



HMGS, INC

Historical Miniatures Gaming Society

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25 West Courtland Street – Bel Air, MD 21014
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Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors Teleconference on August 24, 2009

Call to Order

The President, Pete Panzeri called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

Quorum

A quorum was established with the following Directors present:

- President - Peter Panzeri (signed in at 8:03pm)
- Executive Vice President/Convention Operations - Frank Preziosa (signed in at 7:57pm)
- Treasurer - Dudley Garidel (signed in at 7:57pm)
- Secretary - Michelle Preziosa (signed in at 8:00pm)
- Vice President for Outreach - Heather Blush (signed in at 8:16pm)
- Vice President for Education - currently open
- Vice President for Member Communication - currently open

HMGS Officers also in attendance:

- Jim McWee (signed in at 8:03pm – left at 10:30pm)
- Orest Swystun (signed in at 8:01pm – left at 11:41pm)

Agenda

Contracts, both Hotel and BCC
Cost of space/booths
Registration system
Delegation of some of the tasks
Status of PayPal issue
Games and Education Day status
Past Minutes

Contracts

Pete Panzeri reported he'd contacted all hotels by phone or email Before 12 August, and has reviewed results with Orest Swystun.

Some points include:

- Raddison offered to void contract and to do a new one with a line added for leeway for limiting the room blocks
- Sheraton 10 days ago had a 100 room block full in first nine days
- Holiday Inn Express agreed to drop their attrition clause and agreed to accept our block agreement.

Pete Panzeri requested that everything be handed over to Orest Swystun and Bob Giglio as soon as possible, and will transition with Orest Swystun as each Hotel is contacted and notified.

Orest accept the task to enquire on room counts on Thursday (27 August 2009)



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Tasking

Frank Preziosa accepts the task that for the next 24 hours to be acting President until Pete Panzeri returns to duty by August 25, 2009

Dudley Garidel asked for better and more concrete answers about the contracts with Baltimore Convention Center, he wants to know that we are protected.

Holiday Inn express agreed to drop their attrition clause and agreed to accept our block agreement. Orest Swystun has asked for Pete Panzeri to e-mail to him, the hotel phone list. Pete Panzeri will forward e-mail from the Sheraton Hotel as well.

Frank Preziosa suggested that it all be put in a file on the BoD Yahoo group so that Orest Swystun, Jim McWee, Pete Panzeri, Dudley Garidel, Heather Blush and Michelle Preziosa (as well as himself) can get it.

Pete Panzeri reported that the BCC says we owe money for the Games and Education Day. Pete Panzeri reported that it was due to a PayPal issue. Dudley Garidel agreed that it was ok to go ahead and pay them, we have enough to cover the bill.

Addendum

Bob Giglio has concerns for extra rooms and doesn't have a clear picture of what rooms we get. This is a third addendum per Pete Panzeri and it is supposed to be on the Yahoo BoD group.

Cost of Booths and Space

See Jim McWee's attachment. (attachment 1)

If we can, manage to split the booths up as in those who require electric and those that don't so that the smaller dealer will not be charged more.

We are supposed to only take up to 10% new vendors people have new vendors that can take place of those that drop out, basic price per space that can't go up but premium space prices can go up

BoD tasks Orest Swystun to talk to Bob Giglio and discuss what he considers premium and to have possible single vendor table. Include an option for Premium booths are considered end caps in the front and front of hall this is the suggestion to Bob Giglio.



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Motion

9:00 pm The Board of Directors resolves to limit the cost of Historicon 2010

Standard Exhibitor space \$3.75 per square foot.

Hcon 2010 Standard 10x10 Exhibitor Space is \$375 [\$3.75 Per Square foot]

Hcon 2010 ISLE END-CAP Exhibitor Space is \$400

Hcon 2010 PREMIUM Exhibitor Space is \$450

Any single table costs (arranged at the Convention Directors discretion) \$3.75 Per Square foot

The Board of Directors agreed to resolve further Vendor/Space price issues pending Orest Swystun's coordination as Liason with the Convention Director.

Michelle Preziosa seconded

Voting as follows: Jim McWee, Dudley Garidel, Frank Preziosa, Heather Blush, Michelle Preziosa, Orest Swystun and Pete Panzeri – all voted Yes.

Pete Panzeri called the vote and the motion passed by unanimous consent of the Director's present.

Motion

9:19pm The Board of Directors resolves to limit the total number of Historicon 2010 new vendors to no more than 10% over the Historicon 2009 total.

Orest Swystun seconded

Jim McWee, Michelle Preziosa, Dudley Garidel, Orest Swystun, Heather Blush and Pete Panzeri all voted yes.

Frank Preziosa voted no.

Making it 6-1: motion passes.



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Registration system

Jim McWee – Using the Point Black Tools system will get together with Michelle and Frank Preziosa to go over how system works.

- The server will take a few days but should be up by the weekend.
- Internet at the Eisenhower Hotel in Gettysburg maybe an issue.
- Use of laptops, printers? \$500 per printer (Heather well check on badges)
- New system – the member is responsible for updating their information.

The Board of Directors consented to grant Convention Registration System Director, Jim McWee, authority to purchase all computer hardware and software as necessary.

Veterans Ceremony at Fall-in!

Andy Turlington and Pete Panzeri reported they are considering a Convention Staff manager position to coordinate the WWII Veterans Commemoration at Fall-In! 2009. Duties to include: Set up program, media releases, War College speakers. Coordinate selected WWII Veterans for a Saturday program and Ceremony and re-enactors display in the Vendor Hall. Present each veteran with a coin or memento.

Pete Panzeri accepted this task and duties himself -- if no one else stepped forward.

Status of PayPal issue

- Dudley Garidel reports that \$32,000.00 is frozen at this moment.
- Have checks being held with Liz Markum our Accountant.
- Faxed the paperwork and just waiting for answer from PayPal. May need the lawyer to get involved if necessary.
- Pete Panzeri requested that we can draw from another account, perhaps the CD's?
- Dudley Garidel accepted the task to ask Liz Markum what the repercussions would be if we were to use other resources
- Jim McWee stated that if the new registration system is ready for Fall-in we won't necessarily have to use PayPal.
- September 15th and the 19th opening date for Fall-in! should be open with the new registration system

Games and Education Day status

Update: we currently have 10 committed flea market tables, 6 Game Masters and one vendor Orest Swystun will send e-mails to the local vendors from our directory to try to cull more than the one we currently have.



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Past Minutes

Michelle Preziosa informed Heather Blush, Dudley Garidel and Pete Panzeri that they need to look over the minutes that were re-formatted from George Nafziger.

Motion

The BoD confirms (or re-confirms as appropriate) approval of the following 13 sets of meeting minutes "as amended by formatting":

23 July 2008 BoD Meeting
26 July 2008 Membership Meeting
27 July 2008 BoD Meeting
17 Aug 2008 BoD TELECON
13 Sept 2008 BoD Meeting
6 NOV 2008 BoD Meeting
9 NOV 2008 BoD Meeting
24 JAN 2009 BoD Meeting
24 JAN 2009 BoD Executive Session
12 MAR 2009 BoD Meeting
14 MAR 2009 Membership Meeting
15 MAR 2009 BoD Meeting
31 MAY 200- TELECON

On each separate set the vote is the same:

Pete Panzeri, Michelle Preziosa, Frank Preziosa, Dudley Garidel, Heather Blush all voted: Yes
Orest Swystun abstained
Jim McWee not present



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Scheduling of next BoD meeting

BoD meeting Friday September 25, 2009 at 7pm and to finish it on Sunday if needed with Dudley Garidel phoning in

Pete Panzeri motioned to adjourn the teleconference at 10:44pm.

Dudley Garidel seconded

Motion passed by unanimous consent of the Directors present.

APPROVED 
Frank Preziosa, President

DATE 4/21/10

APPROVED 
Michelle Preziosa, Secretary

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