

*Pacific Area Civil War Reenactors*  
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING  
1 August, 2009

Meeting was held at the California State Military Museum, Sacramento, CA

The meeting was called to order by Ted Miljevich, (Ted) Chairman at 12.56

Members present: ACWA-William Entriken (Entriken)  
ACWS-Paul DeNubilo (DeNubilo)  
CHAS-Phil Gallanders (Gallanders)  
CWRS-Andrew Waits (Waits)  
CCWR-Izabella Hunt-Jones-Eaves (Izabella)  
NCWA-Jen Roger (Jen Roger)  
RACW-Garth Neikirk (Garth)  
WBSHA-Kevin Miller (Miller)

Guests Present: Madrise Arnold, VP NCWA

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12.56.

The Chair called for introductions to be made by individuals present.

The Chair noted the long and selfless service of Norm Roger on behalf of CHAS, PACWR, and the reenactment community as a whole over many years he has been in the hobby. The Chair expressed his tremendous loss at the death of Norm Roger on 6/17/09, and asked for the members present for a moment of silence in Norm's memory.

The Chair noted he has received in a timely manner the proxies from Phil Gallanders representing CHAS and Garth Neikirk representing RACW.

The Chair called for the minutes of the 3/21/09 be read to the members, and asked if any corrections are required.

Izabella stated her name may delete "Eaves", and the appropriate changes have been made.

Kevin Miller (WBSHA) so moves to accept and approve the minutes as read and changed. Motion seconded by Izabella Hunt-Jones.

Vote 8/0/0. Motion carries.

#### Announcements

Entriken reported reenactor participation in ACWA events is up this year.

Miller thanked the board members of organizations and reenactors who continue to support the activities of Cock & Pullet/Mavericks at their events.

Gallanders yielded the floor to Ted who reported CHAS membership and number of paying events are down in current year.

Jen reports NCWA is doing well and the 2010 schedule of events has been completed. Membership numbers is "stale" with some new members joining, and a new full scale artillery piece has been added to NCWA's roster.

DeNubilo reports ACWS' goal was to have six (6) events in the year. ACWS has lost two (2) events, however, it picked up two (2) new events and the goal has been met. The

loss of the events is because of the downturn in the economy, and is the root cause which has also been reported by CHAS & NCWA. ACWS membership is approximately 425 adult members (excludes children under 12 year of age).

Garth reports RACW has a nice event at Dog Island with good reviews, and even had a period wedding (his own). RACW cooperates closely with CCWR, and their membership is static as well. However, RACW is including many civilians in their scenarios, and the civilian participation has increased significantly.

Izabella reports CCWR membership is up, but paying customers is down. She reports Ft. Garland has hired her as the archeologist, and she proposes to use PACWR rules at Ft. Garland who want to have an event on their site. The Boy Scouts in Reno, NV have approached CCWR to do reenactments in a large park in the beginning of June and anticipates 3-5,000 people in attendance. She would like to have the event be a multi organizational event, however, it will all depend on the schedule for 2010. CCWR has a membership of approximately 300.

Wait thanked everyone for making Mooney Grove the best it has ever been. CWRS has approximately 130-140 members. Money is steady, but will fall off a bit due the economy. CWRS has been approached by the City of Porterville to have an event in October, and the proposal is currently under consideration and study.

Housekeeping matters: The Chair has requested each member organization provide the PACWR webmaster with a contact point for each organization.

Calendar for 2009 and 2010 was discussed and information to be sent to Sam who will circulate to the members and then notify Mike Johnson for him to publish on the web site.

Unfinished Business:

Status of funds to pay for web site. The Chair stated there are member organizations who still have not paid their share of cost to support the PACWR web site. NCWA, ACWS & WBSHA have already paid.

Enforcement of safety rules:

Paul stated it is the responsibility of the hosting organization to inform visitors of their stricter rules, if applicable. Kevin read General Rule 5 b and c from the 2009 Safety Rules and asks if that M.O.U. is sufficiently clear.

Discussion then ensued as to how to notify other reenactors of a more stringent safety rule than PACWR's for each organization and/or event.

Jen suggested reenactors check each organization's web site for specific rules and regulations.

If a club has these additional rules Entriken moves and Seconded by Paul : Each organization state it follows PACWR rules for safety and may have additional rules that are listed on its website, and each organization list where its rules and regulations are located on the organization's web site.

Vote 1/6/1. Motion fails.

14.50 Break

Reconvened at 15.07

Kevin moves, and Entriken seconds: Each individual organization state on their website that additional caveats (personal preference word inserted in lieu) specific to the individual's event or organization and reference the club site and or event site.

Vote 6/2/0. Motion carries

4. Inter-organizational Waiver Forms. The chair reports all organizations have complied with the form.

New Business:

Report from Entriken regarding Rule 15 Section 6 Page 9. There should be a change in the wording from "volley by file" to "fire by piece" or "fire by battery or section", if all cannons are loaded simultaneously.

Izabella moves, seconded by Paul to accept the change in verbage.

Vote 8/0/0. Motion passes.

Insurance Policy Review. The NCWA elects to opt out of pooling efforts to obtain a group discount. No one has expertise in the area who currently serves on the Board, and the issue dies for a lack of a motion.

3. Status of enforcement of safety rules.

ACWA checks all persons attending events before they take the field.

The NCWA has its commanders check, and it has a conflict with other organizations who do not follow through or don't want to create animosity.

RACW/CCWR check in the morning for safety test passing

Andy states they check the cards and read the safety rules to the members prior to taking the field.

CHAS reports 10% of people did not have safety cards at their event. Other means were employed.

4. CWRS has formalized its tax exempt status. It has filed its form 990 postcard.

Additional information was sent to the IRS and is currently in process for changes.

Kevin moves and second by Entriken: PACWR continue to recognize CWRS as a member organization.

Vote 8/0/0. Motion carries.

A situation exists where an individual is expelled from or denied membership in a member organization, and that person attempts to jump clubs. The individual desires to participate at an event sponsored by the banning organization so he joins another PACWR organization and uses the reciprocity arrangement in place in PACWR.

It was clarified the Reciprocity Agreement does not preclude joining another organization, and yet each organization has a right to refuse to recognize the reciprocity at its events without any diminishment.

6. The Ball

Madrise presents an idea for a combined ball sponsored by all organizations. She has requested to take a ballot from the membership of each organization.

Kevin moves, seconded by Entriken: Each member organization take the letter from Madrise to their next Board meeting and return with an answer at the next PACWR meeting.

Vote 8/0/0. Motion carries.

There will be a letter regarding Tres Pinos event for a picnic for reenactors to be sent to the member organizations' newsletter.

#### 7. Open Topic.

Izabella states we should think seriously about how we allow membership in PACWR. PACWR is a regulatory agency, not a club, and all personal issues should be kept out.

Andrew states he and his club have issues with the 6 part rifle percussion cap. Motion made seconded by Entriken: Permit a variance of one time for CWRS to use the 6 part cap until CWRS' inventory stock is depleted.

Andrew withdraws the motion.

#### Selection of Chairperson:

The position of chairperson is rotated annually, and the ACWA will chair the meetings next year. By acclamation.

Kevin agrees to serve as Parliamentarian

Sam agrees to serve as Recording Secretary

Next meeting to be held 3/13/10 at California State Military Museum in Sacramento at 13.00

Kevin moves, seconded by Paul to adjourn the meeting.

Vote 8/0/0. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 16.08