

**Pacific Area Civil War Reenactors**  
**Minutes**  
**August 11, 2006**

Meeting called to order at 1;15 pm.

Clubs represented: ACWA, NCWA, Comstock, FTHA, CHAS, ACWS, RACW, WEBSHA

Introductions were made, Kevin (Chairman) discussed adding the ability to be able to cross-check the Safety tests in the near future.

Safety Rules review: Verify that all signator clubs have adopted the rules, some have. Details of which will follow.

Safety rules for Infantry were decided to be satisfactory, no changes or revisions at this time.

Safety rules for Artillery were not passed – changes need to be made.

1. Section 6 Artillery Safety Paragraph #3 Change from “No material is loaded that...” Change to “No material shall be loaded that...”
2. Section 6 Artillery Safety Paragraph #4 Change from “An artillery ammunition box...” Change to “Each Artillery Piece shall be serviced with its own artillery ammunition box...”
3. Section 6 Artillery Safety Paragraph #5 Change from “When not in use the Munitions box is to be stored in a safe and secured area keeping with...” Change to “When not in use the Munitions box is to be stored in a safe and secured area in keeping with...”
4. Section 6 Artillery Safety Paragraph #12 Change from “Charges are made with F grade or cannon grade black powder only or equivalent, with the amount such that the muzzle blast will not extend past the Safety Zone. Such amounts are determined by bore diameter and tube length.” Change to “Charges are made with (black powder or approved equivalent, with amount and grade appropriate to bore diameter and tube length. The intent of this rule is to insure that the muzzle blast will not extend past the Safety Zone. (See Appendix A))
5. Section 6 Artillery Safety Paragraph #16 Change from “Remove “wounded” from safety zone before firing.” Change to “Remove “casualties” from safety zone before loading and firing.”
6. Section 6 Artillery Safety For muzzle loading artillery, required equipment is: Remove bullet #2 which states “A leather thumbstall or leather glove, for stopping the vent”. Add bullet #11 which states “Numbers 1 and 2 shall have heavy leather gloves. #3 shall have a leather thumstall or leather glove, for stopping the vent; #4 shall have a light right hand glove; #5 shall have both hands gloved.”

7. Section 6 Artillery Safety Blank charges for all artillery pieces consist of: Remove bullet which reads “Charges are made with F grade or cannon grade black powder *only*, with the amount such that the muzzle blast will not extend past the Safety Zone. Such amounts are determined by bore diameter and tube length. Charges are made by:” Change item #4 from “The open end is twisted closed, and the twisted end folded back against the charge.” Change item #4 to “The open end is twisted or folded closed, and the twisted or folded end placed back against the charge.”
8. Section 6 Artillery Safety Firing Procedures Change item #3 from “Worm the bore twice” change item #3 to “worm the bore to ensure removal of the debris”
9. Section 6 Artillery Safety firing Procedures Change item #7 from “Insert the charge; At this point the piece is loaded and is not left unattended or moved (except for small adjustments immediate safety reason) until the piece is fired.” Change item #7 to “insert the charge; At this point the piece is loaded and is not left unattended or moved (except for small adjustments for immediate safety reason) until the piece is fired. Excessive force in seeding rounds shall be prohibited.”
10. Section 6 Artillery Safety Misfire Procedures Change item #2 from “After a minimum interval of **3 minutes**, the piece is re-primed” Change item #2 to “After a minimum interval of **3 minutes**, the piece is re-primed; If the misfire is determined to be the result of a failed primer, then you may re-prime immediately.”
11. Section 6 Artillery Safety Misfire Procedures Change item #3 from “The Chief-of-Piece ensures that everyone and everything are in safe order, and calls “Clear Front!” before giving the order to fire;” Change item #3 to “The Chief-of-Piece ensures that everyone and everything are in safe order and calls “Ready/Clear Front!” before giving the order to fire”

All of the above changes were discussed in length and determined to be acceptable by all clubs in attendance. Motion made and carried to accept changes.

Discussion ensued concerning a rule on amount of powder and who determines. This issue was tabled to revisit at next meeting.

#### Mounted Safety Review:

1. Section 7 Horse Safety Paragraph #2 Change from “All riders and horses will be tested by the equine safety officer of each Branch of the Organization or their designee for their riding ability. It should be noted that each horse to be used by a member, must be tested individually.” Change to “All riders and horses will be tested by the appropriate equine safety officer of the Organization or their designee for their riding ability.”

2. Section 7 Horse Safety paragraph #16 Add Paragraph #16 which shall read "Horses may be brought to an event for evaluation under the direction of the unit commander and the appropriate equine safety officer, under supervision and away from the Battlefield areas."

Vote was taken to approve the above changes to the Mounted Safety Rules and was passed.

Add Appendix A, which reads:

Appendix A

Ordinance Piece and Maximum Grade Powder Charge

3" Ordinance	F
Parrot	F
12 Pounder	F
6 Pounder	FF
10 Pounder	FF
Howitzer	FFF
Witworth	FFF
Subscale	FFF
Cohron Mortar	FFF

Vote was taken to accept the addition of Appendix A to the Safety Rules and was passed.

General Reenactor Safety Rules review was not passed – discussion tabled for next meeting.

Safety Tests Review – discussion occurred for changing the various safety tests. Stewart Howe of the NCWA agreed to action item the revision of the safety tests, with a deadline of November 1, 2006.

Discussion concerning rotation of Chairperson of the Board to rotate annually was approved. It was decided that the NCWA will chair the Board for 2007.

Norm Roger of CHAS will update inter-club waiver and distribute.

Discussion to have meeting bi-annually in January and July/August was approved.

Add to the Agenda for the next meeting the following items:

1. Adding additional clubs
2. adopting rules
3. paperwork production and retention
4. adopting inter-organization waiver
5. applying for 501c3 organization status with own insurance
6. discussion about sponsoring/co-sponsoring event(s) each year.

The following Organizations have signed the agreement: ACWA, CHAS, ACWS, NCWA, RACW, WBSHA.

Vote was taken to accept the following Organizations into the agreement as signatory members: CCWR (Comstock Civil War Reenactors) and FTTHA (Fort Tejon Historical Association). Vote was unanimous in agreement. Both organizations signed agreement.

Insurance review was tabled for next meeting due to time restrictions.

Meeting was closed at 4:58 pm.