



HMGS EAST

Eastern Chapter Historical Miniatures Gaming Society

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Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors July 24, 2005

Call to Order

President Fred Hubig called the meeting to order at 8:11 am in the Legends Restaurant of the Lancaster Host, in Lancaster, PA. A quorum was established, with the following Directors present:

President Fred Hubig
Vice President for Communications and Marketing James Mattes
Treasurer James Curtis
Secretary and Vice President for Membership Services Bill Rutherford
Vice President for Convention Operations and Exhibitor Liaison Fred Haub

Miscellaneous Business

Fred Hubig and James Curtis signed the HMGS checking account signature sheets so that James Curtis could take them with him to KSG for his 25 July meeting with them.

James Curtis advised the attendees that it was time to start planning budget estimates for Fall In and Cold Wars.

Fred Haub will draft a letter to the Historicon 2006 Director no later than 8 August.

The Board discussed Bob Giglio's proposed Historicon 2006 theme in preparation for his presentation later in the meeting.

It was reported that a manufacturer was selling figures in the tournament area of the Lampeter Room. Discussion moved on to the general topic of authors and organizations selling merchandise in the gaming areas of the convention. The Vice President for Convention Operations will send a letter to the Tourney Coordinator to get the particulars.

Fall-In 2005 Director Mike Pierce and Vice President for Communications and Outreach Jim Birdseye joined the meeting at 9:15 am.

Mike briefed the Board on activities in preparation for that convention. He raised the issue of GMs who cancel their events and discussion ensued about what to do about it.

James Mattes discussed the possibility of holding raffle drawings for up to \$600 in prizes, funding to come from the advertising budget.

Fred Hubig and Mike Pierce left the meeting at 9:25 am, Fred Hubig returning at 9:35 am.

Del Stover joined the meeting at 9:45 am and presented draft SOP folders to the Board. Del and James Curtis will discuss SOPs and their relation to the bylaws off-line.

Del will work directly with Fred Hubig to develop reporting mechanisms for Del's SOP Committee.

Del departed the meeting at 9:50 am.

James Mattes made and Bill seconded a motion that current HMGS members shall enjoy a pre-registration discount of \$10 at HMGS conventions, subject to applicable pre-registration deadlines. The motion passed unanimously by those Directors present.



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James Curtis advised the attendees that the Corporation 501(c)3 documents are on-hand and available at HMGS' Corporate Offices.

Fall-In Proposal

James Mattes made and James Curtis seconded a motion that a temporary committee be established to examine the Fall-In proposal, with Fred Hubig as it's Chair and that he appoint a total of 3 – 4 members to the committee. The motion passed unanimously by those Directors present.

Fred Hubig will provide a draft memorandum responding to the proposal to the Board no later than 7 August.

Jim Birdseye made and James Mattes seconded a motion that the Naval Military History Forum be presented at Historicon 2006. Passed unanimously by those Directors present.

Bob Giglio and Neil Brennan joined the meeting at 10:16 am. During Bob's presentation on Historicon 2006, the following were discussed:

- Bob Giglio and Duncan Adams will both, due to their jobs with Historicon 2006, need copies of MS Office 2003, which Bill will provide off-line;
- Host Hotel Point of Contact;
- Exhibitors;
- Need to coordinate timelines between Historicon 2006 and other HMGS activities; and
- Need for an HMGS credit card for use by Bob.

Bob and Neil departed the meeting at 10:40 am.

John Drye joined the meeting at 10:45 am and briefed the Directors on Historicon 2005:

- Attendance level at or just below 3000;
- Exhibitors generally seemed happy;
- Painting seminars were huge success and should be fostered in future;
- GM rebates mechanism appears to be broken – after investigation, John will send letter to those GMs who appear to have abused the policy (i.e., by canceling their events immediately upon their arrival at Historicon 2005) requesting reimbursement;
- Importance of having Directors and other non-Convention staff go through the Vice President for Convention Operations and thus through the Convention Director, when requesting actions by the convention staff or when attempting to influence convention activities; and
- Opportunity exists to increase HMGS convention exposure through tie-in to Flames of War community, their websites, etc.; Bill will take looking into this as an action to report on to the Board at their next meeting.

James Mattes and John Drye left the meeting at 11:00 am.

Bill made and Jim Birdseye seconded a motion to adjourn at 11:00 am. Passed by unanimous consent of the Directors present.

APPROVED _____
Fred Hubig, President

DATE _____

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Bill Rutherford Secretary

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