

MVPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 7, 2010 * Kansas Expocentre * Topeka, Kansas
Approved

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

President, David Welch at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2010, called the REGULAR meeting of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association's Board of Directors to order. There was a quorum present and Administrative Assistant Tracey Metcalf recorded the minutes.

Present:

David Cadorette – Amherst, NH	John Pojunos – Olathe, KS
Toby Chandler – Austin, TX	Steve Preston – Oregon City, OR
John Cheney II – North Baltimore, OH	David Welch – Gillette, NJ
David Doyle – Memphis, TN	Kay Willard – Independence, MO
Kevin Emdee – Radcliff, KY	Randy Withrow – Huntsville, AL
Reg Hodgson – St. Albert, AB, Canada	Tom Wolboldt – Fleming, OH
Kevin Kronlund - Spooner, WI	
MVPA-HQ Staff: Tracey Metcalf and Susan Young, Independence, MO	
The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance	

MOTION BY David Cadorette to accept the meeting agenda, **ADOPTED Unanimously**

MOTION BY David Doyle to accept the standing rules. **ADOPTED Unanimously**

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT

A. Winter Board Meeting Minutes

1. Tom Wolboldt requested the minutes reflect that David Doyle's job description for the Supply Line Editor position was approved by the Board (VI.A)
2. VIII. B. Change "ad rates" to "discounts"

MOTION BY John Cheney II to accept the minutes of the March 2010 meeting with the above changes, **ADOPTED Unanimously.**

B. **President David Welch** requested the Board allow John Lind of the Arsenal of Democracy Affiliate to give a bid for the 2013 convention. The AoD proposed the event be held in Warren, MI at the Macomb Sports and Expo Center. The group will organize tours to TACOM, they feel they can procure corporate sponsorship and special grants. They would like to open to the public for \$5.00 per day, while the cost of the venue is near \$31,000.

MOTION BY John Cheney II for John Lind to work with Steve Preston to resolve the budget issues and report to the Board before 1 August electronically. **ADOPTED Unanimously**

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. Kay Willard reported that membership is at 8259; 270 Italians rejoined at regular (increased) rate, while 375 did not rejoin. Membership is actually down by 182 members from last year.
- a. David Welch added that the (IMVCC) Italian members paid through their group at a discounted rate. The rates were raised to match the regular overseas membership rates.
 - b. The mailings at the old rate actually caused the organization to lose money, deeming the increase necessary even though we lost the 375 Italian members.
- B. Kay reported that we will most likely come in under the 2009-10 budgeted deficit of \$91,256. This was changed from \$78,448 when Kay realized that Steve's convention budget net did not include the host groups 30% cut. Kay noted a lot depends on the Topeka convention net which she thinks will be about \$19,000 less than Steve's projection. On the flip side the publication postage costs are less than budgeted as well as Army Motors printing, and there will be some additional cost savings in the general expenses. This should bring us close to a \$75,000 deficit.
- C. Randy Withrow noted that he and Kay had been working diligently trying to balance the 2010-2011 budget. They presented a budget with a projected net income of \$20,593. Kay noted this is a barebones budget that does not include an increase in postage or printing or unexpected expenses.
- D. David Doyle reported that he has implemented many of his ideas for the appearance and improvements to Supply Line, and is also achieving the financial success he had hoped for.

- E. David continued that the cost saving of combining publications has been discussed.
 - a. Kevin Emdee asked the members in attendance if it would bother them if the publications were bound together, to which they replied that it would be fine as long as they were still separate publications.
 - b. Reg Hodgson reported that he serves at the discretion of the Board and would accept whatever changes they chose to make
- F. Discussion of the TMC'09 merchandise inventory and costs was postponed until the sales at convention are complete, and a report will be sent to the Board.

IV. EDITOR'S REPORT

- A. David Doyle reported that he had nothing to add to the Supply Line report (see above).
- B. Reg reported that he and David Doyle worked well together on the production of the publications.
- C. Reg noted that most of the contributions to Army Motors are unsolicited, and the good articles are printed, while others are not, and that he tries to put a priority on printing non-WWII articles, but has a very limited supply.
- D. David Welch asked Reg to tell the attendees how to submit an article to which he replied, they can communicate by e-mail, phone or fax with him directly. Articles may also be submitted to HQ and they will be forwarded on to him.
- E. Reg pointed out the "Where in the World is Army Motors" section of the magazine and continued that he has had a very good response from members.
- F. David Cadorette pointed out that Reg would be publishing his 100th issue with #133, to which he received a round of applause.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Kay Willard reported that the new MVPA Bucks are going to be mailed for new member recruitments. The Bucks are good for one year and can be redeemed for membership, book club, advertising or convention registration. Affiliate Groups will also be receiving Bucks instead of the \$5.00 payment.

B. David Cadorette reported that the process of having the MVPA's logo trademarked has begun, with the proper format. He explained that this would limit the use of, and gain more control, of the logo when complete.

C. The Board reviewed several policies to reflect operational and functional changes, as well as verbiage corrections lead by Tom Wolboldt. (See attached policies)

a. MVPA Policy #1 – Standing Committee

- 1. Changes were noted in paragraphs b, c, and d.

MOTION BY, David Doyle to accept the changes in paragraphs b, c, and d; **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 2. Changes were noted in paragraphs h, l, and j

MOTION BY, John Cheney II to accept the changes in paragraphs h, l and j; **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 3. Changes were noted in paragraphs q, r, and

MOTION BY, David Cadorette to accept the changes in paragraphs q, and r as written; **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 4. Change to item "s" was tabled until the fall Board Meeting.

b. MVPA Policy #2 – Display of Weapons, Uniforms and Vehicles.

- 1. The verbiage in paragraph 7 is to be modified by Kevin Emdee and Tom Wolboldt and brought back to the Board electronically before the next meeting.
- 2. Toby suggested combining Policy #2 and #11, but the Board did not make any changes.

c. MVPA Policy #3 – Board of Directors Election Procedures

- 1. Toby Chandler and Tom Wolboldt addressed the election process, currently a 14 month process, and presented suggested changes to reduce it to 12 months.
- 2. Toby would like online voting to save on postage and perhaps boost participation. This could be possible with the new membership software.
- 3. Toby would the affiliates become more involved in the nomination process, As a result the affiliate Presidents will be noticed via email starting with the call for nominations and continue to receive emails throughout the election process. (see revised policy #3)

MOTION BY, David Cadorette to accept the changes noted in items 1 – 13, with revisions to item 12; **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**.

MOTION BY, David Doyle to accept the changes noted in items 14 – 16; **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**.

d. MVPA Policy #4 – Affiliated Organization

1. Changes were noted in paragraphs 2, 5, 6, 8, 11, 18, 19, 21, 23, and 25.

MOTION BY, David Cadorette to accept the changes to paragraphs 2, 5, 9, 11, 19, 23, and 26 with revisions; **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**.

MOTION BY, Kevin Emdee to keep the verbiage of paragraph 11 as written by Tom Wolboldt, **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**.

e. MVPA Policy #5 – Annual Conventions

1. Changes were suggested to all of the areas of the policy

MOTION BY John Cheney to accept the changes to item 3, with the following verbiage revision: ***After the convention, the Host Affiliate will be reimbursed for all expenses pre-approved by the convention chairman, including costs incurred to make the original presentation to the MVPA Board of Directors***; **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**.

MOTION BY, David Cadorette to accept the changes to *Hosting a MVPA Convention paragraphs 2 – 5* only; **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**.

2. The Affiliate Host Requirement section is to be revisited before any changes are made.
3. No changes were made to *The Admittance Policy*.

f. MVPA Policy #7 – Membership

MOTION BY, John Cheney II to accept the changes to paragraph 2; **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**.

g. MVPA Policy #11 – Firearms in Public Policy

MOTION BY, John Cheney II to accept the changes to paragraph 1; **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**.

h. MVPA Policy #12 – Re-enactor Guidelines

IT WAS DECIDED to table discussion of Policy #12.

i. MVPA Policy #14 – MVPA Director Benefits

MOTION BY, David Cadorette to accept the changes to item 7; **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**.

j. MVPA Policy #17 – Meeting Minutes

IT WAS DECIDED to make no changes to Policy #17

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Three Groups applied for Affiliation to the MVPA
 1. Tri-State Military Vehicle Club of Tennessee
 2. West Virginia Military Vehicle Veterans Support group
 3. Armor Modeling a Preservation Society

MOTION BY, David Doyle to accept all three groups as new affiliates, **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**.

- B. MVPA Auction / Classified Ad section on the MVPA's website was proposed by Tom Wolboldt.

MOTION BY, David Doyle to authorize Tom Wolboldt to procure the software and web hosting service for a 3-year test period with Tom being the Auctioneer; **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**.

C. Tom Cannery would like to see a policy in place to designate that state legislation in the future have all military vehicles covered, not individual groups. **IT WAS DECIDED** to place this item on the winter 2011 meeting.

VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Convoy Committee: Terry Shelswell gives a SITREP on future MVPA convoys. He asked for the Board's approval to move forward on organizing an ALCAN Highway convoy in 2012.

MOTION BY, Kevin Kronlund to accept Terry Shelswell's proposal to begin organizing the 2012 ALCAN Convoy; **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MOTION BY, John Cheney II to create a new Standing Committee for future convoy planning, **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.**

President David Welch appointed Tom Wolboldt and John Cheney II to the convoy subcommittee.

B. Vehicle Judging: Tom Wolboldt reported the vehicle move-in was going well in Topeka, judging seemed to be going as planned. He hopes to have judging complete by 2 p.m. Friday for ease in tabulation and compiling the awards.

C. Convention Committee

1. Steve Preston noted the Topeka convention was running smoothly and he saw no complications arising.
2. Steve told the Board that the newly accepted Affiliate Group, Armor Modelers and Preservation Association is interested in hosting an MVPA convention in the near future.
3. John Cheney II reported that the 2012 Dayton convention plans were coming along; the Hope Hotel contract had been signed and the preliminary proposed contract with the Nutter Center is complete once signed by the venue.

MOTION BY Tom Wolboldt to allow the Marlboro Volunteers to perform the firearms demonstration; **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. Kevin Emdee reported that the Safety Committee was reviewing the military's *Ground Movement Guide*, *Weapons Guide* and Army Safety Center resources for assistance in compiling an MVPA Safety Guide to be presented to the Board at a later date.

E. John Cheney II requested he be replaced as the Election Committee Chair since he will be running for reelection in 2011.

David Welch appointed Kevin Kronlund as the Election Committee Chairman, with Toby Chandler and Kevin Emdee to serve as members of the committee.

X. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Randy Withrow suggested it would be more economical to lengthen the summer meeting instead of adding a fall meeting.

MOTION BY David Cadorette to schedule a fall Board of Directors meeting in November 2010. **Motion Carried;** 10 yes, 1 no and 1 abstain. (*Note; the dates of 12 & 13 November were selecting during the August BOD conference call*)

IT WAS DECIDED the Winter 2011 meeting will be held 25-26 March 2011. The Location to be determined in the future.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION BY David Cadorette to go into Executive Session. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Minutes of the Executive Session were taken by Tom Wolboldt, Secretary.

XII. BOARD EMERGED FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Randy and Kay reviewed the changes to the 2010/2011 budget that occurred during the meeting.

- A. An additional \$4000 for website upgrades, making the total expense of \$8000
- B. An additional \$1600 (\$1300 setup + \$25 monthly hosting) for an online MVPA auction.
- C. It was agreed that this budget includes an anticipated \$24,565 publication savings to be achieved by combining Supply Line and Army Motors as recommended by the publication committee.
- D. The cost for an additional Board Meeting to be held in the fall. (Note: No dollar figure was set during the meeting – Kay estimates this cost to be a minimum of \$3000 and a max of \$7000 depending on how many directors request travel reimbursement and if the Hope Hotel grants any comp rooms and meals.)
- E. Note these additional expenses take the budgeted net income from \$20,592 to \$12,292.

MOTION BY Toby Chandler to accept the recommendation of the Publication Committee to combine *Supply Line* and *Army Motors* (This is an anticipated annual savings of \$24,565) **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

MOTION BY David Cadorette to accept the 2010/2011 budget as revised; **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

MOTION BY David Cadorette to adjourn the meeting; **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

XIII. MEETING ADJOURNED: by President David Welch

Respectfully submitted by Tracey Metcalf, Administrative Assistant:
To Kay Willard, C.O.O. for Review on 7/22/2010
Following submission to Secretary Tom Wolboldt on 8/6/2010
Full Board approval on enter date here 11/12/2010