

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SESSION MEETING
PACIFIC AREA CIVIL WAR REENACTORS
AUGUST 16, 2008**

The meeting held at Kevin Miller's residence was called to order by Phil Gallanders, Chairman, at 13.35

Members present were:

Phil Gallanders, WBSHA, Chairman

Kevin Miller, WBSHA, Parliamentarian

Paul DeNubilo, ACWS

Ted Miljevich, CHAS

Sam Frankl, ACWS/WBSHA Recording Secretary

The members were welcomed by the Chair and he expressed his appreciation for their effort, and expense incurred in making the trip.

The Chair took notice of the members present and noted a quorum was not present to conduct a meeting.

The meeting was suspended, and a Testing Committee Meeting was called into session with the following members named to the committee.

Ted Miljevich, CHAS, Chairman

Paul DeNubilo, ACWS

Kevin Miller, WBSHA

Phil Gallanders, WBSHA

Sam Frankl, WBSHA

The Committee's objective is to address issues raised by the proposed Safety Tests. (See note at end of minutes for recommendation of the Committee Chairman.)

Stu Howe of NCWS has completed editing and compiling examinations based on input from PACWR members for the Infantry, Artillery, Civilians (in all its iterations) and Dismounted Cavalry. Paul DeNubilo has submitted Equine test for reenactors who are mounted on horseback. The Committee reviewed the various examinations with an eye to insure the examination's conformity with the 2008 Safety Rules, accuracy of citation to the Safety Rules Manual, and consistency of questions and answers.

It is noted each branch of the service has questions unique to its needs and functions on the field and added to the unique points, are questions more general in nature and which are felt to be required knowledge and familiarity for all reenactors.

All modifications, additions or corrections are noted on the test sheet by colored letters, strikeouts, and bold printing.

The Committee began its review process with the Artillery Test.

The following changes were made and noted on the attached test:

Question 14, the question is changed to reflect the intent of prohibiting the addition of additives to the black powder, and will read "If you want to make more smoke...etc." The correct answer is (d) Keep wishing. Without the addition of the word "If" answer (a) is correct in that adding flour will increase the amount of smoke.

Question 17 will change the wording to "3F powder may be used". This will conform the test question to the safety regulations as written. The Committee also notes and make the recommendation to the full Board to revisit the Safety Rules to allow "Reenactor Powder" (as Schuetzen Reenactor Powder) as permissible charge. If the Board approves this change, then the Committee recommends changing the wording of the safety test to comply.

Question 24 the answer should be changed to "The gun shall not be loaded." This is in conformity with the Safety Rules Section 10.6. The Committee also recommends the Board revisit Section 6.10 to change the wording to "will not be loaded" being the imperative form of the action.

Motion made and seconded to recommend approving the Artillery Test, as modified by the Committee. 5/0/0. The Motion carries.

Infantry Test

Question 2 Committee recommends the Board revisit this question to change the answer to a & b, and modify the safety regulations accordingly. The answer (a) "as needed" should apply when a weapon has misfired, and could not be cleared without flooding the barrel or other drastic course of action. After the weapon has been cleared the weapon should be cleaned prior to use.

Question 7 the Committee recommends to add the same wording regarding use of black powder only to the general and pistol sections of the Safety Rules to obtain uniformity.

Question 11 Change the reference to Section 2 "Additional Safety Rules" Bullet Item 3.

Motion made to approve the Infantry Test as modified and recommend to the Board. Vote 5/0/0. Motion Carries.

Equine Test

Test has been presented to the Committee by Paul DeNubilo and consists of a written part and a practicum to be administered by the Chief of Mounts or other designated individual. The written examination is to be taken by all mounted cavalry troopers, whereas the practicum is to be taken by any reenactor who mounts and rides a horse.

After the review of the written test the committee has voted to delete Question 2 (regarding the use of a curcingle) because it needs to have a justification in the rule book.

Question 3 must change the answer to: "Horses and mules must be ridden at a walk in camp streets, and when entering the battlefield via avenues through the public.

Question 6 regarding method of tying up the horse must be deleted (not in rule book) and revisit issue when reviewing the safety manual.

Question 7 regarding mounted vehicles, i.e. artillery, etc must be deleted and revisit the issue when reviewing the safety manual.

Question 8 regarding the mounting of the horse must be deleted.

Question 9 regarding drawing a saber while mounted must be deleted.

It was proposed the remaining questions must be passed with 80% and the ground test at 100%. Tests will be separate, and both tests must be passed to qualify a reenactor to participate at events while mounted.

It was proposed the standard verbage regarding passing or failing the exam be added to the bottom of the exam (as it appears on all other exams) including the rider's name, and the name of the horse.

General Safety Test

Question 8 regarding the placement of loaded weapons in hand of spectator the answer must be change to "a"...will never be put in the hands of spectators.

Motion made and seconded to approve the changes.
5/0/0 Motion passed.

Revisit Mounted Test:

The committee felt the mounted test should be modified to delete the questions previously discussed and add the 21 questions prepared by Kevin as the general test. There will be a break in the test for civilians who do not carry a weapon, and they will only take the 5-6 general questions. Those who do carry a weapon of any sort must continue with all 21 questions.

The committee unanimously adopted the above recommendation.

Ted is recommending these tests, as modified, be sent to all Association presidents for their adoption and implementation.

Ted recommends these tests be adopted in time for usage in the 2009 reenacting season. No rules have been changed.

Paul DeNubilo moves to adjourn the meeting

Sam 2nds the motion.
4/1/0 Motion passes.

Meeting is adjourned at 16.36.

Next meeting will be sometime in March and Ted will be locating an suitable meeting site in the Sacramento area.