



HMGS EAST

Eastern Chapter Historical Miniatures Gaming Society

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Minutes of the General Membership Meeting March 17, 2007

On March 17, 2007, the Membership of the Historical Miniatures Gaming Society met for the General Membership Meeting in the Show Room of the Lancaster Host Resort & Conference Center located at 2300 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, PA.

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order by President Pete Panzeri at 8:12 am.

Directors Present:

President Pete Panzeri
Executive Vice President and VP for Communications Dan McDonagh
Treasurer James Curtis
Secretary Bill Rutherford
VP for Education Don Manser
VP for Outreach James Mattes
Director Fred Haub

Quorum Determination:

Secretary Bill Rutherford reported that there was no quorum of at least 40 members present, with 35 members in attendance.

Introduction/Order of Business

Pete Panzeri welcomed the attendees to the meeting and reviewed the meeting order of business in the meeting notice.

Nominations for the 2007 HMGS East Board of Directors Election

The following candidates were nominated for election to the HMGS East Board of Directors, in order of presentation:

- Dudley Garidel, nominated by Mitch Osborne and seconded by John Drye.
- John Drye, nominated by Bill Rutherford and seconded by Walt O'Hara.
- Dan McDonagh, nominated by Jim McWee and seconded by Mitch Osborne.
- Mike Pierce, nominated by Michael Montamerano and seconded by Jeff Wiltrout.
- Heather Blush, nominated by Jay Hadley and seconded by James Curtis.
- James Mattes, nominated by James Curtis and seconded by Bill Rutherford.



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Pat Condray made and Dudley Garidel seconded a motion to close the nominations.

Passed by unanimous consent of those members present.

Old Business

Pete Panzeri reviewed the progress of the referendum mandated at the 2006 HMGS East Annual Meeting of Members and advised the attendees that a revised referendum will be sent to the membership as part of the 2007 HMGS Board Election ballot.

New Business

Pete Panzeri reported that the motion appearing in the meeting notice had been withdrawn by its author.

Officers' Reports

Cold Wars 2007 Report

Cold Wars 2007 Convention Director Walt O'Hara reported on the status of Cold Wars 2007 and yielded the floor to Cold Wars 2008 Director Frank Preziosa who further reported on Cold Wars 2007 and who announced the theme for Cold Wars 2008: "The Golden Age of Piracy".

Fall-In 2007 Report

Fall-In 2007 Director Jim McWee introduced himself and reported:

- The theme for Fall-In 2007 will be "Westward Ho! The Expansion of America".
- The Fall-In 2007 website is now up and running.

Historicon 2007 Report

Historicon 2007 Deputy Director Neil Brennan reported:

- The Historicon 2007 website is up and running. Special thanks were extended to Jim McWee and Orest Swystun for their work on the website.
- Events registration for Historicon 2007 will open on 19 Mar 07.
- Special thanks were extended to the tournaments staff for their work with the events management staff in making everything fit together.

Executive Vice President's Report

Dan McDonagh reported:

- There will be three full-color and two black and white newsletters per year:
 - The three full-color issues will be the convention newsletters.
 - The two black and white issues will be the Chapter Business Newsletter and the Membership Index.
- The annual end-of-year Almanac will be published on-line and not in print.



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Pete Panzeri reported:

- The appointment of Mitch Osborne, our new Publications Officer, who will report to the VP for Communications.
- HMGS East currently has three non-Director Officers:
 - Marketing and Promotions Officer – Heather Blush
 - Publications Officer – Mitch Osborne
 - Webmaster – Bill Gray

Secretary's Report

Bill Rutherford reported that as of COB on March 16, 2007, HMGS membership stood at 1,534.

Treasurer's Report

James Curtis reported:

- The FY2006 December Financial Reports and FY2007 approved budget have both been uploaded to the files area of the HMGS East Issues Forum Yahoo Group and the January 2007 Financial Report will be uploaded during the coming week.

Vice President for Education's Report

Don Manser reported:

- HMGS will continue to support the National History Day program in 2007.
- HMGS is developing a High School Education Program.
- HMGS is exploring the revival of the Military Forum.

Vice President for Convention Operations' Report

Pete Panzeri reported on:

- Convention Operations.
- The Strategic Planning Committee and provided the site selection criteria listing at Attachment 1.

Pat Condray made and Mitch Osborne seconded a motion to adjourn.

The motion passed by acclamation at 9:05 am.

APPROVED _____
Pete Panzeri, President

DATE _____

APPROVED _____
Bill Rutherford, Secretary

DATE _____



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Attachment 1: Strategic Planning Committee Site Selection Criteria

Extract from the Convention New Site Task Force Committee Report:

The following evaluation criteria are being considered.

Screening Criteria:

- Location: Within target box, i.e. Philadelphia on North, Washington D.C. on South, Gettysburg on West, Atlantic Ocean on East.
- Exhibit Space: $\geq 100,000$ square feet.
- Hotel Rooms Available: ≥ 300 rooms onsite, 1,000 within 1 mile radius.
- Hotel Room Costs: $\leq \$150$ per night for a double.

Comparison Criteria:

- Facility Costs: Offset by hotel rooms.
- Facility Quality: Equal to or better than Lancaster Host quality.
- Parking: Quantity & price.
- Dining/Food: Onsite & local.
- Airport Proximity: Is the site a major destination?
- Highway Proximity: Is the site on a major corridor?
- Family Vacation Options
- Handicap and Special Considerations