 should have the reference changed to “unit”.

Question #1 regarding what should be done when the artillery piece is overrun by infantry is: “No one may fire a weapon within 10 yards (30 feet) of the ammunition chest.”

Ted so moved and Paul 2nd to accept the artillery test as written with the above changes and corrections added.

The vote is 6/0/0. The motion carries.

Equine Test

Paul and Izabella have prepared an equine test. Some discussion was made a practicum examination of horse and rider to be added. Phil directed the Equine Test be returned into committee for further fine-tuning.

Infantry Test

Kevin prepared the proposed infantry examination. The question has been raised whether the members want one examination or multiple examination to accommodate battlefield units using different armaments on the field (i.e. dismounted cavalry).

Ted offered his opinion an examination specific to each branch be administered and general questions of other issues, i.e. equine or artillery, be added to the specific examination.

Stu mentioned the NCWA has a special test for provost people who work NCWA events because it is felt by the NCWA the provost line is part of the "battlefield" and therefore all individuals on the battlefield must pass a safety test.

The Chair has referred the infantry test back to committee which will be chaired by Kevin. Stu has volunteered to act as the compiler/editor of the examinations (see notes at New Business, Committee Reports near the end of these minutes).

The General Test has been discussed as part of previous tests reported to the members.

Calendar:

Stu is looking toward NCWA's 2009 events and would like to announce those that are firmly fixed and committed to by the NCWA to avoid any potential conflicts from other events and organizations. Phil asked all members present their 2009 calendars. (Note: Stu Howe began the list for the NCWA, however, I have compiled the events in alphabetical order).

ACWA:	3/28-3/29/09	Knights Ferry
	5/23-5/25/09	Roaring Camp
	6/20-6/21/09	Casa de Fruita
	9/12-9/13/09	Nevada City
ACWS:	2/13-2/16/09	Calico
	3/14-3/15/09	St Catherine's
	5/1-5/3/09	Wooden Nickel
	6/12-6/13/09	Acton
	9/4-9/6/09	Fairview Park
	10/30-11/1/09	Spring Mountain Ranch
CCWR:	6/13-6/15/09	Carson City Rendevouz
	7/4/09	Gray Eagle
	8/29-8/30/09	Virginia City
CHAS:	7/18-7/19/09	Duncans Mills

NCWA:	2/28/09	Winter Quarters
	4/24-4/28/09	Mariposa
	5/15-5/17/09	Gibson's Ranch
	10/16-10/18/09	Fresno
RACW:	3/28/09	Anderson Tactical
	4/25/09	Dog Island, Red Bluff
	5/20/09	Yreka
	9/19-9/20/09	Rye Creek
	10/24-10/25/09	Anderson
WBSHA:	11/21-11/22/09	Camp Moore

A recess of five (5) minutes was called by Phil. The meeting recessed at 15.17

The meeting reconvened at 15.21

NEW BUSINESS

The issue of the proposed regulation by the California Department of Parks was brought up before the members. Steve Mata, President of Ft Tejon Historical Association was invited to discuss this issue since it has an immediate impact on FTHA.

Steve reports the State wants to live scan (full background investigation) of every participant at Ft Tejon. The cost would be from \$30 to \$75 per person and it will include a review by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Justice. Bob Zoricor, a member of the FTHA board has been trying to contact State officials but he is getting the runaround with no acknowledgements or definitive answers. It appears, and this is very unofficial at the moment, that if FTHA were to submit the paperwork necessary for an individual who purchases a modern firearm it may satisfy the State because the form will provide sufficient information for a cross check of the individual's background.

Steve has a major problem with this concept because in August FTHA has its annual Invitational Event whereby other reenactor groups are invited to come to the Fort, and they at the present moment do not go through any background check.

Phil, as Chair, recognized the fact we individual member corporations of PACWR do not have the financial resources nor the political connections to sustain lobbying efforts in Sacramento. It also appears the proposed regulations are being kept internal within the State agencies, and no public discussion is offered or requested.

It has been agreed that PACWR will take the following actions:

- 1) Circulate the "Guidelines for the Use of Historic Weapons" issued by the Resource Agency (parent of CA Dept of Parks) among individuals and groups who are more knowledgeable in how to communicate the concerns of our organization.
- 2) John Nevins in his capacity as a reporter for various Civil War reenactor periodicals will write articles favorable to our position, and disclose all the misleading and incorrect information used by the State to promulgate the

proposed restrictive regulations. John did request a significant lead time to write the articles, check the facts, and submit the story for publication.

Phil has requested all members keep their eyes on the lookout for more information as it comes forth from the State, and have the information forwarded directly to Phil. He will act as the central clearing house and thus avoid duplication of efforts, multiple communications of the same data to influential people, and thus seem foolish to them.

Membership Application:

Gary Fradella of the SCCW was not present at the meeting and therefore his application requesting admittance to membership in PACWR was delayed until the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Stu is proposing to look at safety test to be developed as an Arms Test, which will accommodate the "dismounted cavalry". Ted is to work on the artillery tests. The tests will include elements of what was previously referred to as "Battlefield Tests" to be added to each branch specific examination.

The proposed tests are: General Test, Arms Test, Artillery Test, Mounted Cavalry(equine) Test and the Battlefield Test for members of the provost line. It has been decided all civilians take the Battlefield Test and thereby they are prequalified to work the provost lines. Each combatant member of an organization will therefore, take a minimum of two (2) examinations which include the branch specific exam and the general exam.

Each branch of service will write their unique examination questions and submit them to Stu for final editing whereupon Stu will add the additional questions from what is currently available as the "Battlefield Test". Stu will also find someone to write the examination for the Civilians.

All tests are due to Stu by 5/1/08 for his review and editing.

Sam Frankl has volunteered to accumulate the test data for all organizations and submit them to the various members of PACWR.

Ted so moves and Paul 2nd to create a website for PACWR where all tests and manuals will be published and made available for review.

The vote is 6/0/0. The motion carries.

Paul so moves and Izabella 2nd that each member Corporation contribute no more than \$25.00 toward maintain the proposed PACWR website.

The vote is 6/0/0. The motion carries.

Izabella so moves and Ted 2nd the next meeting of PACWR be on 8/09/08 at Kevin Miller's home.

The vote is 6/0/0. The motion carries.

(Though there is no official motion to adjourn the meeting) The meeting was adjourned at 17.18

