



HMGS EAST

Eastern Chapter Historical Miniatures Gaming Society

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Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors on March 6, 2008

Call to Order

President Pete Panzeri called the meeting to order at 6:48 pm in the Top Flight Room of the Lancaster Host, in Lancaster, PA.

Quorum

A quorum was established with the following Directors:

President Pete Panzeri
Executive Vice President and Vice President for Convention Operations John Drye
Treasurer Dudley Garidel
Vice President for Outreach Mike Pierce
Secretary Bill Rutherford

Also present were:

Historicon 2008 Director Bob Giglio
Fall In 2008 Director Jim McWee
Historicon 2008 Deputy Director Neil Brennan

Arriving during the meeting were:

Cold Wars 2008 Director Frank Preziosa

Convention Operations

John Drye reported on:

- HMGS shirt sales
- HMGS hardware acquisition
- Recommendation to acquire a second set of cash register keys.

Bob Giglio accepted Board tasking to acquire a second set of cash register keys NLT the Board's next meeting.

The Board established a Registration Committee with John Drye as its chair and Frank Preziosa, Bob Giglio, Jim McWee, and Bill Rutherford as members.

Bob Giglio reported on the concept of an HMGS yearbook.

Bob Giglio recommended a convention membership proposal to the Board.

John Drye, Chair of the Registration Committee, accepted Board tasking to investigate the proposal and to report to the Board NLT its next off-site meeting.

The Board reviewed the position of Vendor Liaison Officer. After discussion, Pete Panzeri appointed Mike Pierce as the Vendor Liaison Officer.

The Board reviewed the concept of a Historicon 25th Anniversary celebration.

John Drye, Chair of the Convention Operations Committee, accepted Board tasking to review options for a volunteer program and to report to the Board NLT its next off-site meeting.



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Pete Panzeri accepted Board tasking to provide GAMA volunteer program data to the Board NLT its next meeting

Fall In 2008

Jim McWee reported on the status of Fall In 2008.

Historicon 2008

Bob Giglio reported on the status of Historicon 2008 (report at Attachment 1)

Dudley Garidel accepted Board tasking to examine HMGS' taxability for income received from advertising and to report to the Board NLT its next meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The Board discussed and agreed to a Standard Tasking Format to be used in all HMGS meeting minutes.

Bill Rutherford accepted Board tasking to develop an HMGS meeting minutes SOP, a draft of which is due NLT the next Board meeting.

Bill Rutherford made and John Drye seconded a motion to table approval of the minutes for the 12 Jan 08 and 17 Feb 08 Board meetings until the 9 Mar 08 Board meeting.

The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Directors present.

HMGS Newsletter

The Board discussed the contents and publication schedule of the HMGS newsletter.

Pete Panzeri accepted Board tasking to approach HMGS volunteers and to research commercial newsletter publishers and to report to the Board NLT 24 Mar 08.

Pete Panzeri made and Mike Pierce seconded a motion that HMGS East will publish three convention mailings and a minimum of two chapter newsletters during 2008.

The motion passed unanimously by the Directors present.

Cold Wars 2008

Frank Preziosa reported on Cold Wars 2008.

Treasurer's Report

Dudley Garidel reported on current HMGS finances.

Dudley Garidel and Bill Rutherford accepted Board tasking to develop a property accountability procedure for the issue of HMGS real property valued at more than \$250, for implementation NLT the next off-site Board meeting.

Dudley Garidel reported to the Board the findings of his research of GenCon's bankruptcy proceedings.

Secretary's Report

Bill Rutherford reported on the Existing HMGS member information policies and provided the Directors Permanent Policy 95-08, at Attachment 2, and a current member data request.



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Bill provided the Board a draft Secretary Transition Policy for review.

Convention Site Search

John Drye reported on the 6 Mar 08 Convention Operations Committee visit to the Lancaster Convention Center.

Mike Pierce made and John Drye seconded a motion to adjourn.

The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Directors present.

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 pm

APPROVED _____ DATE _____
Pete Panzeri, President

APPROVED _____ DATE _____
Bill Rutherford, Secretary



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ATTACHMENT1: Historicon 2008 Report

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HISTORICON™

Historical Miniature Gaming's Biggest Summer Vacation! 2008

HISTORICON REPORT

6 March 2008

By Bob Giglio – Convention Director

I – OVERVIEW

1. Sunday Count Out: Has anyone been secured to replace the previous count out person (Richard Egtvedt) yet?
2. Additional Local Hotel: Due to Lancaster Township delays, construction on the new Candlewoods Suites could not begin in April so they could open June 2008. As a result the brand name was changed to Comfort Suites, which will now be ready in 2009, and a Group Block contract will be established with them for HISTORICON 2009. The result is that the total Group Block (3 hotels, not including the Lancaster Host) reserved for HISTORICON 2008 is still 171 rooms (50 more than last year!)
3. John Drye (ConOps) and I will be meeting with the Host Management on Friday 10 AM to discuss the Wheatland Room (Comedy Club) at HISTORICON.

II – PROMOTIONS

1. Osprey Publishing: As a sponsor, besides promoting via their newsletters (distribution 20,000/month), they will be printing HISTORICON 2008 fliers to hand out at the Osprey booth at Salute – the largest miniature gaming tradeshow in Britain – in April.
2. Armchair General Magazine: Are returning again this year as a sponsor. In addition to their speakers and adverts in their magazine promoting The Military Seminar Series, they will be have a web page on their website of their speakers and links to our website.
3. Miniature Wargames: Have given permission to use their 4-page AAR (Nov.'07 issue) of HISTORICON 2007 on the convention website for promotional purposes, and this is also on the HMGS website as well.
4. Casemate Publishing, Ltd: Working with them to be involved for promotions and speakers; a new untapped promotional avenue of history enthusiasts.

III – EXHIBITORS

1. Brochure Adverts: Already have requests 2 full-page full color adverts (\$1700 total income), a third pending.
2. Program Adverts: Due to demand for the only full color advert space in the convention program (i.e., back cover) – there will be two new firsts for HMGS East!
 - The inside of the cover will also be in color, and rates increased accordingly
 - There will be one sheet of color (4 pages) in the program itself – two new firsts!

IV - EVENTS

1. Flames of War US National Tournament: A major event will have its first year at HISTORICON in 2008.
2. Field of Glory: This new ancients and medieval rules set by Slitherine and Osprey Publishing will be another new tournament at HISTORICON 2008, plus demos.
3. Painting Events: Iron Paintbrush will be expanded a bit for 2008, since it seems to be well received in 2007.
4. Modeling Competition: Society of the Daisy will run and sponsor this new hobby competition.
5. Military Seminar Series: Another robust slate of speakers/seminars; some of the speakers this year are:
 - Rene Chartrand, Guest of Honor (theme)
 - Dr. Walter Powell, Director – Braddock Road Preservation Association (theme)
 - Doug MacGregor, Ft. Pitt Museum (theme)
 - Martin West, Director – Ft. Ligonier (theme)
 - Col. David Glantz (WWII)
 - John Hill – 25th Anniversary of Johnny Reb
 - Lester Grau (Modern Wars)
 - Plus others, including seminars by Osprey
 - Christopher Duffy was planned to be a Guest of Honor (theme), but declined
 - Theme GM Guests of Honor: Rules author Bill Protz, w/Jim Purky, both of SYW Assoc.; will present “big battalion” SYW games. Both will co-host a seminar.



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ATTACHMENT 2: HMGS Member Information Policy Report

95-08. HMGS East will not sell or otherwise distribute its membership list to any commercial vendor, though portions might be given to individual or official convention management for personal or hobby use. 5 Nov 95.