



HMGS EAST

Eastern Chapter Historical Miniatures Gaming Society

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Members July 23, 2005

On July 23, 2005, the Membership of the Historical Miniatures Gaming Society met for the Annual Meeting of Members in the Alta Vista Café 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 Fred Hubig at 8:12 am.

Directors Present

President Fred Hubig

Executive Vice President Pete Panzeri

Vice President for Communications and Marketing James Mattes

Treasurer James Curtis

Vice President for Education and Outreach Jim Birdseye

Secretary and Vice President for Membership Services Bill Rutherford

Vice President for Convention Operations and Exhibitor Liaison Fred Haub

Quorum Determination

Secretary Bill Rutherford reported that there was no quorum, only 37 (of the 40 required) HMGS members being in attendance.

Introduction

Fred Hubig welcomed the attendees to the meeting during which time a quorum was obtained, the number of attendees increasing to 41 at 8:18 am.

A moment of silence was observed for Wally Simon.

Reading of Minutes

Bill Rutherford made and John Drye seconded a motion to defer the approval of the minutes from the 9 April 2005 General Membership Meeting until just before New Business. Passed by unanimous consent of those present.

New Business

Bill Rutherford informally asked that the approval of the minutes be deferred again, to give people a chance to read them. General consensus allowed this.

Keith Rocco Reimbursement

Jim Hergenhan made and John Drye seconded a motion that HMGS should reimburse Keith Rocco, a featured speaker at Historicon 2005, for his lodging expenses.

Bill Rutherford made, and James Mattes seconded a motion to make a friendly



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amendment to the original motion, that the membership-in-attendance recommend to the Board that Keith Rocco be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred by him in coming to Historicon 2005 to speak. The motion passed, with 41 in favor, one abstention, and two against.

Officer Election Results

Fred Hubig announced the results of the HMGS Officer elections held prior to the Annual Meeting of Members:

- President: Fred Hubig
- Executive Vice President: Pete Panzeri
- Treasurer: James Curtis
- Vice President for Information and Marketing: James Mattes
- Vice President for Education and Outreach: Jim Birdseye
- Vice President for Convention Operations: Fred Haub
- Secretary and Vice President for Member Services: Bill Rutherford

Fred further announced the appointment of Bob Giglio as Director of Historicon 2006.

Historicon 2005 Director's Report

John briefed the meeting attendees:

- Weekend attendance is in the neighborhood of 3,000;
- There were more Exhibitors and more Events than ever;
- A few GMs appear to be abusing the free GM admission policy and this is being investigated;
- The Painting Events have been particularly successful;
- He thanked the staff and volunteers for their hard work; and
- Said Good-bye to the attendees.

Historicon 2006 Director's Introduction

Bob Giglio introduced his senior staff, including:

- Duncan Adams, Events Coordinator
- Jeff and Monica Hobbs, Exhibitor Coordinators
- Rich Hasenauer, Program and Brochures
- John Franklin, Promotions
- Neil Brennan, Registrar and Deputy Director
- Orest Swystun, Webmaster

He went on to announce a proposed theme, "Modern War in Africa 1905 – 1906" and spoke of a possible Osprey Publishing connection as well as possible Military History Seminar and Lecture activities in conjunction with the theme.

Note: Quorum was lost at 8:50 am when attendance fell below 40, to 37.



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State of the Host

Glenn Kidd asked about plans for HMGS to remain at the Lancaster Host, or to move to other venues. Fred Hubig spoke about the recently re-activated Convention Committee, which is looking into alternative venues, and also about the recent sale of the Host and the new owners' commitment to renovations.

Membership Meeting Times

Mark Zazlafsky recommended moving membership meetings to Sunday mornings.

Junior Memberships

Augie Theising recommended the consideration by HMGS of a Junior Membership fee for students/teenagers which led to a healthy discussion of membership and convention admission fees.

Treasurer's Report

James Curtis reported that:

- All financial reports through June 2005 are available on the HMGS Issues Forum Yahoo Group;
- Cold Wars 2005 netted \geq \$17,000; and
- Finance Committee: Budget review is beginning, to formulate FY2006 budget.

There ensued a general discussion of cashflow, the budget, etc.

Executive Vice President's Report

Pete Panzeri:

- Gave his closing report as Communications Director;
 - Described the concept and content of the Convention Issue of the HMGS newsletter, i.e., the full-color issue that goes out shortly after each convention to advertise the next convention.
 - Announced that he would present his Late Issue Report, regarding the Cold Wars Convention newsletter, to the Board at their Sunday meeting.
 - Told the attendees that he would bring his awards program proposal to the Board for their approval.
- Talked about his goals as Executive Vice President:
 - Chairmanship of the Convention Review Committee
 - Chief of Staff for the President; and
 - Chairmanship of the SOP Committee
 - Development of Director job descriptions

Vice President for Communications and Marketing

James Mattes reported on:



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- Cooperative effort under way with TSS regarding post card mailings in support of their events;
- NOVAG mailing support;
- Concerns about newsletter mailings;
- The importance of the role of Exhibitor Liaison office; and
- Heather Blush's assumption of the Chair of the Marketing Committee.

Vice President for Education and Outreach

Jim Birdseye reported on his plans, including:

- Convention mailings;
- National History Day;
- Regional convention mailing packages;
- Boy Scout merit badge program;
- Military History Forum Journal;
- School lesson plans in the educational use of miniature figures;
- Press release program:
 - Photo Release Program
 - Photo File; and
- Development of an HMGS calendar suitable for hanging on one's wall.

Secretary's Report

Bill Rutherford reported that:

- Current membership (as of 7/22/05) stands at 2,514;
- Membership in 2005 will probably drop by a percent or two due to the economic dynamic that resulted from the new membership and convention fee structure;
- Bylaws Committee chairmanship turned over to James Curtis as part of his Articles Committee;
- It's up to the members to let HMGS know when they move or change address – we need your help!
- PayPal:
 - Usage has increased a couple of percent; and
 - Convention registration page instructions on convention websites need to be simplified to make them easier to use.



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Vice President for Convention Operations Report

Fred thanked the membership for voting for him and having such confidence in his abilities, and stated that he would do his very best to serve our society well.

Augie Theising asked whether a GM wanting to register on-line for the convention needed to use PayPal. He was advised that a simple e-mail message to the Registrar would suffice if the GM weren't purchasing anything. If the GM were purchasing something, PayPal would be how to do so on-line.

John Camarano noted that the event registration cut-off for GM free admission eligibility differed, depending upon where one read it and asked if it would be possible to publish a consistent timeline with cut-off dates to minimize confusion. James Mattes advised John that it should be and that a convention calendar will be published to the membership to ensure consistency of dates, etc..

Fred Hubig introduced Bob and Cleo Liebl as the new (and returning) HMGS newsletter editors.

Pat Condray made and Dick Sossi seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 am. Passed unanimously by those present.

APPROVED _____
Fred Hubig, President

DATE _____

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Bill Rutherford, Secretary

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