

MVPA Membership Meeting Synopsis
July 10, 2010 * Kansas Expocentre * Topeka, Kansas

President David Welch stated there was adequate notice of the meeting and called the meeting to order by President David Welch at 10:00 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board of Directors Present:

David Cadorette	Steve Preston
Toby Chandler	David Welch, President
John Cheney II, Vice President	Kay Willard, C.O.O.
David Doyle	Randy Withrow, Treasurer
Kevin Emdee	Tom Wolboldt, Secretary
Reg Hodgson	
Tracey Metcalf, Administrative Assistant (<i>recorded minutes</i>)	

Not present: Kevin Kronlund

The president recognized Paul Harless #15390F, who thanked the Board for the direction they are heading and for the work they have done to move the organization in the right direction.

Orie Nelson #1338 was recognized for donating a frame-mounted MVPA antenna flag that is over 20 years old, and has participated in Normandy D-Day celebrations, the Burma Road expedition and more. Orie would like to see the flag lent to MVPA Affiliate Groups for use during their significant moments in HMV history.

Gary Allen #22464 was recognized and stated he thought the antenna flag could be taken by one convention host group to the next for each convention, like the changing of the guard. John Cheney II, host chairman of the 2011 convention, interjected that he thought it was a great idea and would gladly accept the flag to be displayed at the Dayton, Ohio convention.

The president recognized Wendy Rowsam #10263 who thanked the Board for their support of the ALCAN Highway convoy. Wendy has been appointed to the communications team for the convoy and is very excited to start making plans.

Kevin Emdee noted that the meeting was being recorded to make the participants aware that their comments were on the record.

Jeff Rowsam #10263 addressed the crowd concerning the actions of the DOT in Wisconsin concerning historic military vehicles. Jeff noted that Lee Holland and other MVPA members were keeping a good watch on the federal level, but that he and members of the Board are on a committee to address local HMV issues. Continuing he stated the progress was good, the issues resolved and would include yet-to-be designed HMV license plates and exemption for all HMVs over 20 years old. Jeff offered his assistance to any member that is having DOT problems, and ask that they contact him. President Welch congratulated and thanked Jeff for his work concerning this issue.

Roni Carlson #15871F of the Rolling Thunder MVPA presented Major General Tod M. Bunting, Adjutant General for the state of Kansas, with a \$500 check, from the MVPA Friday Night Auction

proceeds, as a donation to the Kansas National Guard Foundation.

Toby Chandler discussed the DOT laws governing Texas HMVs. His group started by contacting the TEXDOT, then moved on to the state level, and were able to find an administrative person who gave them a copy of the state law governing HMVs. In return the Lone Star group brought her copies of *Army Motors* and *Supply Line*, to which she replied they would be kept in the files at the DOT. Now when an HMV is brought in for registration the DOT would have reference on file concerning this type of vehicle. Toby urged other affiliate groups to contact their local DOT office, before there is a problem, so the officials will have a face to connect to the hobby. Making friends with local governments now, may make the likelihood of adverse legislation less likely in the future.

John A. Cheney noted that he has a member of the American Aircraft Association for many years and continued that they have forged a great relationship with the FAA. John encouraged the Board to pursue a relationship with the federal government to help keep our hobby safe in the future.

Bruce Zimmerman #22110 was recognized and also stated the MVPA needs to be pro-active on HMV legislation rather than waiting until an incident occurs. He thinks we need a set of suggested actions to take when adverse legislation occurs, and to encourage MVPA members to be friendly to local officials.

David Cadorette stated that the best defense to support historic military vehicles is to get them out in the public. He encouraged attendees to participate in local car shows, and cruise nights. He feels that if the public has the chance to interact with the vehicles it will boost their enthusiasm, and their positive opinions will make them advocates for the HMV hobby.

John Cheney II reminded the attendees that the 2011 convention will be in Dayton, Ohio August 4-6. He continued that the contracts were in place, and they had worked out some of the details that were problematic in 2006. John noted that rather than having solid doors between the inside and outside vendors they are planning on hanging see-through plastic strips over the openings for better access to all vendors. He also told the crowd that judging would be on Thursday with the awards banquet would be on Friday night, with the barbecue and auction on Thursday night. The Ohio Motorpool is planning a "fun" event for Saturday evening. Continuing he told the members he would like to see them all in Dayton, and hopes they make plans to attend.

David Cadorette thanked the Rolling Thunder MVPA for hosting a great convention.

Paul Harless #15390F was recognized to interject he feels there is a need to include new categories in vehicle judging for later model military vehicles being released currently. He continued to thank David Doyle for his work and the improvements on *Supply Line*.

Steve Preston requested suggestions for future conventions and stated he is always open for new ideas.

Chuck Miller #25521 told the Board he would like to see the judging form and notes on his vehicle, to which Tom Wolboldt, Judging Chairman, replied the sheet and notes would be mailed to each vehicle registered for judging after the event when the HQ staff was again in the office.

John Cheney II continued that the judging form is on the MVPA's web site for printing and review. Tom noted that if they can't find it on the web site members can contact MVPA-HQ for a copy to be mailed, faxed or e-mailed to them.

Steve Preston told the attendees that the Topeka convention had 157 vehicles registered and over 350 vendor tables/spaces sold. He continued that he was very pleased with how the Rolling Thunder group handled the task of hosting the convention and stated he was very pleased with how the entire event was going. Steve also updated the group on 2012 Huntsville, Alabama convention to be held at the Van Braun Center June 28 – 30. He noted that the Arsenal of Democracy had made a presentation for the 2013 convention to be held in Warren, MI, and that at least 2 other groups are interested in future convention. He also encouraged other Affiliate Groups to contact HQ for a convention planning guide and make presentations to host a convention in their area.

David Welch discussed the 2010/2011 budget and gave Kay Willard, Association Manager/C.O.O., credit for working to create a budget that would turn an approximate \$20,000 profit for 2010/2011. A subcommittee has been formed to find ways to reduce the cost of our publications and other areas of expenditure.

MOTION BY Gary Cross #11407F to adjourn the 2010 Membership Meeting, UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

The meeting was adjourned by President David Welch at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted 7/22/10 by: Tracey Metcalf, Administration

Reviewed 8/6/10 by: Kay Willard, Association Manager

Full Board Approval: November 12, 2010