



HMGS, INC.

## Historical Miniatures Gaming Society

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### Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors on Sunday – March 14, 2010 In the Vistas at the Lancaster Host and Resort Hotel, Lancaster, PA.

#### Call to Order

The President, Frank Preziosa called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

#### Quorum

A quorum was established with the following Directors present:

President – Frank Preziosa

Executive Vice President – James Petrie (departed at (9:10am)

Treasurer – Dudley Garidel

Secretary - Michelle Preziosa

Vice President for Outreach / Member Communication – Heather Blush

Vice President of Convention Operations – Orest Swystun

Awards Committee and GM Liaison – Pete Panzeri

#### HMGS Officers Also in Attendance

Cold Wars Convention Director – Frank Preziosa

Historicon Convention Director – Bob Giglio

Fall-In! Convention Director – Andy Turlington

Cold Wars Convention XO – Michelle Preziosa

Newsletter Editor – Scot Landis (arrived at 9:44am)

#### Convention Operations

Orest Swystun reported that he spoke with the vendors about their concerns for the pricing for Historicon 2010.

#### Task

Orest Swystun accepts the BoD task of reviewing the flea market agreement form for conformity in rules and regulations and is to report back no later than April 1, 2010.

#### Motion

Heather Blush motioned to change the name of the flea market to Wally's Basement for Cold Wars, Historicon and Fall-In!

Pete Panzeri seconded

The motion passed unanimously by all Directors present.



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### **Baltimore Convention Center update**

Orest Swystun reported the updates for the BCC contract dispute.

### **Tasking**

Orest Swystun accepts the BoD tasking of posting all attorney correspondence, including, Jay Merwin – Bowie and Jensen representative, onto the Board of Directors yahoo website for all Board of Director's viewing.

### **Newsletter**

Scott Landis reported on the progress of the HMGS Newsletter.

- It will be in a format to be viewed and downloadable from the HMGS web-site.
- If any member requires a hard copy he will then print and send it.
- This will save HMGS on mailing costs as well as printing costs.

### **Convention Director Report**

Andy Turlington gave his after action report (attachment 1)

### **Tasking**

Heather Blush accepts the tasking of setting up a Yahoo group for vendor communications and HMGS will have ownership of the address.

### **Tasking**

Michelle Preziosa accepts BoD tasking to go through the BoD web-site and update the policies and get them listed.

### **Tasking**

Orest Swystun accepts the tasking to double check the 530c tax law on what is required to post financial information from HMGS.



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### Secretary Report

Michelle Preziosa reported on the new CRS system and its effects with membership and registration.

- It will take approximately til Fall-In! of 2011 to have made a full circle of conventions and hopefully all members to have created an account for themselves.

Pete Panzeri motioned to adjourn at 10:25am

Frank Preziosa seconded

The motion passed unanimously by all directors present.

APPROVED   
Frank Preziosa, President

DATE 4/21/10

APPROVED   
Michelle Preziosa, Secretary

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## Attachment 1

### After Action Report – Fall-In! 2009

**By Andy Turlington, Convention Director**

Fall-In! 2009 was a convention that was not without challenges. Some of the challenges started even before the convention began. Partway through the event registration process, the events manager relinquished his responsibilities placing an accurate accounting of already submitted games and assignment of games to tables and times in jeopardy. I attempted to recover as much information as possible and worked with a number of clubs and GMs to resolve problems. There were still some issues, particularly overbooking Friday night and Saturday, with a few games that could not be accommodated or were missed. I want to thank all of the GM's and players who worked with the convention staff to resolve these issues as best as possible. Your cooperation and understanding is greatly appreciated.

Game registration was not the only issue that confronted the Fall-In! convention staff. Due to an overbooking situation caused by the hotel, another convention was completing on Friday morning preventing the tournament group to set-up and begin their games until the other convention cleared. Working with the tournament staff we were able to shuffle games and work schedules to recover what was a very difficult and personally troubling series of problems. To add even more problems to a difficult situation, the new convention registration system was unveiled at Fall-In! and a number of issues and shortcomings were discovered. With the large influx of participants on Saturday morning, I had to spend a fair amount of my time trying to resolve a lot of registration problems. Meanwhile, the layout of tables in the IKE I ballroom was done incorrectly which caused a tremendous amount of confusion. The GMs worked through this issue and were able to pull off their games without a lot of complaints. Dealers reported sales were not great, but somewhat better than expected given the current economy. There were a few new dealers, and the Flea Market was well attended on all shifts.

From a personal perspective, I had a pretty good time. I had way too much to do, leaving nowhere near enough time to spend with my friends, and many left before I was able to say goodbye. My personal high point during the show was having breakfast with Ed Mauser, a 93 year old Vet of the famed Easy Company. We discussed Vierville, and Foy, and other events in his life. What a great guy he is! I hope that a lot of you were able to speak with him. He very much enjoyed the attention. This was the first time he had been to any type of show, and I understand that he would very much like to do it again...

This was the final year for Fall-In! at the Eisenhower Hotel. The decision to not return was made in advance of the show and may have contributed to the overbooking of the Ike II Ballroom and issues with room reservations and poor food offerings that many experienced. These types of issues and difficulties with the hotel staff had been seen in the past at the Eisenhower and ultimately reinforced the decision by the BoD to not return, but they were particularly challenging and numerous this year. Given all of the issues I discussed and others I had made a personal decision to not return as Fall-In! Convention Director. Over the course of the weekend, working with all of the GM's, players, Dealers and most of all my tremendous Convention Staff, I saw the true camaraderie and can-do spirit that draws me to the hobby. The BoD appealed to me to remain on as CD for another year as we transition to the Lancaster Host and I agreed. I want to thank everyone involved in the convention, the GM's, gamers, tournament staff and most of all the Fall-In! convention staff who all pulled together to help out when things seemed like they were falling apart. I hope that everyone enjoyed the show and will come to the 2010 Fall-In! at the Lancaster Host Resort.