



HMGS EAST

# Eastern Chapter Historical Miniatures Gaming Society

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## DRAFT FOR MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL

### Minutes of the General Membership Meeting March 8, 2008

On March 8, 2008, the Membership of the Historical Miniatures Gaming Society met for the General Membership Meeting in the Hopewell 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 8:08 am.

#### **Directors Present:**

President Pete Panzeri  
Executive Vice President and Vice President for Convention Operations John Drye  
Treasurer Dudley Garidel  
Vice President for Outreach Mike Pierce  
Vice President for Education Don Manser  
Vice President for Communications Heather Blush  
Secretary Bill Rutherford

#### **Quorum Determination:**

Secretary Bill Rutherford reported that there was no quorum of at least 40 members present, with 17 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:

- George Nafziger, nominated by Bill Rutherford and seconded by Michael Montamerano.
- Don Manser, nominated by Jay Hadley and seconded by Mike Pierce.
- Paul Delaney, nominated by Pat Shields and seconded by Bill Rutherford.
- Dan McDonagh, nominated by Don Manser and seconded by Dudley Garidel.
- Pete Panzeri, nominated by Dudley Garidel and seconded by Jay Hadley.



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- Kevin Combs, nominated by Bob Giglio and seconded by Heather Blush.

John Drye made and Bob Giglio seconded a motion to close the nominations.

Passed by unanimous consent of those members present.

### Secretary's Report

Bill Rutherford reported:

- Membership Numbers:
  - As of COB on March 7, 2008, HMGS membership stood at 1,521.
- Membership Database and Lost Members:
  - The number of current HMGS members with invalid mailing addresses is approximately seven; efforts continue to try to obtain valid addresses for them.
  - If you move it's important to let HMGS know – the post office will forward some mail but it's better to get newsletters, etc., properly addressed from the start.
- PayPal: PayPal usage for convention registration continues to remain relatively constant at 42.5% for Cold Wars 2008 pre-registrations.
- Convention Registration System: Several enhancements have been made to the system, due primarily to the efforts of Duncan Adams.

### Treasurer's Report

Dudley Garidel:

- Extended his thanks to former Treasurer James Curtis for his help and counsel.
- Reported that:
  - The current financial statements, effective as of 31 dDecember 2007 have been posted to the HMGS Issues Forum.
  - HMGS East has approximately \$255K in assets on-hand.
  - The recent IRS audit went well; HMGS awaits receipt of the IRS' final report.

### HMGS East Newsletter

On behalf of the Board Pete Panzeri apologized for the non-publication of the final 2007 newsletter.

### Vice President for Convention Operations' Report

John Drye:

- Extended thanks to the Cold Wars 2008 staff for the outstanding job they've done with Cold Wars 2008 and reported the next issue's production plan.
- Reported that:
  - HMGS East representatives held frank and open discussions with representatives from the Lancaster Host regarding on-site issues.
  - A convention site search is ongoing and the Convention Operations Committee is visiting other potential venues.



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Michael Montamerano recommended to the Board that they ask the Lancaster Host's management whether they plan to demolish the Lancaster Host and that the Board get a reply in writing.

#### **Vice President for Outreach Report**

Mike Pierce:

- Extended thanks to former VP for Outreach James Mattes for his generous sharing of knowledge and experience.
- Reported on:
  - HMGS support to Barrage
  - HMGS support to the New Jersey Minicon
  - HMGS support to Heat of Battle

#### **Vice President of Communications' Report**

Heather Blush reported on the status of the HMGS East newsletter.

James Mattes recommended posting the newsletter on-line.

#### **Vice President for Education**

Don Manser reported on:

- HMGS support for History Day
- Plans to attend History Day awards ceremonies.
- He and the VP for Outreach are working closely to leverage overlapping opportunities.

#### **2008 Flames of War National Tournament**

Pete Panzeri reported that this tournament will be held at Historicon 2008.

#### **Cold Wars 2008**

Convention Director Frank Preziosa reported:

- There is a need for effective means to communicate members' membership status and renewal requirements.
- Flea Market sales have been good.
- Buy raffle tickets!!!
- Exhibit Hall security is good.
- The Cold Wars 2009 theme is "Revolutions – 3,000 years of revolution, civil war, and revolts"

#### **Historicon 2008**

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



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**Fall In 2008**

President Pete Panzeri reported on behalf of Fall In 2008 Director Jim McWee.

**Convention Site Search**

Pete Panzeri reported:

- The short list of possible convention sites includes:
  - Tradewinds Convention Center
  - Lancaster Host
  - Lancaster City Convention Center
  - Baltimore Convention Center
- An on-line survey of attendee site preferences is underway on the HMGS Issues Forum Yahoo group.

George Nafziger recommended HMGS East poll its vendors regarding site preferences as well.

James Mattes made and George Nafziger seconded a motion to adjourn.

The motion passed by unanimous consent of the members present at 9:09 am.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
Pete Panzeri, President

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Rutherford, Secretary

DATE \_\_\_\_\_



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**ATTACHMENT1: Historicon 2008 Report**

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# HISTORICON™

Historical Miniature Gaming's Biggest Summer Vacation! 2008

## HISTORICON REPORT

8 March 2008

By Bob Giglio – Convention Director

### **I – OVERVIEW**

1. 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!)

### **II – PROMOTIONS**

1. Osprey Publishing: New this year for promotions as part of Osprey's sponsorship of HISTORICON, they will be printing 10,000+ b/w HISTORICON 2008 fliers to hand out at the Osprey booth at Salute – the largest miniature gaming tradeshow in Britain – in April.
2. Wargames Illustrated: Besides adverts in their magazine, an AAR will be forthcoming this spring about HISTORICON 2007, to give a better (timely) promotional support of the convention.
3. 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.

### **III – 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. Terrain 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.

### **IV – FUTURE HISTORICON THEMES**

- HISTORICON 2009 Theme: “Ride to the Sound of the Guns...” – Napoleon's 1809 Campaign and the Spanish Ulcer (Peninsular War, 1807-14)
- HISTORICON 2010 Theme: “Pike and Shot” – Seventeenth Century European Warfare, 1600-99