

MVPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 27, 2007 * Statehouse Convention Center * Little Rock, Arkansas

I. Meeting Called to Order

President, Al Nickolson at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday 27 June 2007, called the REGULAR meeting of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association's Board of Directors to order and started with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Administrative Assistant Tracey Metcalf recorded the minutes.

Roll Call

Present:

Jim Dias – Los Gatos, CA
Linda Haas – Burleson, TX
Reg Hodgson – Alberta, Canada
Lee Holland – Chester, VA
Sven Johnson – Belvidere, NJ
John Pojunos – Olathe, KS
Al Nickolson – Alberta, Canada
Charles Varner – Grandview, TX
John Varner – Onamia, MN
Randy Withrow – Huntsville, AL
Greg Wolanin – Loudonville, NY

MVPA-HQ Staff:

Kay Willard
Tracey Metcalf
Susan Young

Not Present:

Art Pope – Bloomfield, MI
Kenton Tucker – Scottsdale, AZ

II. Parliamentary Procedure

Lee Holland made a **MOTION to accept the following Standing Rules**, seconded by John Pojunos, the motion carried.

Standing Rules for MVPA Board Meetings

As suggested by Teresa Dean, Parliamentarian

1. The agenda shall be reviewed, amended, and adopted at the opening of the meeting (*this requires a 2/3 vote of the Board to approve and a majority vote to amend the agenda*).
2. A committee shall be appointed following adoption of the agenda to approve the minutes before they are published. (*Current committee – Jim D., Randy W., & John P.*)
3. After the agenda has been adopted, additional items may be placed as the last items under new business unless otherwise ordered by a unanimous vote of the board members present.
4. The right to speak and vote on motions before the Board of Directors is limited to members of the Board. A 2/3-vote in the affirmative or general consent is required before any observer may speak.
5. There may be informal discussion for five minutes on a subject before a motion is made concerning it. After the five-minute period if a motion is not offered, the subject is dropped.
6. Discussion on each main motion shall be limited to 10 minutes unless extended by general consent or a 2/3-vote without discussion.
7. No member of the Board of Directors shall speak in discussion more than twice or more than two minutes each time on each proposed motion or amendment.

Lee Holland made a **MOTION to accept the meeting agenda as printed**, seconded by Charles Varner, the motion carried unanimously.

President Al Nickolson **APPOINTED Jim Dias, Secretary, Randy Withrow and John Pojunos** to the **Minutes Committee** for future review of the meeting minutes prior to presenting them to the Board for approval.

III. Secretary's Report:

John Varner made a **MOTION to accept the minutes of the March 2007 meeting**, seconded by Linda Haas, the motion carried unanimously.

III. Treasurer's Report:

Lee Holland made a **MOTION to continue having full audits every 5 years and include reviews for the years in between**, seconded by Charles Varner, the motion carried unanimously.

IV. Headquarters Report:

- A. Membership statistics and the need to increase our recruitment efforts were discussed.
- B. Kay reported on the status of the new MVPA web site and stated she is quite pleased with the work so far and is excited to see it launched in the near future.

V. MVPA Publications Report:

- A. It was suggested by John Varner to send a card to the affiliate Newsletter Editors requesting articles from their publications, HQ is to create and mail the cards.
- B. The idea to place the new members in each issue of *Supply Line* was introduced by Greg Wolanin and will be added to the January 2008 publication by the HQ staff.

VI. MVPA Bylaw Revision

- A. Randy Withrow withdrew the suggested Bylaw revision from the table and the Board agreed. It was noted another proposal could be submitted at the next Board Meeting.
- B. John Pojunos stated he thinks that businesses (vendors) are an entity, not individual people. He **VOLUNTEERED** to consult with the MVPA Attorney and attempt to define "vendor" before the March 2008 Board meeting.

VII. Old Business:

John Varner made a **MOTION to accept Randy Withrow's proposed "Associate Member Service Award" Program**, seconded by Greg Wolanin, the motion carried unanimously.

HQ Note: The award will be announced and nominations called for annually starting in the January issue of *Supply Line*. Deadline for nominations will be 1 April. The awards committee would notify the Board and MVPA-HQ by 1 May so a plaque can be prepared for presentation at the convention awards banquet.

- A. Greg Wolanin e-mailed a list of DMV contact information by state to aid members in registering their HMTVs. The list will be included on the new MVPA website.
- B. John Varner gave an update on the Lincoln Highway convoy stating he has received a good response and that some members have volunteered to coordinate the trip. John **VOLUNTEERED** to develop a web site for the convoy and will have more information at the March 2008 meeting.
- C. The Safety Proposal and Guide have been tabled until a later date due to schedule conflicts.
- D. Greg Wolanin **VOLUNTEERED** to continue looking into a scholarship fund for deserving children of HMTV hobbyists and will update the Board at the March 2008 meeting.

John Varner made a **MOTION to continue the affiliate group insurance through 2008**, charging all US Affiliates \$100 to offset some of the \$7500 cost, seconded by Lee Holland, the motion carried unanimously. (John indicated we have a million dollar coverage per incident with unlimited incidents)

VIII. New Business:

Lee Holland made a **MOTION to accept the revised Policy #5** as follows, seconded by Charles Varner, the motion carried unanimously:

Military Vehicle Preservation Association POLICY 5: Annual Convention

(Adopted June 1982 / Amended: February 1999, March 2001, June 2004, March 2006, March 2007)

Hosting A MVPA Convention:

The MVPA, realizing the complexity in hosting a national convention, has determined that certain requirements are necessary for a successful convention. These are published in the "Convention Guide for Affiliated Groups Hosting a National Convention". Copies of this guide are available from National Headquarters.

MVPA National is financially liable for the event and all contracts will be approved and signed by the C.O.O. or Convention Chairman.

The Host Affiliate will be reimbursed for all of their pre-approved expenses.

The Host Affiliate will be awarded 30% of the Net Income payable within 90 days of the convention's conclusion.

Affiliate Host Requirements:

Must be active and in good standing with National a minimum of 3 years prior to the event.

Must have a minimum of 20 members that are active members of National MVPA.

A letter of intent from the Affiliate President must be signed by a minimum of 20 Affiliate members (active in National) and forwarded to MVPA-HQ prior to the presentation to the Board.

The Convention location must meet certain size, price, hotel and airport requirements as outlined in the "Convention Guide". This information must be presented to the National Convention Chairman prior to the presentation being placed on a Board Meeting agenda.

The Affiliate President or Affiliate Convention Chairman must make a presentation to the MVPA Board at either a Summer or Winter Board Meeting. This must be done at the Affiliate's expense but will be reimbursed if a convention is awarded.

The Admittance Policy is as Follows:

MVPA members & non-members are permitted to enter the swap meet & vehicle display on all show days.

Thursday & Friday entrance by non-members will require payment of the "Member Registration Fee".

Saturday entrance will be by a per-adult fee or donation for members and non-members.

Non-members cannot pre-register and therefore will not be eligible for registration discounts or vehicle participation.

Non-members cannot purchase meal or tour tickets in advance, but they may do so at the door if available.

MVPA Members can register non-members as their guests with full privileges including the pre-registration discount, advance tour and meal ticket purchase.

Only MVPA members can attend the Board, Membership & Affiliate Support Meetings.

Charles Varner made a **MOTION to accept the revised Policy #14 as follows**, seconded by John Varner, the motion carried unanimously.

Military Vehicle Preservation Association POLICY 14: MVPA Director Benefits

(Adopted November 2006, Revised June 2007)

The following Director benefits are covered by the MVPA:

1. Travel expense reimbursement to the winter and summer meetings plus any “special meetings” called as per the bylaws. *The maximum, currently \$500, is periodically reviewed and set by the Board.*
2. Winter meeting hotel room and 4 meals*, plus 1 summer meeting meal.
3. Complimentary 1st Class MVPA membership during time of service.
4. Directors may purchase “Supply Room” items at cost during time of service.
5. One complimentary MVPA golf shirt given at the first board meeting.
6. Complimentary individual convention registration plus Friday & Saturday evening meal ticket.
7. Copies of all Affiliate Newsletters.
8. Director & Officers Liability Insurance.

** The winter meeting Saturday evening meal can include up to 6 members of the convention host affiliate, to be selected by the convention host chairman. All MVPA members are welcome to attend the dinner but must pay for their own meal. One-month advance notice is required to insure sufficient seating.*

Charles Varner made a **MOTION to accept adding to Policy 13A** (*A Director shall not personally man, at MVPA Conventions, a vendor or promotional table of any kind while holding office.*) seconded by Lee Holland, the motion did not carry: 3 approved, 4 opposed, 3 abstained.

- A. Articles about “The Fathers of the MVPA” were discussed by Daryl Bensinger, who **VOLUNTEERED** to compile a list and compose articles of tribute to these members.
- B. The Board declined Tom Wolboldt request to change the number of years a member has to be inactive before they are considered “recruited” as a “new member” from 5 years to 2 years.
- C. Kay Willard asked the Board if there was any way the MVPA could affiliate with the National WWII Museum in New Orleans, LA? Charles Varner and Linda Haas **VOLUNTEERED** to make the connections needed for this venture.

IX. Convention Development and Support

- A. Steve Greenberg updated the Board on the 2008 Portland, OR convention stating all is going well, the convention center has been updated to accommodate our group, the host hotel is the Red Lion on the River and Aramark will be catering the Friday and Saturday meals at the convention center.
- B. Garry Hisel of the Indiana Rivercity Thunderbolt MVCC has been busy promoting the 2009 Evansville, IN convention and has secured some corporate sponsorship to help offset the venue costs. He and wife Tammy will be updating the Little Rock convention attendees at a Promotion Table in the vendor area of the convention, passing out brochures and promoting the Evansville area and the LST 325.

The Board **ACCEPTED the Ohio Motorpool’s request to host the 2011 convention.** John Cheney II will submit a budget prior to the 2008 March Board meeting.

X. Standing Committees

- A. The nomination Committee reported on the work done to narrow down the slate of candidates, from the 15 who applied, to a smaller slate of 8. The slate of candidates for the 2007 election this fall is:

David Cadorette – NH
Toby Chandler – TX
John Cheney II – OH
Ed McConnell – NM

Patrick Nicholson – PA
Carl Schiele – MI
David Welch – NJ
Tom Wolboldt – OH

The Board discussed the proposed revision of Policy #3 Board of Directors Election Procedures. It was **DECIDED** Kay Willard would re-work the revision for presentation at the March 2008 Board meeting.

- B. Jim Dias and Randy Withrow updated the Board on the discussion at the Vendor/Associate meeting, which took place prior to the Board meeting. Each stating that thought the meeting went well.
- C. Jim Lurba, the MVPA's new Judging Chairman, was introduced to the Board and stated he was confident the judging would go well and wanted to thank Tracey Metcalf for her support of his position.

John Varner made a **MOTION to accept the revised Judging Guide**, seconded by John Pojunos, the motion carried unanimously.

XI. Final approval of the Budget

- A. The board discussed the budget after any additions were added from decisions made at the meeting
- B. John Pojunos and Kay Willard were requested to work on a balanced budget to be presented at the March 2008 meeting.

Randy Withrow made a **MOTION to accept the 2007-08 Budget**, seconded by Greg Wolanin, the motion carried unanimously.

XII. Future Board Meetings

Greg Wolanin made a **MOTION to move the March 2008 meeting from Independence, MO to Portland, OR**, seconded by Randy Withrow, the motion was tabled until costs could be evaluated.

- A. Kay Willard is to check into the expense difference between meeting in Portland, OR rather than near HQ in Independence, MO. She is to forward her findings to the Board for an Electronic Vote.

XIII. Meeting Adjourned

Randy Withrow made a **MOTION to adjourn the meeting**, seconded by Reg Hodgson, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Tracey Metcalf, Administration on 6 August 2007

Reviewed by Kay Willard, Association Manager on 7 August 2007

Approved by Meeting Minutes Committee - Jim Dias, Secretary; John Pojunos, COO; Randy Withrow on 10 October 2007

To be approved by full Board March 2008