

MVPA Zoom Board Meeting 17 October 2023

The agenda is as follows:

1. HQ Update – Susan Young
2. HiM Update – John Adams-Graf
3. Conventions – Bill Scott
4. Elections – Mike Lusty
5. By-Laws review – Mike Lusty
6. Judging – Mike Wright
7. Affiliate Insurance – Kevin Emdee
8. At Large – Directors and Staff

Roll call was conducted by Mike Wright – Secretary

Kevin Emdee – President – Present

Mike Lusty – Vice-President – Present

Mike Wright – Secretary – Present

R Harold West – Treasurer – Present

Dan McLaren – Present

Tom Clark – Present

Reg Hodgson – Director Emeritus– Not Present

HQ – Present

John Adams-Graf – History in Motion editor

There was one guest- Lucas Sparks- Director in waiting.

Bill Scott – MVPA-HA President

Kevin Emdee called the meeting to order at 9:15PM CST

1. Susan Young gave an update on the new computer data base system we are migrating to. The old system is being discontinued. The new DB is from the same provider.
2. Membership is currently 3530. Last year at this time we had 3685. Reminders are being sent out.
3. John Adams-Graf updated on the December/January issue is in the works. Will be mailed 15 November. John is working on ideas for the 2024 issues of HiM. Discussed the convention issue timeline for 2024 and plans for it. Kevin Emdee mentioned the possibility of delaying publishing the issue following the convention for a few days to properly prepare a post-convention issue.
4. Discussed Facebook and recruiting for the MVPA and plans and ideas for recruiting new members.
5. Tom Clark mentioned posting the budget and financial report. Kevin stated that it will be discussed.
6. Kevin mentioned Hagerty's *Drivers Club* magazine published an article about brake bleeding. Kevin has requested permission from Hagerty to use the article in HiM. Permission for this and future articles are in the works. We do send a copy of HiM to Hagerty. Susan will send more issues to Hagerty and Iva, the marketing manager for Hagerty, Kevin Emdee and Susan will follow thru.
7. The Milwaukee group is very proactive with planning for the 2024 convention.

8. Due to some confusion, Bill Scott is looking at slightly revising the convention planning guide.
9. The 2025 Louisville convention is shaping up very well.
10. Mike Lusty discussed the election and the results will be announced in the next HiM.
11. Bill Scott briefed on upcoming conventions and no plans after 2025 at Louisville. The new Florida affiliate, "Florida Military Vehicle Heritage Group" is interested, however doesn't meet the time requirements, two years, as of now. Possibly since they are a splinter affiliate from an existing affiliate they may qualify. More to follow. There was additional discussion about new affiliates in north Texas and Oklahoma hosting a convention. Mike W. and Luke Sparks will investigate further for 2026 convention. The Camp Howze affiliate may be qualified. Bill Scott stated he is willing to assist as needed.
12. Mike Wright discussed election business and certified the election. He made the motion to approve the elections. Dan McLaren seconded the election. The vote was unanimous to approve the motion to certify the election.
13. Judging: Mike Wright requested that approved judges for a convention be allowed to attend the convention during move in day to "shop" during that day. There was lots of discussion about it. Questions were asked about how to identify who is authorized. Special badges or just the purple 'judging' ribbon attached to your name tag. Bill Scott will work with the HQ staff to figure out a badging system. (possibly a one-day wrist band). This is a onetime experiment. Kevin Emdee says to approve it for one time and not offer the \$5.00 discount currently offered for the award judging banquet. This will be announced 90 days prior to the convention to approved judges for that convention. Tom Clark made a recommendation to vote on this. Mike Wright made the motion to allow judges who have been accepted for the 2024 convention to attend the convention during move in day to shop. Tom Clark seconded the motion. Mike Wright called for a vote. Mike Lusty voted yes; Harold West- no; Tom Clark- yes; Dan McLaren- yes. The motion passed 3 to 1. Mike Wright and Kevin Emdee abstained. Bill Scott stated he will coordinate the ID requirements.
14. Mike Wright opened the discussion about the emphasis given to modified and tribute class vehicles over factory and motor pool vehicles during the awards banquet. He stated we need to stay with the "preservation" aspects of the MVPA and stay closer to our roots.
15. Mike Wright mentioned about the invitation by the Brazil Military Vehicle Association and what our response will be. Kevin Emdee is crafting a nice response.
16. Bill Scott discussed reenactors and how we can get them to join the MVPA. Bill Scott recommended that Mike Lusty continue be an advisor as the "rules" expert for the MVPA for by-laws and policies.
17. Kevin Emdee made a motion to conclude the meeting. Tom Clark made the motion to move to executive session. It was a unanimous vote to go to the executive session. Kevin Emdee called the meeting concluded.

Respectfully submitted.

Mike Wright

MVPA Secretary