

MVPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 3 & 4, 2009 * Drury Inn * Kansas City, Missouri
Note the minutes jump around some following the order of discussion rather than the agenda

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

President, David Welch at 5:41 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2009, called the REGULAR meeting of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association's Board of Directors to order. Administrative Assistant Tracey Metcalf recorded the minutes.

Roll call:

John Cheney II – North Baltimore, OH	Al Nickolson – Red Deer, AB, Canada
David Doyle – Memphis, TN	John Pojunos – Olathe, KS
Reg Hodgson – St. Albert, AB, Canada	David Welch – Gillette, NJ
Sven Johnson - Belvidere, NJ	Tom Wolboldt – Fleming, OH
MVPA-HQ Staff: Kay Willard, Tracey Metcalf and Susan Young, Independence, MO	

Not Present:

David Cadorette – Amherst, NH (arrived Sat)	Guest: Randy Withrow – Alabama
Jim Dias – Los Gatos, CA	Garry Hisel – Indiana
Steve Preston – Oregon City, OR	
Greg Wolanin - Loudonville, NY	

David Welch for David Cadorette requested the agenda be changed to include *MVPA Ads and Image* under Section 1 G. Misc. and *Vendor Survey from Portland 2008* under Section VII. B. 2; and to move Section IV C. *Update on Judging Standards Progress E. Membership Renewal Schedule*; to Saturday. John Cheney II requested Item F *Present information for a possible Life Member fee based on age* also be moved to Saturday's agenda.

MOTION by Tom Wolboldt, to accept the agenda after the above changes are made, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT

A. It was noted, Al Nickolson's name was misspelled under Roll Call of the November 2008 meeting minutes.

MOTION by Sven Johnson to accept the minutes of the November 2009 meeting after the name correction, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. It was noted that John Pojunos was present at the Special Meeting of Elected Directors, but did not participate in the vote.

MOTION by John Cheney II to accept the minutes, with the addition of John Pojunos's name to the participants, of the Special Meeting of Elected Directors, held via a conference call on 2/22/09 at 8:00 PM Eastern time. ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. John Pojunos reported that even though the Board had previously discussed moving the MVPA's cash assets to a more aggressive investment that action, had not been taken resulting in minimal loses in the spiraling economy. He then asked the Board to pose any questions about the budget to him or Kay.
- B. Kay reported that the revised budget, which includes all of the 2009 membership renewal income, is forecast at a \$67,503 deficit. These numbers are based on publications statistics as of 9/30/08 and do not reflect any of David Doyle proposed changes to *Supply Line*. The projected deficit is a reflection of decreased membership dues and investment interest income. In addition, higher publication postage rates and increased general expenses do in part to the computer hardware and software upgrade budgeted at \$8400.

- C. Kay noted that she and Tracey were leaning toward changing the publishing software from Quark which is declining in popularity for the more user friendly InDesign. The cost is \$699 per user, less than the cost to upgrade Quark. David Doyle, who would like to be included as user is OK with the change. Garry Hisel suggested we check the TechSoup website for discounted software for non-profits. It was also suggested we check into InDesign / MAC for Reg Hodgson.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. John Cheney II distributed and reviewed proposed Affiliate Website Award Guidelines.
 - 1. John and Tom Wolboldt will revise the guidelines with Director input and present them for final approval at the August meeting.
- B. Sven Johnson and Al Nickolson, Safety Committee
 - 1. It was noted that the article on page 9 of the April/May 2009 *Supply Line* by Ron Grasso was a very good safety article and perhaps the basis for a *MVPA Safety Guide*.
 - 2. David Welch requested Terry Shelswell send the “Convoy Safety Guide” he is using for the TMC’09 to HQ.
- C. The Cafeteria Postage Plan was tentatively discussed
 - 1. Some Board members thought a simple dues increase would be easier to explain to the membership due to the cost of postage, paper and production.
 - 2. Some Board members think the Cafeteria Plan would be an unnecessary increase in administration.
- D. Life membership were discussed
 - 1. John Cheney II introduced his idea for a graduated life membership payment plan to be continued the next day.
 - 2. Tom Wolboldt inquired as to why there wasn’t a Family Life Membership offered, to which the Board replied that any Family (couple) membership was eligible for Life status and that the membership would end when the original member dies.
- E. The DoD Demilitarization Code B and Code Q items were discussed, and one change was made to the *Information Paper* prepared by Lee Holland, correcting “Government Liquidators” to “Government Liquidation”.

MOTION by Sven Johnson to adjourn for the evening, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

President, David Welch at 8:06 a.m. on Saturday, April 4, 2009, called the REGULAR meeting of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association’s Board of Directors to order. Administrative Assistant Tracey Metcalf recorded the minutes.

Roll call:

David Cadorette – Amherst, NH	Al Nicholson – Red Deer, AB, Canada
John Cheney II – North Baltimore, OH	John Pojunos – Olathe, KS
David Doyle – Memphis, TN	David Welch – Gillette, NJ
Reg Hodgson – St. Albert, AB, Canada	Tom Wolboldt – Fleming, OH
Sven Johnson - Belvidere, NJ	
MVPA-HQ Staff: Kay Willard, Tracey Metcalf and Susan Young, Independence, MO	

Not Present:

Jim Dias – Los Gatos, CA
 Steve Preston – Oregon City, OR
 Greg Wolanin - Loudonville, NY

Guests:

Joe Allison – Cedar Ridge, AR
 Jerome Casey – Fayetteville, AR
 Paul Harless – Adona, AR
 Garry Hisel – Indiana
 Randy Withrow – Huntsville, AL

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Continued)

- F. Graduated Life Membership was introduced by John Cheney II, using the American Legion's *Paid-Up-For-Life* rate schedule as an example. The subject is to be refined and revisited in August 2009.
- G. TMC'09 Update
 - 1. \$7,914 donations have been made to the convoy
 - 2. There is a roadblock getting support from the police in Washington, D.C. & San Francisco.
 - 3. MVPA novelty items will be purchased by the convoy and sold along the route.
- H. Cafeteria Postage (revisited)
 - 1. Since the cost of postage overseas is extremely expensive it was suggested they be printed and mailed in Europe to cut the postage cost. (Approximately 902 members in Europe with 574 of those in Italy)
 - 2. It was discussed to drop some of the offered memberships that have few to no members in the categories.
- I. Membership Rate Increases: The last increase was \$5.00 in 2003 and since then the cost of paper and postage have soared.
 - 1. An increase of \$5.00 for the United States and Canada, with a postage comparable increase for countries outside of the US and Canada, was discussed but not decided.
 - 2. The Board is to continue discussion electronically and determine if and when the increase will be implemented.

MOTION by David Doyle to drop the US First Class Life, Canadian and Overseas 2 and 3-year memberships and Overseas Airmail 1, 2 and 3-year memberships ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by David Doyle to reinstate the Canadian and Overseas 2 and 3-year memberships ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by David Cadorette for David Doyle to investigate the cost of printing (and mailing) in Europe and HQ is to compare it to the current cost, and e-mail the results to the Board, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Regional Representation on the Board of Directors
 - 1. MVPA President David Welch introduced PAUL HARLESS, President of the ARMVPA, to address the group concerning Regional Representation on the Board. Paul introduced Joe Allison and Jerome Casey, fellow Arkansas members who also attended the meeting. Paul continued that he had been in contact with several other affiliate groups who agreed on the need for regional representation within the Board of the Directors.
 - 2. Jerome Casey stated, it is their contention that the continued dissension among the BOD (as recorded in the MVPA's meeting minutes) is causing membership numbers to decline and revenue to fall. Jerome handed out booklets that detailed their reasons for requesting the Board to consider regionalization and outlined proposed bylaw changes. These changes would empower the MVPA Affiliate groups to be actively involved in who represented them at the National level, increasing interest and participation in the election process.
 - 3. David Welch asked how regionalization would have affected the last 4 MVPA election cycles, to which Paul Harless could not reply without the necessary statistics.
 - 4. John Pojunos agreed that Regional Representation has worked to the benefit of several groups he has been involved with, and feels it is well worth further investigation.
 - 5. David Cadorette stated he felt regional representation may eliminate a more qualified member from running for the Board because their region was already represented.

6. David Welch commented that the discussion of regional representation on the Board could continue for hours.

ACTION WITHOUT OBJECTION to form a committee to address questions raised in the discussion, explore the viability of a regional Board representation approach, and report back to the Board for further review. President, David Welch appointed to the committee; John Cheney II, Chairman, John Pojunos, Paul Harless and Jerome Casey.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (revisited)

- J. David Cadorette proposed monthly billing of the membership
 1. David feels monthly billing would generate regular cash flow, and open the month of October for HQ to participate in other events.
 2. It was noted; the current procedure of billing annually in October allows interest to be drawn on the years operating funds, and makes it easier to set the budget. In addition we get a better handle on membership numbers within the first few months of the physical year.
- K. David Welch updated the Board on the progress of the Judging Standards
 1. Four groups are currently working on Judging Standards for as many vehicles.
 2. Richard Wark is almost finished with the M29/M29C Weasel Judging Guide.
 3. The M38 Standard should be done by the 2009 convention.

V. NEW BUSINESS (revisited)

MOTION by John Pojunos to add “legal” to Policy #13, Section B, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Tom Wolboldt to keep the meeting minute recordings on file until discussion of Policy 17 resumes at the August meeting, ADOPTED by a vote of 9 for and 1 opposed.

- B. Donations to the Jacques Littlefield Foundation were discussed
 1. The Board felt a cash donation would set a precedent that could spiral into every foundation MVPA members are involved with expecting a donation.
 2. A committee was formed to bring criteria for a “Littlefield Museum Award” to the summer meeting, Reg Hodgson (chair) with David Doyle, and David Cadorette.

MOTION by John Cheney II to develop a Museum award in the Littlefield name, with permission from the family, to be awarded annually, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C. New MVPA Affiliates:
 1. Military History Club of South Carolina
 2. Carolina MVPA
 3. Long Island Military Vehicle Club
 4. East Texas Piney Woods Motor Pool
 5. Red Arrow Military Vehicle Preservation Group, Inc.
 6. Arsenal of Democracy Motor Pool
 7. SEMO Military Vehicles Group
 8. 14th Armored Re-Creations

MOTION by Al Nickolson to accept all eight new groups as MVPA Affiliates, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

- D. David Cadorette addressed the MVPA's print ads and the projection of the club's image. He will work with David Doyle and Reg Hodgson on developing a new ad campaign that

incorporated the logo into every ad.

- E. David Cadorette displayed T-shirts in several colors with an embroidered MVPA logo on the chest. He suggested selling the shirts at a lower mark up in order to get more exposure for the MVPA. The Board encouraged David to moving forward with the project.

VI. MVPA EDITORS' REPORT

- A. John Pojunos reported that the two meetings of the editors, C.O.O and Association manager went well, and he feels the organization is going to benefit greatly with the addition of David Doyle as *Supply Line* Editor who will set a good foundation for future publications.
- B. Publication Committee was appointed by President David Welch that is chaired by David Doyle and includes Reg Hodgson, John Pojunos, David Cadorette and Kay Willard.
- C. It was noted that Military Vehicles Magazine editor John Adams-Graf has offered the MVPA an "Editorial" page in his magazine. David Cadorette and David Doyle are to provide the material to Mr. Adams-Graf prior to the MV Magazines deadline.
- D. Reg Hodgson reported that the amount of material for *Army Motors* is excellent, and it is difficult to stay at 64 pages when there is so much good information to be published.

MOTION by David Doyle to amend Policy 4, changing the Affiliate Ad Discount from 40% to 50% as had been stated in *Supply Line* , ACCEPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

- E. David Doyle plans on selling the inside front cover, inside rear cover, ½-of the back cover and 12 color pages in *Supply Line*, with package deals for the covers at prices much higher than the black and white ads now offered. David thinks we should require the Affiliates to put the MVPA's logo in their ad, in proportionate size.

MOTION by David Cadorette for the MVPA to pay up to \$5,000 annually to *Supply Line* contributors as designated by the Editor. ACCEPTED UNANIMOUSLY. (Note: none of these funds will go to the Editor or anyone in his household and the \$5000 will be prorated for 2009)

MOTION by John Pojunos to allow the *Supply Line* Editor to increase ad prices by approximately 10%, ACCEPTED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Tom Wolboldt to empower the *Supply Line* Editor, in consultation with the C.O.O. to set the display ad rates and policies for *Supply Line*, ACCEPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. NOMINATION COMMITTEE

- A. The nomination committee of John Cheney II, David Cadorette and Tom Wolboldt suggested the board accept the entire slate of candidate, which includes every member that submitted an application.

Slate of Candidates suggested:

Toby Chandler ~ Texas	Kevin Lockwood ~ Kansas
Kevin Emdee ~ Kentucky	Al Nickolson ~ Alberta, Canada
Jim Gilmore ~ Pennsylvania	Randy Withrow ~ Alabama
Sven Johnson ~ New Jersey	Greg Wolanin ~ New York
Kevin Kronlund ~ Wisconsin	

MOTION by David Cadorette to accept the slate of candidates recommended by the nomination committee, ADOPTED by written ballot with 4 For, 0 Opposed and 5 Abstaining.

VIII. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Convention Committee

1. Garry Hisel updated the Board on some items that have come up on the LST in Evansville, but assured the Board that everything would be smooth by August and nothing would be cancelled.
2. Garry requested information from the Board on running "slow races", "jeep teeter totter balancing" and other arena events.
3. David Cadorette would like to see the Directors get more involved in the convention execution; thanking vendors for attending, manning the Directors' table to answer questions, help in judging, work with the staff at registration, help with vehicle and vendor move-in and move-out, etc.
4. David Cadorette reviewed the Vendor Exit Survey from the 2008 convention and feels some good information was compiled.
5. President David Welch appointed a committee to develop a Convention Chairman guideline of duties and responsibilities, consisting of John Pojunos (chair), John Cheney II with consultation from Kay Willard.
6. Steve Preston is seeking sites for the 2010 convention.

B. Awards and Recognition Committee

1. Pioneer Award: Reg Hodgson listed the nominees for the Pioneer Award and gave background information on each. Recipients: George Bradford, Peter Gray and Frank Bricker.
2. Honor Roll and Vanderveen Awards The recipient (Allan Cors) was determined by secret ballot. Recipient of the Vanderveen Award: Allan Cors. Recipients of the Roll of Honor: Brian Asbury #282, Frank Buck #884, Pierre Izarie #13390, Wallace Wade #8395
3. Newsletter Award nominees are being sent to the Board electronically by David Welch for a final decision. Recipient: Frank Baltra of the FFC MVPA.
4. Associate/Vendor Award recipient Wayne Dowdle.

IX. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

- A. August 5, 2009 Board meeting will from 2-6 p.m. in the Hamburger Hill Building at the Convention site.
- B. Fall 2009 meeting to be determined at the August 2009 meeting.

MOTION by Tom Wolboldt to adjourn the meeting, ACCEPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

X. MEETING ADJOURNED: by President David Welch

Respectfully submitted 4/7/09 by: Tracey Metcalf, Administration
Reviewed 5/14/09 by: Kay Willard, Association Manager
Sent for Review 5/15/09 to: Tom Wolboldt, Greg Wolanin and David Cadorette
Revisions made and sent back to committee 6/2/09