

MVPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 14-15, 2008 * Drury Inn * Kansas City, Missouri

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

President, David Welch at 5:37 p.m. on Friday, November 14, 2008, called the REGULAR meeting of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association's Board of Directors to order. Administrative Assistant Tracey Metcalf recorded the minutes. Tom Wolboldt led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call:

John Cheney II – North Baltimore, OH	John Varner – Onamia, MN
Reg Hodgson – St. Albert, AB, Canada	David Welch – Gillette, NJ
Sven Johnson - Belvidere, NJ	Greg Wolanin - Loudonville, NY
Al Nicholson – Red Deer, AB, Canada	Tom Wolboldt – Fleming, OH
John Pojunos – Olathe, KS	
MVPA-HQ Staff: Kay Willard, Tracey Metcalf and Susan Young, Independence, MO	

Not Present:

David Cadorette – Amherst, NH, Jim Dias – Los Gatos, CA, Kenton Tucker – Scottsdale, AZ

MOTION by Greg Wolanin, to accept the agenda, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by John Varner to accept the standing rules, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION by John Varner to accept the August 2008 Board Meeting minutes, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Sven Johnson to accept the August 2008 Membership Meeting with the quorum percentage changed from 2% to 1%, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

John Pojunos reported the MVPA's investments yielded 1.9%. 3% of the MVPA's investments are in stocks (funding stocks has ceased during the volatile market), 72% are in bonds and 25% are in a money market.

Kay reported on the budget:

We ended with an estimated \$31,058 deficit for 2007-08. (Note: the CPA has not finalized her report). This is less than the \$42,408 in 2006-07 but higher than the \$28,824 in 2005-06, which was the first year in the red since 1991.

About 65% of the US Affiliate groups paid the \$100 for group insurance, which covered \$4500 of the \$7496 premium.

David Welch asked why the budgeted deficit was nearly \$56,000 more than the actual. Kay said she budgets very conservatively on the income side, and that it is difficult to predict the membership income and convention net. Membership income was \$26,800 over budget and the convention net income was \$5152 less than budgeted due to higher than expected expenses. (Note: in addition the printing expense increase for Supply Line and Army Motors was over estimated by \$14,000. We had \$6300 more than expected income from Affiliate insurance payments and investment gains. The General Expenses were budgeted \$5462 high of which \$4750 was for the final phase of the Army Motors conversion to CD project, which did not happen.)

Kay asked the Board to review the 2008-09 budget with a \$75,000 deficit. Kay said membership and Supply Line ad income are budgeted at last year's actual income. Publication costs are set 11% over last year. General Expenses are about \$12,000 more than last year of which \$6000 is the TMC09 allocation and \$8,400 for computer equipment, copier and office equipment. Kay will review and adjust the budget for the April meeting.

ACTION WITHOUT OBJECTION John Pojunos is to ask the accountant if it would be better to amortize the building maintenance expenses.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Affiliate Website Award: John Cheney II will bring the criteria, format for standards and award ideas for the April 2009 meeting. It was suggested we have easier access to Affiliate websites from the MVPA site.

Safety Guideline: Sven Johnson found the ATHS does not have any safety guidelines, but he will attempt to get material from other old car clubs. David Welch asked that this be moved to the next meeting, he has a ton of material to be reviewed from Lee Holland.

Bylaw revision: Tom Wolboldt reported that as of 12 November 2008 the results were 175 for and 27 against, with 10 not valid for a total return of 213 ballots.

The meeting adjourned Friday at 7:10 pm

President David Welch called the meeting to order at 8:29 am Saturday 15 November 2008. All Directors and the HQ staff were present, with the exception of David Cadorette, Jim Dias, and Kenton Tucker.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Judging Standards

1. David Welch discussed expanding the MVPA judging standards to include judging at Affiliate events, local shows and, if geographically possible, to judge on an individual basis.
2. David wants to develop a Wiki (living) document for the noted experts to write these standards and have members able to access the information and ask questions.
3. David said he would like to publish some of the new judging ideas in *Supply Line* and ask for member input via e-mail. John Pojunos suggested doing so in *Military Vehicle Magazine* also.

B. *Supply Line* & *Army Motors* Combined to save money

1. John Pojunos noted we would be able to save money by combining *Army Motors* and *Supply Line*, but the Board feels this action did not have to be carried out now.
2. John Varner suggested we set up our system to send the publications via the Internet to save money and allow the overseas members to receive the publication in a timelier manner.

C. Cafeteria Postage Payments

1. Because of the ever-increasing cost of postage especially for Overseas, Canada and US First Class, the Board considered a cafeteria plan. The annual membership dues would be the same for all members with various options for postage and delivery.
2. One option to be offered is electronically receiving the publications from the web site, which would have to be tied to the MVPA's database.
3. Kay & John Pojunos to research costs and prepare figures for Executive Committee by first of 2009.
4. Kay & John to get cost estimates to tie the membership database to the website.

MOTION by Greg Wolanin to implement the Cafeteria postage pricing for the 2009 renewal session, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Outside source to increase *Supply Line* advertisement sales

MOTION by Greg Wolanin to have the Executive Committee to contact outside sales persons to work on commission, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. Pioneer Award was suggested for HMV hobbyist who had a great influence on the hobby.

MOTION by Greg Wolanin to implement a Pioneer Award, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

ACTION without objection the Awards committee is to bring Pioneer Award criteria and make suggestions to the Board for possible candidates.

F. TCM'09 update

1. John Varner updated the Board on Terry Shelswell's progress on the 2009 convoy and gave him kudos on what a fine job he was doing in organizing the event.
2. John Pojunos reported on his conference with the video production and fund raising companies, concerning taping the convoy, and stated he was not comfortable with the abilities of the later and was not willing to pay them \$30,000 to start raising the \$600,000 fee for making the video. He feels this project will not be beneficial and has stopped negotiations.

G. Miscellaneous New Business

1. Tom Wolboldt would like to see an article in *Supply Line* about the Does & Don't when dealing with a commercial restoration company.
2. John Cheney II would like the Affiliate Star Program changed to make it easier for groups to obtain stars.
3. John Cheney II would like the Board to consider Life Membership fees based on age. He will bring information to the April meeting.

A MOTION by John Cheney II to change the Affiliate Start Program criteria, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.
25 – 49% 1 Star * 50 – 74% 2 Stars * 75 – 89% 3 Stars * 90 – 99% 4 Stars * 100% 5 Stars

H. New canvas products from Lee Holland and Beachwood Canvas were introduced.

1. The Board thought the Key Fob and Luggage Tag would be too expensive.
2. They would like to see a limited run on the Data Plate holders.

VI. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Nomination Committee:

1. Al Nickolson will be running for the Board in the next election he asked to be removed as the Nomination Committee chairman. David Welch appointed John Cheney II to Chair the committee of Tom Wolboldt and David Cadorette.
2. Policy 3 changes were discussed in detail (see Policy #3 revised 11/08)

A MOTION by John Varner to accept the Policy 3 changes in the timeline for elections, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION by John Cheney II to rescind Policy 13B Directors Oath of Office, WAS NOT ADOPTED by a roll call vote of 3 for and 5 against.

A MOTION by John Pojunos to amend Policy 13B dropping the first and last paragraphs, then moving the *Oath of Office* portion to Policy 13A, changing the name of 13A to Policy 13 and adding *A Director shall not allow anything in their Board book to be published in a public forum, photo copied and/or distributed without the express approval of the Board,* ADOPTED by a roll call vote of 5 for and 4 against.

1. The current Director Nomination form was discussed and amended removing some requirements and adding new ones. See revised *Nomination Form* for details.
2. The Nomination Committee is to present a list of all the qualified candidates with their recommendations to the Board before the slate is approved.

B. Convention Committee:

The convention report was delayed until the April 2009 meeting due to the Chairman's absent because of illness.

C. Policy Revisions

1. Policy 1 was reviewed and revised to reflect the changes in the Bylaws and to refine the committees and procedure, see Policy 1 revised 11/08 for details.

A MOTION by John Cheney II to accept the changes to Policy 1, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Membership Policy #7 was discussed but no changes made.

A MOTION by Tom Wolboldt to rescind Policy #15, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION by John Varner to approve the preliminary budget with revisions to be made by Kay and reviewed by the Board at the April meeting, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

XI. FUTURE BOARD MEETING

It was decided the next meeting would be held on 3-4 April 2009

MOTION by Sven Johnson to hold the April meeting in Evansville, Indiana DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND

MOTION by Greg Wolanin to hold the April Meeting In Florida, DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND

MOTION by John Cheney II to adjourn the meeting, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

XII. MEETING ADJOURNED: by President David Welch

Respectfully submitted 11/26/08 by: Tracey Metcalf, Administration

Reviewed 12/2/08 by: Kay Willard, Association Manager

Sent for Review 12/3/08 to: Tom Wolboldt, Greg Wolanin and David Cadorette