

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
March 17 & 18, 2006 \* Double Tree Hotel \* Little Rock, Arkansas

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

President, Charles Varner at 5:00 p.m., called the meeting of the Board of Directors of The Military Vehicle Preservation Association to order Friday, March 17, 2006.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present were:**

Jim Dias – Los Gatos, CA	Al Nickolson – Alberta, Canada
Linda Haas – Burleson, TX	Art Pope – Bloomfield, MI
Reg Hodgson – Alberta, Canada	Kenton Tucker - Scottsdale, AZ
Lee Holland - Chester, VA	Charles Varner - Grandview, TX
Sven Johnson – Belvidere, NJ	John Varner – Onamia, MN
Lou Moore - Shawnee, KS	Randy Withrow – Huntsville, AL
Kay Willard – MVPA, HQ	Greg Wolanin – Loudonville, NY
Tracey Metcalf – MVPA-HQ	

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Randy Withrow and **SECONDED** by Sven Johnson, to suspend the agenda and called for election of the officers, **THE MOTION DID NOT CARRY.**

**III. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Randy Withrow**

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Randy Withrow and **SECONDED** by Sven Johnson to accept the minutes of the March 18 - 19, 2005 Board Meeting as written, the **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**IV. TREASURER'S REPORT - Lou Moore, C.O.O.**

A. Lou Moore noted it has been 5 years since the MVPA books were last audited. He had a bid of \$10,000 for an outside audit and \$2,000 for an inside review. Because of the considerable expense it was suggested additional bids be gotten.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Lou Moore and **SECONDED** by Sven Johnson that an outside audit be done not to exceed \$10,000, **the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- B. Greg Wolanin asked if suspending the toll free number to HQ would help with expenses, but it was determined this service was vital to communication with the members. (HO Note: The toll free number cost an average of \$185 per month last year. Kay had the bill reviewed in December resulting in lower overall long distance rates and expects the toll free number to average \$150 per month this year).
- C. Greg Wolanin also suggested renewals be e-mailed rather than mailing them to save on postage, Kay pointed out the membership cards, questionnaires, comp ads and address updates are all part of the renewal process and would require a full membership mailing anyway. With our aging membership we are not sure how many have Internet access, but we will continue to request and update e-mail addresses for communication purposes and possibly an electronic renewal in the future (HQ Note: Internet access questions will be included on the questionnaire to mail with renewals in September).
- D. Greg Wolanin questioned the credit card and bank fees. Kay said she had started to shop for a better rate, that we currently paid a fee of about 3%. Noting our mail/internet order rates are higher because we must manually enter the credit card numbers. Lou stated the bank fee is the cost to administer the trust account in which we have a variety of investments. Funds are automatically moved in and out of the checking account to maintain a minimum operating balance, which allows for optimal return on the funds.

**V. HEADQUARTERS REPORT**

**A. MEMBERSHIP – Kay Willard:**

1. Kay stated the average annual growth of 6% over the last 11 years came to an end in 2003 with a 1% decrease followed in 2004 by a .53% growth and a 5% decrease in 2005. Kay noted we started 2005 down by 400 members and never recovered, ending 2005 with 489 fewer members than the previous year. New memberships were down by 200 and non-renewals continue to increase from an estimated 10% in 2002 to 15% in 2005. It is thought to be due, in great part, to our aging member base.
2. Lee Holland volunteered to call 25 people that did not renew for 2006 and ask why. Greg Wolanin, Jim Dias, Art Pope, Linda Haas, Charles and John Varner also requested contact information for the members in their geographical areas.

3. It was also noted, by Sven Johnson, that the term "Post-War" to blanket cover any vehicle made after 1945 was somewhat demeaning to the veterans and collectors from the later conflicts. It is to be discussed further at the summer meeting on how to rename these judging categories.
4. Kay Willard noted that approximately 36% of MVPA members belong to Affiliate Groups, according to the 2005 MVPA membership directory. An increase in Affiliate Group participation could raise the MVPA's membership greatly. Greg Wolanin suggested we give the Affiliate group a monetary incentive of \$5.00 for each new MVPA member recruited from their membership.

**IT WAS THE DECISION OF THE BOARD TO** pay \$5.00 to the active Affiliates for each **NEW** MVPA member they recruit from their membership in lieu of the "Member for a Gift" program. (HQ Note: Details to be worked out prior to and announced in the Affiliate update material to be mailed in April).

5. The Recruit a Member for a Gift program has been an extremely successful recruiting tool since 1994, inspiring 3,961 people to join the MVPA. The program has been expanded from a complimentary cap with each new member to the expanded program offered today. It was decided to continue the program.

#### **B. SUPPLY ROOM AND BOOK CLUB – Tracey Metcalf**

1. Tracey noted that the Supply Room net income had recovered from a 30% decrease last year to a 20% increase this year at \$15,903. This puts the gross sales back in the average annual range of \$43,000.
2. Tracey requested the Board review two books suggested or authored by MVPA members to see if they thought either would be good sellers. The Directors will let her know their opinions at a later date.
3. Greg Wolanin and member David Doyle gave suggestions for the Supply Room to carry Steven Zologa's Concord Publication books and gave Tracey the contact information for future use.
4. Lee Holland suggested we carry a "Keep Off This Vehicle" sign to sell in the Supply Room. It was decided to have them printed on card stock, with cardboard easels, and sell them in packages of 6 for \$10.00.

#### **C. ADVERTISING UPDATE - Kay Willard**

1. It has been suggested that a member write an article about the MVPA and attempt to have it published in one of the magazines we advertise in such as *Shotgun News* or in a hobby magazine such as *Truckin'*. David Doyle agreed to write an article but said the difficult thing is making the contacts to get it published and his busy schedule did not allow him the time. Lee Holland said he would work with David to get an article published.
2. Having reached 372 new members via the Internet this year, it continues to be our best recruitment resource, followed closely by members recruiting 311 new members. Our print ads (paid and exchanged) netted only 56 new members, but helped to bring in an estimated 30% of those who joined via our website.
3. Greg Wolanin suggested we use a vehicle rather than the covers of the magazines in our print ads. It was decided to alternate the two different graphics and track the response.

#### **D. JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP – Tracey Metcalf**

1. Tracey showed the Board color samples of the MVPA Kids' Pages, noting we need more Junior members and ideas for upcoming pages.
2. The Jr. Member model contest could have been bigger in 2005, but the winner's diorama was excellent. The contest will be held again in Dayton and Tracey will mail another reminder prior to the event and with the Summer 2006 Kids' Pages. (HQ Note: The program started in 2002 with 4 members and has grown to 88 members.)

#### **E. WHAT WE DO AT HQ – Kay Willard and Tracey Metcalf**

1. A 4-page list of HQ duties was given to the Board for Review, noting all of the duties of the HQ staff including production of *Supply Line* through preparing for the semi-annual Board Meetings.
2. Kay noted that Military Vehicles Magazine has a staff of 3 to handle the editorial section, classified and display advertising, insertions, reminders and soliciting, plus some collection work, but the preparation for printing and billing was done by a separate staff. Kay and Tracey do all of the above for *Supply Line*, with assistance from the Editor, plus organizing the convention, and all other MVPA duties, with one other full time employee.

## **F. COMP CLASSIFIED AD WITH RENEWALS UPDATE – Tracey Metcalf**

Lee Holland's brainchild of offering 2 free *Supply Line* classified ads to active members via their annual renewal notice has netted 272 ads as of 10 February 2006. They have been dispersed between all of the 2006 *Supply Lines* and may have to be included in January 2007, which mails in late November 2006.

## **VI. PUBLICATIONS AND THE SALUTE TO VICTORY EXPO 2006**

### **A. Army Motors Report – Reg Hodgson**

1. Regarding MVPA-HQ having copies of Army Motors on disk for future reproduction. Reg Hodgson reported that he does not have issues 1 to 33 as they were created by typing directly on layout stock by the former editor. Issue 34 to 46 were created on a AM/Braun Varityper 5860 typesetter. Issues 47 to 57 were created on a Xerox Star desktop publishing system. Both of these two systems are now obsolete although he has the original 5-inch disks on hand. Issues 58 through 88 were created on a Mac desktop publishing system using QuarkXpress software. These are text files only with no photographs in place, which would be of no use for reproduction. Issues 89 through 115 are in a format that can be converted to pdf files, put on to a disk, printed from or reproduced and sold as the association sees fit.

**IT WAS DECIDED** all issues from #116 forward would be converted to pdf files and sent to HQ as part of the production process. The additional cost will be billed directly to the MVPA.

**IT WAS DECIDED** Reg would start the process of having his production person convert *Army Motors* #89-115 to pdf files and send to MVPA-HQ on DVD at a cost of \$125 per issue. There was some concern regarding the \$3250 cost paid in one lump sum. It is expected the payments will be spread out over a few years, as the conversions will be done as the production person's schedule allows. The MVPA will be billed directly upon the delivery of each DVD.

2. Scanning issues #1-88 (starting with issues no longer available in print) for reproduction or CD sale was tabled until the summer meeting. Reg is to provide a sample CD and cost figures for discussion in June.
3. It was suggested that more M-series and post WWII vehicles be covered in our publications Reg Hodgson stated the number of WWII articles he receives significantly outnumber the articles on post-WWII vehicles. He is continually trying to get more M-series and later model vehicle articles.
4. Reg said he gives preference to publishing post WWII articles. However the quality of much of the post-war material he receives is of poorer quality resulting in a significant increase in workload to bring them up to standard.

### **B. Supply Line Report – John Varner**

1. John Varner reported that the response with articles from the Affiliate groups has been great with a lot of good material offered.
2. Kay Willard noted how prompt John was on getting the Editorial material to HQ for production by the deadline.
3. Kay suggested an "Affiliate Store" page in Supply Line for which affiliates can submit photos, descriptions and contact info for items they sell such as hats, shirts, calendars, patches etc. Kay was given the OK to test the idea and said she would introduce it in the Affiliate update material this spring.
4. Kay said HQ could use some help to recruit *Supply Line* display advertisers and asked the Board for help and suggestions. Lee and John volunteered to make some phone calls.
5. Randy Withrow called the Board's attention to an editorial written by John Varner in the "Red Bull" Newsletter, which was highly critical of the U.S. Army Combat Action Badge. Randy acknowledged that John certainly had a right to his opinion but that such derogatory opinions must not find their way into *Supply Line*. John said he understood Randy's concern and had sent him an explanation. Randy.

**IT WAS DECIDED** that one or two directors should be in charge of calling prospective advertisers. John Varner is to contact the directors after the meeting for suggestions and then he and Lee Holland will make the contacts.

### **C. Salute to Victory Expo and Auction – Kay Willard**

1. Kay stated the purpose of the event is to raise funds for the Dean V. Kruse Foundation's WWII Victory Museum in Auburn IN. The MVPA was asked by the DVK Foundation to ASSIST them with THEIR event, organized the first year in 2003 by Vintage Gavel. In exchange for the use of the MVPA's name and reputation, contact with our membership and vendors plus help with mailings, ads and registration, the MVPA would get a percent of the profit with a guarantee of no less than \$5000 plus expenses. In 2004 & 2005 the DVK Foundation staff handled the Expo as if they were assisting the MVPA in OUR event. The MVPA HQ staff has taken on more responsibility registering all of the vendors of which 98% are MVPA members as are the HMs and attendees. The DVK has not been successful in attracting non-MVPA members and vendors to the Expo. The event has never made a profit and has decreased in vendor and attendance each year.
2. Charles Varner reported he thought the location was great, giving the attendees a chance to convoy, participate in a Pass in Review, go for trail rides on the museum property in 2006 and plans are to participate in the DeKalb County Fair parade.
3. Kay reiterated the STV Expo is a DVK event and the increasing MVPA assistance is straining the HQ staff's resources. MVPA-HQ does not have the manpower to run the STV as an MVPA event.... and support the MVPA's Convention too.
4. Charles, Kay and others agree it would be a great venue for a MVPA convention if an affiliate group in the area forms and takes the initiative to host such an event (HQ note: Dan Maguire #24280 of Auburn, IN thinks he has rounded up 10 members and is working on a newsletter).

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Charles Varner **SECONDED** by Lou Moore, to conduct a conference call with Bob Krafft of DVK Foundation, Charles Varner, Lou Moore, Kenton Tucker, Art Pope and Kay Willard to discuss the participation in the STV 06, **THE MOTION CARRIED**.

### **D. RECOGNITION COMMITTEE – Reg Hodgson**

1. The Recognition Committee recommended a slate for the 2006 Roll of Honor awards, which has been approved, and the winners will be announced in June at the banquet in Dayton, OH and published in the September Supply Line.
2. The Committee recommended a MVPA member for the Bart Vanderveen Distinguished Service Award, who has been approved, and the winner will be announced in June at the banquet in Dayton, OH and published in the September Supply Line.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Art Pope, **SECONDED** by Greg Wolanin, to accept the recommendation of the committee, **THE MOTION CARRIED**.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Lou Moore, **SECONDED** by Al Nickolson, to accept the revised MVPA Award Guide Lines, **THE MOTION CARRIED**. (See attached)

3. 2006 Vehicle Hall of Fame – Lloyd White: Reg Hodgson reported that Lloyd White will submit the HOF suggestions to the Board before the June Convention.
4. Annual Affiliate Newsletter Awards – Tracey Metcalf: The Board discussed the various newsletters they receive via MVPA-HQ and samples were passed around. The NY-PENN and the MVCC of California's newsletters and others were put up for consideration.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by John Varner, **SECONDED** by Lee Holland, to select the newsletter to receive the 2005 Editor's award, **THE MOTION CARRIED**. (The winner will be announced at the 2006 awards banquet in Dayton, Ohio)

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Greg Wolanin, **SECONDED** by Randy Withrow, to create an annual Vendor's award, **THE MOTION CARRIED**. Greg requested nominations for the Vendor Award from the active membership in the *Supply Line*. Details to be presented by Greg and Randy at the Summer 2006 meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned for the evening.

The meeting was again called to order at 8 a.m. Saturday March 18, 2006

## **VII. CONVENTION AND EVENT REPORT – Kenton Tucker**

### **A. Duluth, MN 2005**

1. Kenton noted the overall convention was very good, with few complaints. The distance the participants had to walk on the cruise was longer than expected was the complaint he heard most often, but no one was actually angry.
2. The attendees were abundant, but the vendors were light due mainly to the tax laws in MN.
3. The total income for the Duluth convention was \$8,244.78 after expenses, with 30% (\$2,473.43) given to the Red Bull HMVA for hosting the event.

### **B. Little Rock, AR 2007**

1. Kenton noted the Arkansas MV Travelers are extremely organized and that the city of Little Rock is very happy the MVPA will be hosting a convention in their city.
2. Paul Harless, AR MV Traveler President, answered questions and reported on the agenda for the 2007 convention when the Board toured the site Saturday afternoon.
3. The MV Travelers have several tours, many children's activities and entertainment planned for the 2007 convention.

### **C. Dayton, OH 2006**

1. Sales tax issue: Kenton reported after a recent conference call between himself, Lee, Kay, John Cheney and John Cheney II, it was decided a letter would be sent to Dayton vendors regarding the sale tax issue. Some vendors will need to obtain a vendor license, collect and pay sales tax.
2. Kay noted the tours and vendor spaces were selling very well. Tracey reminded John to get Ohio Motorpool members to register their vehicles prior to the event, even if not being judged, to which several have responded.

### **E. Convention in 2008**

1. Kenton informed the Board that the 3 southern California groups had convened and voted to request the 2008 MVPA convention be held in their area and will be offering some information on possible sites, hotels and attractions. Kenton is to schedule a site visit before the June Board meeting.
2. Jim Dias stated he had been in contact with the southern California groups and said they are good people and are serious about the convention being hosted by their groups.
3. The US Army Heritage Museum in Carlisle, PA is interested in the MVPA hosting a convention at their facility. Kenton Tucker is to investigate the location and venue and a host Affiliate to report back to the Board at the summer meeting.
4. A discussion followed concerning naming Kenton Tucker as Convention Committee Chairman. Kenton stated he would not serve as convention chairman if he did not have a vote. Discussion followed concerning appointing Kenton to a Director position. Lee Holland quoted the Bylaws, which stated that such could be done. Randy Withrow stated, Kenton had not been reelected by the membership and such an appointment would be an affront to the wishes and vote of the members. Other Directors also voiced concern for the proposed action.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Art Pope, **SECONDED** by John Varner, to utilize the expertise and knowledge of MVPA convention planning, negotiation and coordination amassed by Kenton Tucker during his 14 years experience, by appointing him as a Director and Convention Chairman with full Board rights, **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **F. Modelers and the MVPA – David Doyle**

David suggested the Board attempt to involve military vehicle modelers in the MVPA by offering an "Adult" (as opposed the Junior Member contest) modeling contest to be judged on Friday with an award granted on Saturday. David suggested the MVPA explore the possibility of exchanging display ads between modeling magazines and *Supply Line*. Kay and Tracey will contact the publishers provided by David to explore this possibility.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Art Pope, **SECONDED** by Lee Holland, to pursue a military vehicle-modeling contest at our conventions for the next 5 years, beginning with 2007, to promote MVPA membership to modelers, **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

## VIII. EXECUTIVE ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

### A. Possible convention in Portland, OR – Kenton Tucker

1. Kenton addressed the Board with concerns about the failure of Steve Preston, President of the MVCCO, to answer questions about negotiating room rates, convention site rental fees, meal prices, transportation and other questions pertinent to the organization of a convention.
2. The Board discussed the fact that the MVCCO has not had a representative of the group personally make the convention proposal to the Board.
3. Randy Withrow pointed out he was a Life Member of the Military Vehicle Collectors Club of Oregon and he had personally made a convention proposal briefing at the winter Board meeting in Mobile. Kenton expressed concerns relating to the plan proposed by the Portland Convention and Visitors Bureau and was to work a resolution with Steve Preston, President, MVCCO.
4. Kenton feels there was not enough communication or effort to answer the above-mentioned questions from the group and doesn't feel they are prepared to host an event of this magnitude at this time.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Lee Holland, **SECONDED** by Jim Dias, not to accept the MVCCO's bid to hold the 2008 convention in Portland, Oregon. The MVCCO is welcome to make a presentation before the Board and bid on future convention dates. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### B. Associate Members' voting rights - Randy Withrow

Randy noted the MVPA asks the business members to join as Associate Members, but all they get is a listing in the back of each *Supply Line*, plus the *Supply Line* and *Army Motors* magazines. Randy also stated he would like to see a Vendor position, with voting rights, on the Board, and for the Associates to have more rights. It was noted this would require a Bylaw change by a vote of the membership. See C4 below for additional comments.)

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Randy Withrow, **SECONDED** by Greg Wolanin, to allow Associate members to vote, **THE MOTION DID NOT CARRY.**

### C. Vendor Representative on the Board – Randy Withrow

1. It was noted that Associate Members and Vendors are not necessarily the same thing. Not all vendors are Associates members.
2. Greg Wolanin suggested we create a vendor position on the Board, to which Charles Varner replied we have one (HQ Note: Lee Holland developed The Associate/Vendor Support Committee in March 2001. In March 2003 Randy Withrow became Chairman and together with co-chairman Daryl Bensinger launched the annual "Associate Member/Vendor Support Meeting" at the Alameda Convention in July 2003.)
3. According to the MVPA Bylaws, any member deriving their income from the membership, are not allowed to serve on the Board, including Associate members.
4. Lou Moore was asked if he remembered why this original bylaw was written in 1976, to which he replied: *The Associates were established to enhance and advertise their business. If a member wanted to add their business to the club as an Associate member, they were encouraged to activate the second membership IN ADDITION to their regular (voting) membership. The Associate Memberships were created as a perk to benefit the business member, but not to replace their regular voting membership.* (HQ Note: This section concerning "Associate Members" was included in all of the MVPA's bylaws except the ones governing from 1979 – 1984)

### D. Revise Policy 6 – Kay Willard

1. Kay noted the Convention Public Admittance Policy has not worked, as the local (host) groups want public admittance daily, and Policy 6 kept the public out until Saturday of the convention.
2. The revised policy will allow for the public to attend on all convention days, upon payment of the full registration fees, the same as MVPA members.
3. Non-members will **NOT** be permitted to pre-register for the convention, meals or tours, nor have their vehicles displayed or judged, leaving these perks for active MVPA members only.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Art Pope, **SECONDED** by Randy Withrow, to accept the revised Policy 6 as written, **THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** (See attached).

**E. George Roetzer's advertising rights – Linda Haas**

1. Linda was contacted by a MVPA member that George Roetzer was advertising under another name, Jeremy Beres, with the same questionable ethics as reported earlier and after his advertising rights were suspended.
2. The Board would like the advertising disclaimer to be larger and in a shaded box to bring people's attention to it.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Linda Haas, **SECONDED** by Greg Wolanin, to revoke George Roetzer's advertising privileges permanently under any name, the **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

**F. Jeep Raffle Update – Randy Withrow**

1. Daryl Bensinger's original plan for a jeep or vehicle raffle was to have a vehicle, parts, paint, etc. donated by MVPA vendors to complete a jeep. Once completed, raffle off the jeep amongst MVPA members, to encourage growth. Daryl felt he had enough support from vendors to obtain the parts needed.
2. A letter was sent to the Affiliate Group presidents asking for one or more of the groups to take on the project of restoring the vehicle, but none of the presidents of the Affiliates replied.
3. The last correspondence received from Daryl in August 2005 implied that this project would need a budget, from the MVPA, of \$10,000 to \$15,000 dollars, which would necessitate 4285 new members joining to pay for the project.

**IT WAS DECIDED BY THE BOARD** to thank Daryl Bensinger for his efforts, to boost membership, but decided to decline the project citing a lack of support and potential liability issues, with **A LETTER SENT TO DARYL FROM RANDY WITHROW**.

**G. Insurance for Affiliates – John Varner**

1. A letter was mailed to the Affiliated Group presidents on 1 December 2005 to see if they were interested in obtaining group insurance through the MVPA. 25 Presidents replied showing interest in the program.
2. John explained, the goal is to provide reasonably priced liability insurance for the MVPA affiliates that will provide protection from liability claims arising from its normal business operations, i.e. meetings, shows, displays, convoys, and the like. (**NOT** coverage for mock battles, reenactment events, or activities that involve the use of blanks, explosive devices, or pyrotechnical displays.) This is secondary liability coverage for the affiliate, individuals will still need to carry liability insurance on their own .
3. John will contact other companies, suggested by the Board, and will report back with costs and details at the summer meeting.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by John Varner, **SECONDED** by Greg Wolanin, to have John continue to research the information on insurance coverage for Affiliate Groups with a proposal to vote on at the June meeting, **THE MOTION CARRIED**.

**H. Director Qualifications/Director Code of Conduct – R. Hodgson/C. Varner**

1. The following issues were discussed: Revising the *Director Nomination Application*, requesting additional detailed information in hopes of making it more beneficial to the nominating committee. Developing a *Director Qualifications Policy* (as noted in the bylaws) to provide more detailed qualification information. Develop a *Director Code of Conduct Policy* as a guide to what is expected of a Director/Officer when serving on the Board
2. John Varner states that appointed Board members should meet the same requirements as the elected Board members.

**IT WAS DECIDED BY THE BOARD** to form a committee to revise the **DIRECTOR NOMINATION APPLICATION** and **DEVELOP A DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS POLICY AND DIRECTOR CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY** to be presented to the Board at the June 2006 meeting. The following Directors volunteered for the committee: Reg Hodgson, Sven Johnson, Jim Dias and Greg Wolanin and Charles Varner.

## IX. STANDING COMMITTEES

### A. Re-enactor Liason Committee - Linda Haas

1. A Vehicle Use Form was introduced by Charles Varner to answer questions vehicle owners have of event organizers prior to participating with their vehicles. This form asks what the vehicles will be used for, when the owner should arrive, what they can expect upon arrival, is the event insured, who is the contact person, etc.
2. Greg Wolanin suggested we include the form in the 2006 Affiliate update, Charles would like it placed on the MVPA's web site.
3. It was suggested all references of MVPA be removed to avoid possible liability issues. This form was developed as a service to MVPA members to use when participating primarily in a non-MVPA related event for which they would like more information as to how their HMV will be used

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Charles Varner, **SECONDED** by Jim Dias, to accept the Vehicle Use form, with any reference to the MVPA removed, **THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### B. MVPA Historical Archives – Art Pope

1. Art reported that 975 more TACOM drawings have been flattened, filed and cataloged, bringing the total to 3271, processed by the volunteers who meet every few months in Auburn, Indiana.
2. Art stated there is still a need to continue unrolling drawings, reviewing each drawing of interest to be cataloged and organized. Art asked for volunteers from the Board and/or members of their affiliate groups in close proximity to Indiana to join the next work "party" on 20 & 21 April 2006.
3. Art has been in contact with Chris Turner from TACOM, who has provided him with a list of the drawings originally sent to MVPA-HQ in Independence, Missouri, but it was not in numeric order. Mr. Turner has agreed to provide another list by numeric order so an inventory can be kept. Art had estimated the MVPA has 160,000 on hand, but upon receipt of this list changed his estimate to 200,000 drawings.
4. Kay Willard reported the income from the Convention Archive Sponsorships had been covering any expenses incurred. Art asked the Board to approve 2006 expense budget to cover, supplies and volunteer lodging.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Art Pope, **SECONDED** by Randy Withrow, to allot \$2,000 to the MVPA Historical Archives account to cover 2006 expenses of the work parties, **THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### C. Membership Growth – Charles Varner

1. A letter is to be included with the Affiliate Updates requesting the groups encourage all their members to join the MVPA, for which the group will receive a \$5.00 per **NEW MEMBER** incentive.
2. Charles Varner suggested we get someone to put MVPA items on eBay for exposure. Caps, shirts, manuals and memberships were offered as possible "auction" items. Tom Wolboldt MVPA #3676 reported that he runs items on eBay and doesn't think the items would be on the Auction side, but on the "sales" side of eBay. The possibility of promoting the MVPA on eBay is to be investigated further by Charles and report back to the Board at the June meeting in Dayton.
3. Charles Varner reported to the Board that MVPA member Rob Lihani had been working on a promotional video for the MVPA and it would be available for viewing after the meeting. The Board members who had the opportunity to see the first draft of the video were quite impressed and think it will be a good way to promote membership within the Affiliate groups by offering each group a copy to play at their meetings and events for recruiting purposes.

### D. Member Liaison – Linda Haas

1. Linda explained that she only has one Member Liaison complaint from Colonel Roberts who purchased a replica gun from Dan Rhame MVPA #2684 of Replicas and Models, and has not received the replica or a refund from Mr. Rhames.
2. Greg Wolanin suggested Col. Roberts contact the United State Postal Service and report the incident as mail fraud.
3. Linda has requested that the HQ staff report to her if Mr. Rhame registers for the 2006 MVPA convention in Dayton or at the STV Expo in Auburn, IN so she can inform Col. Roberts of his intention.

#### **E. Judging Committee – Position Vacant**

1. It was noted that the Judging Committee chairman's position was vacant and a new person needed to be appointed.
2. Lou Moore, past-judging chairman, was asked for suggestions on what the group should do concerning judging at the Dayton convention, and was asked to help with the judging in 2006, to which he agreed.
3. Greg Wolanin suggested the Technical Advisors be recruited to be judges on the vehicles they are advisors on.
4. It was decided there would be no judging chairman in place for the Dayton convention, but has requested the Board members and Jim Gilmore assist with the judging. Jim stated he is a member of the Ohio Motorpool, which may disqualify him from judging at the event.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Greg Wolanin, **SECONDED** by Randy Withrow, to elect Jim Gilmore the Vehicle Judging Chairman, **THE MOTION DID NOT CARRY.**

#### **F. Web site Committee – Linda Haas**

1. Linda updates the photos on the Web Shots pages, but told the Board the HQ staff does the updating.
2. The Board would like to have a "Members Only" section of the web site and possibly a chat room. These things are out of HQ's ability and will need to be established by the computer support person.
3. Charles Varner noted that a chat room needs a moderator to make sure entries to the page are not derogatory or defaming to the organization. John Varner volunteered to moderate a chat room when it is established.
4. Kay suggested the Board look into setting up individual "Director" pages where Board members could post items to a password-protected page.

#### **G. Nomination Committee – Art Pope**

1. Tom Wolboldt MVPA #3676 asked if the MVPA's ballot could be replicated and distributed at events to remind and promote members to vote. The Board replied that every active MVPA member is sent a ballot with their *Supply Line* and has every opportunity to vote without copied ballots.
2. Sven Johnson asked what happens if a member sends in 2 ballots with different candidates marked on each, which one would count, or would they both be voided? HQ replied that the accountant marks the members off as the ballots arrive, so the second would be disregarded.

#### **H. Safety Committee – Al Nickolson**

1. Charles noted he has recruited one of his students to write articles and requested other Board members recruit people in their areas to write similar articles. Charles asked Al Nickolson, who is employed as a Canadian Mounted Police Officer, to volunteer to Chair this committee, to which Al agreed.
2. Lee Holland feels the MVPA needs a safety policy to direct the movement of tracked and wheeled vehicles using the standard covered in *Ground Guides of the US Army* to help control movement of the vehicles and improved safety conditions. Lee agreed to begin the groundwork, with Al's help, on setting a safety standard for the MVPA and will bring a draft to the summer meeting.

#### **I. Government Liaison Committee – Lee Holland**

1. From a National Perspective the legislative cycle is quiet on the front concerning Demil action, and Lee will keep the Board posted on any new developments within Congress.
2. Illinois is dealing the Military Surplus Identification Act, which provides that certain items of military surplus sold on or after the effective date of the Act shall display an indelible and permanent marking. Illinois MVPA members are contacting the authorities and public officials to quash this bill.
3. Lee had been in touch with some of the Kansas MVPA members who attended the first meeting, with their Congressmen, Highway Patrol, KDOT and other officials. They reported, the first thing Carmen Aldritt, Director of the Division of Vehicles mentioned, she was suspect of the barrage of e-mail she received from outside of the state of Kansas. The well-meaning correspondences from outside the state initially hindered communications. It is highly recommended that MVPA members notify fellow members of legislative problems within their state but allow them to do the communicating with their officials.

4. The Kansas members were put into contact with each other, via e-mail from HQ and postings on the MVPA web site *Affiliate Bulletin Board*. MVPA-HQ sent letters and sample publications to state officials to inform them that the Kansas MVPA members were part of a well-respected group of 10,000 HMV collectors. Also provided were MVPA publications to hand out at the various meetings and a short speech that could be used, outlining the mission of the MVPA as well as Affiliate and member activities. The key Kansas members had several conference calls with Lee Holland on how to approach the Department officials and the best strategy to get the problem resolved. (HQ Note: The latest report (4/4/06) from John Pojunos, *Hell on Wheels* President, the Kansas Legislature has signed the bill, stating wheeled military vehicles are to be treated as any historic or antique vehicle, into law and it is now on the Governor's desk)
5. Greg Wolanin introduced guidelines for a "Database of MV Registration Information" compiled by Jon Snapp MVPA #10916 of Kansas. The database is to include, from all 50 states, applicable information concerning the titling, tagging and registration requirements and necessary state DMV contact information. It could include such things as insurance and VIN check requirement as well as a e-mail alert system to quickly notify members of a potential legislative problem in their state. Jon would like this database to be linked to or part of the MVPA's website and only active MVPA members would have access to it. The Board showed great interest in the project but there were not enough copies of Jon's guidelines or time for the Director to review them. (HQ Note: Jon's guidelines will be distributed to the entire board and it will be placed on the Summer meeting agenda at which time a committee can be formed to research the feasibility of developing the database.)

#### **J. Technical Advisors Board – Art Pope**

1. Art reported all the vehicles needing advisors have been filled with volunteers, and he finds Greg Wolanin's suggestion to recruit the Technical advisors to judge the vehicles they advise on to be an excellent idea.
2. There will be a Tech Advisors table set up at the Dayton convention for questions from the membership, and the advisors registered for the convention will be sent a letter requesting they man the TA table for at least 2 hours during the event and to participate in the vehicle judging on Friday.

#### **K. MVPA Event Committee – Charles Varner**

1. Charles affirmed that Peter Davies MVPA #13956, would be representing the MVPA at the Mugello/Florence 2006 – "Remembering History" in Italy this April.
2. Charles and John Varner are planning to attend the *Road to Liberty 2006* trip sponsored by "Je Me Souviens" Association event from France to Belgium, at which time they will promote the MVPA.
3. Charles would like to see more MVPA events planned for member participation, for example the Alcan trip in 1992 and the Normandy trips in 1994, 1999 and 2004. He requested the Board bring any ideas to the summer meeting for discussion.

#### **M. Corporate Liaison – Jim Dias**

1. Sponsorships were pursued without success in the past, but the Board believes sponsors are still willing to support our cause and conventions if approached correctly.
2. Jim Dias has agreed to investigate the possibility of corporate sponsorship in the future and to accept the position of the chairman of the committee.

#### **X. FIVE YEAR PLAN**

- A.** Art updated the Board on the 5-year plan, a living document, and highlighted the accomplishments achieved and the goals remaining.
- B.** Art requested the Board review the plan and bring their suggestions for growth of the organization to the meeting in June, or send the ideas directly to him, for inclusion in the plan.
- C.** Charles requests the 5-year plan be included in *Supply Line* to keep the membership posted on the direction the organization is taking.

#### **XI. AFFILIATES AND MEMBERSHIP**

##### **A. New Affiliates**

1. Three groups have requested affiliation with the MVPA; Military Motorpool of Tennessee, West Tennessee Military Vehicle Collectors and Military Vehicle Preservation Foundation of Puerto Rico "Borinqueneers".

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Art Pope, **SECONDED** by Kenton Tucker, to accept the Military Motorpool of Tennessee as an Affiliate group, **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

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**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Lou Moore, **SECONDED** by Jim Dias, to accept the Military Vehicle Preservation Foundation of Puerto Rico "Borinqueneers" as an Affiliate/Operation Friendship group, **THE MOTION CARRIED,**

**B. Complimentary Memberships – Charles Varner**

1. Charles asked the Board to review the list and give reason he or she feels any complimentary membership be dropped, and requested they nominate any they feel should be added.
2. Lou asked if anyone knew why Darwin Singleton from Mobile, Alabama was given a comp membership. Kay stated he had done a TV program in Mobile and mentioned the 2004 convention in return for a one-year membership and we should drop him from the list, to which the Board agreed.
3. Art Pope requested the Benson Ford Research Center in Dearborn, MI be added to the complimentary membership list to which the Board agreed.

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. 2005 Membership directory - by Lee Holland**

1. Lee highlighted the success and difficulty in publishing of the 2005 Membership directory and the numerous positive responses from members. He noted our directory is what Harris is sending as a sample to potential customers.
2. Lee thanked Lloyd White and Reg Hodgson for their hours of work on the vehicle section of the directory.
3. Lee noted the next directory will need the vehicle identification area to be more user specific as many members did not know exactly what military vehicles they own, or that all we want listed are MILITARY Vehicles.
4. Kay noted the MVPA sent 10,063 member records to Harris Publishing, 5884 members responded and submitted 1200 photographs, 2140 directories were purchased with the MVPA receiving royalties in the amount of \$5,938. (HQ Note: Lee and Kay attempted to negotiate the royalty into a discounted price to the members, but Harris Publishing does not allow the savings to be passed on to the consumer).

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Miscellaneous New Business:**

Minutes Taken at the Annual Membership Meeting - Tom Wolboldt: asked the Board if minutes will be taken at the membership meeting, to which Charles Varner stated it has not been done in the past as no business is usually conducted. It is meant to be an informal exchange of ideas.

**B. Increase Director Travel Expenses:**

1. The Directors are currently reimbursed a maximum of \$500 per Board meeting (2 yearly), per Board member.
2. Art Pope suggested, due to the Board members from Canada have much higher airfares than the members in the U.S., that the minimum be increased to cover the total cost of a director's airline ticket, but it would be compulsory they fly in Coach and reserve their ticket at least 60 days in advance to the travel date.
3. The Board decided to address the matter on a case-by-case basis and to not increase the current reimbursement amount at this time.

**D. Include a Questionnaire for Demographics with the 2007 renewal notices? – Lee Holland**

Lee requested the Board members relay any suggestions for the demographic questionnaire to be sent to him or HQ.

**IT WAS DECIDED** that Lee Holland and John Varner would develop a questionnaire and a method to tabulate the information into useful data. They will make a presentation at the summer meeting for final approval and inclusion in the 2007 renewal notices, which mail 15 September.

**XV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS - Nominated and elected by written ballot:**

<b>President:</b>	Al Nickolson
<b>Vice-President:</b>	Lee Holland
<b>Secretary:</b>	Jim Dias
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Lou Moore

**XIV. FUTURE BOARD MEETING**

- A.** The Summer 2006 meeting is Wednesday 21 June, 5 p.m. in the Berry Room of the Nutter Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.
- B.** The Winter 2007 meeting will be determined at the summer meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** by President Charles Varner for the group to tour the Arkansas State House Convention Center.

Respectfully submitted 3/31/06 by: Tracey Metcalf, Administration

Reviewed 4/5/06 by: Kay Willard, Association Manager

Approved 4/11/06 by: Jim Dias, Secretary

Full Board Amended and Approved on June 21, 2006