



HMGS EAST

Eastern Chapter Historical Miniatures Gaming Society

Tax ID # 52-1463458

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors July 19, 2006

Call to Order

Executive Vice President Pete Panzeri called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Legends Restaurant at the Lancaster Host Resort in Lancaster, PA.

A quorum was established with the following Directors present:

President Fred Hubig
Executive Vice President (Presiding) Pete Panzeri
Treasurer James Curtis
Secretary Bill Rutherford
VP for Outreach & Education James Mattes
VP for Communications & Newsletter Publisher Dan McDonagh

Approval of Minutes

Bill Rutherford made and James Curtis seconded a motion to table the approval of the minutes for the Board meetings of February 12, 2006 (teleconference), March 16, 2006, and May 7, 2006 until the Board meeting at 8:30 am on July 20, 2006.

Approved by unanimous consent of the Directors present.

Seating of New Directors

Director Don Manser was welcomed to the HMGS East Board of Directors.

Fred Hubig thanked the Directors for the way they'd worked together during his time on the Board and departed the meeting at 6:55 pm.

The Board recessed at 6:56 pm to relocate to the Top Flight Room, reconvening at 7:15 pm.

Director Vacancy

Pete Panzeri nominated and Dan McDonagh seconded appointing Heather Blush to fill the seat left vacant by Fred Haub.

James Curtis nominated and Don Manser seconded appointing Richard Wright.

Bill Rutherford nominated and James Mattes seconded appointing Dudley Garidel.

Bill Rutherford made and Dan McDonagh seconded a motion to table voting on filling Fred Haub's seat until the July 23 Board meeting.

Dan McDonagh made and Pete Panzeri seconded a motion to amend the tabling motion to read "until the 6:00 pm on July 22" instead of "until the July 23 Board meeting".

The motion to amend passed unanimously by the Directors present.

The motion to table passed unanimously by the Directors present.



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Officer Elections

Dan McDonagh nominated and James Mattes seconded Pete Panzeri for the position of President.

Pete Panzeri nominated and Bill Rutherford seconded Dan McDonagh for the position of President.

Pete Panzeri called the vote:

Pete Panzeri received four votes: Pete Panzeri, Dan McDonagh, James Curtis, James Mattes

Dan McDonagh received two votes: Bill Rutherford and Don Manser

James Mattes nominated and James Curtis seconded the nomination of Dan McDonagh for the position of Executive Vice President.

Passed unanimously by those Directors present.

Pete Panzeri made and James Curtis seconded a motion to table the election of a Secretary until after the Annual Meeting of Members.

Passed unanimously by those Directors present.

James Mattes nominated and Dan McDonagh seconded James Curtis for the position of Treasurer.

Passed unanimously by those Directors present.

Pete Panzeri nominated and James Mattes seconded the nomination of Don Manser for the position of Vice President for Education.

Passed unanimously by those Directors present.

Pete Panzeri accepted the position of Convention Operations Director with the unanimous consent of the Board.

Pete Panzeri appointed Dan McDonagh as Communications Officer.

Pete Panzeri made and James Curtis seconded the nomination of James Mattes for the position of Vice President for Outreach.

Passed unanimously by those Directors present.

Pete Panzeri accepted the position of chair of the Strategic Planning committee with the unanimous consent of the Board.

The Board decided by unanimous consent to defer discussion of Vice President for Advertising and Promotions until after the Annual Meeting of Members.



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Pete Panzeri appointed James Mattes as the Exhibitor Liaison Officer.

Pete Panzeri appointed Don Manser as the Tournaments Liaison Officer.

Pete Panzeri appointed James Curtis as the Game Master Liaison Officer.

Pete Panzeri accepted the position of Awards Chairman with the unanimous consent of the Board.

Pete Panzeri accepted the position of Legion of Honor Liaison Officer with the unanimous consent of the Board.

Executive Session Minutes of 7 May 06

James Mattes made and Pete Panzeri seconded a motion to release the Board from the constraints of confidentiality of the Executive Session of May 7, 2006, allowing them to share the information from that meeting with the membership as each Director deems appropriate.

Passed unanimously by those Directors present.

Annual Meeting of Members

Pete Panzeri reported that he would arrange to have a Parliamentarian attend the membership meeting.

James Curtis departed the meeting at 9:30 pm, returning shortly thereafter.

James Mattes made and Dan McDonagh seconded a motion to amend the HMGS East Bylaws Article V, Section 3a, discussing meeting quorums, to replace the passage "...40 members..." with the passage "...five percent of the membership as of the date of notice of the meeting..." to take effect on August 1, 2006.

James Curtis made and Don Manser seconded a motion to table for motion until the July 21, 2006 Board meeting.

The motion to table passed unanimously by those Directors present.

Term Limit Motions Tabled at the 7 May 06 Board meeting.

Pete Panzeri made and James Mattes seconded a motion to table discussion of the following two motions until after the July 23, 2006 Annual Meeting of Members.

"Be it resolved that Article VI, Section 10 of the HMGS East Bylaws be amended by striking out "six consecutive years" and replacing that phrase with "three consecutive terms" and by striking out "two (2) years" and replacing that phrase with "one term"."

"Be it resolved that Article VI, Section 4 of the HMGS East Bylaws be amended by the addition to the end of the Section of the statement "In filling vacancies for unexpired terms, a Director who has served more than half a term is considered to have served a full term.""



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Passed unanimously by those Directors present.

Approval of Minutes

Bill Rutherford made and James Curtis seconded a motion to accept the minutes of e-mail votes of the Board for the period May 10, 2005 – July 19, 2006 as amended.

Passed unanimously by those Directors present.

The Board tasked Bill Rutherford to draft procedures to govern electronic voting by the Board, the initial draft of which will be presented no later than the next off-site Board meeting.

HMGS East Minimum Voting Age

James Mattes made and James Curtis seconded a motion to amend Article V of the HMGS East bylaws to add: "Section 6. The minimum voting age for all HMGS voting shall be 18 years of age as of the date of record for the vote.", said amendment to go into effect on January 1, 2007.

The motion passed with Pete Panzeri, Dan McDonagh, James Mattes, and James Curtis voting in favor, Bill Rutherford voting against, and Don Manser abstaining.

HMGS East Corporate Books and Records

Pete Panzeri made and Dan McDonagh seconded a motion that Article X of the HMGS East bylaws be amended to add the sentence "All examination of HMGS East books and records shall be at the viewer's expense."

After discussion, Pete Panzeri made and Bill Rutherford seconded a motion to table the motion until after the July 22, 2006 Annual Meeting of Members.

Motion to table passed unanimously by those Directors present.

The Board tasked Bill Rutherford to investigate and draft an interim procedure to govern records examination and will report to the Board no later than the next off-site Board meeting.

Historicon 2006 Report

Bob Giglio arrived at the meeting reported on the status of Historicon 2006 (Attachment 1).

Pete Panzeri made and James Curtis seconded a motion to adjourn.

Passed by unanimous consent of the Directors present.

The meeting adjourned at 11:52 pm.



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APPROVED _____ DATE _____
Pete Panzeri, President

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Bill Rutherford, Secretary



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Attachment 1:

HISTORICON REPORT

July 19, 2006

By Bob Giglio – Convention Director

I - OVERVIEW

1. General Comments – Overview
2. Hotel/Motel Commissions: We made \$798 in lieu of comp rooms for staff, for commissions from room blocks at area hotels (we should about double this income in 2007)

II - PROMOTIONS

1. Promotions Report (handout): Provided to Exhibitors; updated to reflect media promotions sent out prior to the convention
2. The Miniatures Page: 5 banner ads run, increasing frequency as convention approached; exhibitors asked in their confirmations to ramp-up posts describing new products and presence at HISTORICON in the weeks prior to the convention (has gotten very good response)
3. Osprey Publishing: Continued to promote the convention both in their e-newsletter starting with in their May and June newsletter issues (20,000 subscribers), and on their web site, where they are also running a competition for 20 free admissions as prizes for increasing convention web site traffic
4. Wargames Illustrated: Besides the three ads prior to the convention, will have multi-page reports in two upcoming issues reporting after the convention

IV - EXHIBITORS

1. HISTORICON 2006 Wait List: 9 exhibitors wanted space (total 24 tables), but could not get in this year, and based on requests, 9 exhibitors wanted more space (total 26 tables), but could not get them this year [note: this does not take into account exhibitors who would like more space, but did not request it as they knew they would not get it; estimate 20+ more tables] – total 70 more tables could have been sold if space was available
2. Ad Income: Total \$3510 (incl. \$700 for HISTORICON brochure/newsletter, \$410 from local business ads)

V - REGISTRATION

1. Registration Database: I am repeating what I said last year, that in a word, the current one and the entire process associated with pre-reg SUCKS!

2. New Registration System: Needs to be designed and implemented ASAP, and not by a “database guru volunteer of the month” – we pay over \$12,000 to the bookkeeper firm, but our main systems of money income is overlooked for proper improvement that would help all three conventions, why?
3. Current System & Process: Needs redesign and rewrite; its too prone to breaking and has errors (recommend proper online server-based Shopping Cart system able to take credit cards rather than solely PayPal, deal with telling people whether they are members or non-members when they try to register, ability to select games, receive an automatic confirmation from the system rather than the Registration Manager having to do that manually, etc.)
4. New Badges & Printer from Origins: Bill Rutherford, will the target be 2007?
5. Registration Manager’s/Deputy CD’s Report (Neil Brennan)

VI - EVENTS

1. 602 Events in the Program before any onsite cancellations (552 Games, 20 Military Seminar Series, 30 Painting Events) [HISTORICON 2005 had 558 events (529 games)]
2. 293 GMs (final for H05 was 284 GMs)
3. Event Registration & Manager Report: There is a presentation prepared for the BoD, to explain some key elements and point out problems, and how some were solved (presentation Sunday, or at a future meeting?)
4. Tournaments – Lampeter Aisles & Width:
 - a) Flea Market was redesigned into a L-shape to allow for more tabletop space for tournaments, but still retains 8' wide aisles
 - b) Tourneys 5' wide unobstructed aisles or with chairs on one side; 7' on average if chairs on both sides (modified by pillars, i.e., some will be less than 7' and some greater than 7')
 - c) 8' aisle across front connecting handicap lift to other side of room
 - d) Using 3' high pipe & drape to divide the tournaments area from flea market, and for access/control/security