

PACIFIC AREA CIVIL WAR REENACTORS
MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2007 MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Stu Howe at 13.00.

Individuals present were:

Stu Howe	NC WA	Chairman
Norm Roger	CHAS	
Philip Gallanders	WBSHA	
Sam Frankl	WBSHA	
Jack Eaves	RACW/ACWA/CCWR/	
Ted Miljevich	CHAS	
Paul DeNubilo	ACWS	
Tom Bouillion	RACW	
William Entriiken	ACWA	
Ted Starr	NCWA	
Izabella Hunt-Jones	CCWR	
Kevin J. Miller	WBSHA	Parliamentarian

Guests Present at the Meeting;

Craig Poundstone	FARA/RACW
Don La Porta	FARA
Gary Fradella	SCCWA

Izabella Cushing Jones moved to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting.

The motion was seconded by Ted Starr and the motion was carried by a vote of 6/1/0

There have been some changes in the rules and accordingly so reflected in the safety tests from the prior published documents.

Paul DeNubilo inquired if safety rules and information for the Artillery have been presented in the final form. Stu Howe replied there were and need to be more changes.

The issue now facing the group is whether to accept the changes to the safety rules and accompanying tests with the exception of the Artillery section.

Paul DeNubilo moved to approve the changes. Second by William Enterkine.

The motion passed 5/0/2

Stu Howe requested from the members to indicate items to be considered as Pressing Safety Issues to be discussed by the Group.

The input from the members is as follows:

- 1) Artillery Appendix A
- 2) Equine testing and qualification
- 3) Breach loading artillery safety rules

Stu Howe suggested the Equine testing and qualifications be tabled until the summer meeting, and the members agreed to do so.

Ted Miljevich asked to revisit the artillery rules and apply them to all artillery pieces on the field. Discussion ensued explaining there are many differences in operating procedures for breach loading cannons that cannot operate under the constraints of the rules for muzzle loading guns. The issue will be revisited at a later date.

The next issue to be raised is what is the lowest age of reenactors to be permitted to take the field. (Ref to Section 2 of the General Rules). Wm Entrikens state his organization allows 14 year olds on the field to get experience as reenactors. His organization permits them to serve as functional musicians, #5 position on a gun crew (powder runner from limber to piece), and as flag bearers. He also indicated the ACWA has an Explorer Post as a unit member of the organization. Entrikens wants 12 year olds on the field, but not permit them to carry arms.

Stu Howe stated that 12 year old is the absolute youngest a reenactor will be allowed on the field. Minors less than 18 may participate in a reenactment if they are accompanied by a parent or guardian, and obtain the permission of the unit's commander and the minor has passed the safety tests. A participant aged 12 and 13 may take the field as part of Company or Brigade drill.

A proposal was made as follows:

No person under the age of twelve (12) is allowed on the battle field, and no one under the age of fourteen (14) will use any weapon during battle times.

The proposal was passed 4/0/2

Regarding Section 6 “Artillery Safety of the Pacific Area Civil War Reenactor Safety Rules, 2005 (Safety Rules), for Blank charges for all artillery pieces consist of: Izabella Hunt-Jones proposed to insert the word “Muzzle Loaded” to address the differences between muzzle loaded versus breach loaded cannon. Also an addition to item 1 of the components of the artillery charge. The proposed language would read as follows, and changes are indicated in red.

Blank charges for all muzzle loading artillery pieces consist of:

1. A cylinder of heavy-duty aluminum foil or other approved substance, is formed of a diameter smaller than that of the bore.

William EntriKen seconded the motion and the question was called.

The proposal passed by 7/0/0.

Ted Miljevich proposed the change to the safety section for the artillery. Kevin Miller pointed out the artillery section stands as is for the time being, and proposes a sub committee of artillery representatives be formed to discuss all changes, and submit its finding to the group at it’s next meeting.

Paul DeNubilo seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6/0/1.

Izabella Hunt-Jones moved to suspend Appendix A of the Safety Rules

Paul DeNubilo seconded the motion

The motion was passed 7/0/0

Chairman Stu Howe called for a recess of 10 minutes. The meeting recessed at 14.25

Meeting the was reconvened and called to order at 14.37

Stu Howe stated there needs to be a formal structure for this association to move forward and grow. To that end what is needed is a mission statement and a statement of requirements for the ability to verify the requirements as a condition for any potential organization joining PACWR as a member organization.

To that end, the members agreed to following attributes of member organizations apply

- 1) All organizations are independent entities
- 2) All organizations share the application of and enforcement of a common set of safety rules.
- 3) Reciprocal recognition of participating individual reenactors at events presented by member organization with respect to waiving fees applicable to guest and recognition of

having taken and passed the required safety tests, if so indicated on the individual's membership card.

- 4) Promotion of a cooperative calendar
- 5) Financial benefit to member groups by uniting and presenting a larger base of members when requesting bids for goods and services (when and where applicable)

The intent of PACWR is to form an association of Civil War Reenactment clubs, who retain their independence, to present a united effort to achieve the following goal:

“To promote a higher state of safety awareness, the organization will formulate safety rules”.

Phil Gallanders moved to form a sub committee to write a mission statement and report to the members as a whole within two weeks.

The motion was seconded by Ted Starr

The motion was passed 7/0/0.

Izabella Hunt-Jones moved the members of the sub committee are Phil Gallanders, Ted Miljevich and Norm Roger. The motion was seconded by William Entriiken.

The motion passed 7/0/0.

The original requirement for membership is

- 1) Each organization must be recognized as a not-for profit organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c)3.
- 2) Each organization must have its own liability insurance policy.
- 3) Each organization must by itself, or in concert with other organization present a reenactment event.

As a sub category, each member or potential member is to reciprocate membership status of individual reenactors from member organizations and to adopt the safety rules promulgated by PACWR.

Ted Miljevich also proposed at a minimum for consideration for membership in PACWR the first three items listed above be presented by a petitioning organization to the members of PACWR for their review.

Ted's proposal includes the following procedures be followed and a petitioning organization proved the following information to the group:

- a) Copy of letter of determination as a not-for profit organization from the Internal Revenue Service.

- b) Proof of insurance
- c) Letter from the petitioning organization's Board of Directors requesting to join PACWR
- d) Copy of the petitioning organization's event schedule

Paul DeNubilo seconded the motion.

The motion was passed 7/0/0.

Ted Mijlevich proposed the information from a potential member organization be received by the Group at least forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting of PACWR members, and a representative of the applicant organization be present at the meeting to answer questions from the Group.

The voting for membership will be by secret ballot.

Two thirds (2/3) of the members making a quorum must approve the application for a new organization to be admitted into membership.

Ted Starr seconded the motion, and the motion passed 7/0/0.

Paul DeNubilo made a motion to recognize the original organizations who conceived of and organized PACWR be referred to as "Charter Members".

The Charter Members are: ACWA, NCWA, CHAS, and WBSHA.

The motion was seconded by Stu Howe, and passed 5/0/2.

It is requested a resolution from each PACWR member's Board of Directors to agree to abide by all PACWR rules.

A motion has been made by Paul DeNubilo, and seconded by William Entriaken for PACWR to schedule events in the future.

The motion passed 7/0/0.

Ted Starr requested each organization send its calendar of events to him and a master schedule will be set and posted on the PACWR website. Ted requested the calendar be submitted by 7/28/07.

A motion was made by Ted Miljevich and seconded to set the next meeting date of PACWR on 11 August 2007 at 13.00 at Kevin Miller's residence.

Motion passed 6/0/1

The Group has received a request for membership from FARA. Since the proposed rules governing method of application have not been posted it was agreed to accept the application request without all the documents now required by PACWR being in hand.

After discussion with Don LaPorta, of FARA about the organization's activities and schedules it was requested the application of FARA be temporarily be withdrawn, without prejudice, until all the new requirements passed at this meeting be met.

Don LaPorta has agreed to withdraw his application.

The meeting was adjourned at 18.05