

MVPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 13, 2008 * Portland Expo Center * Portland, Oregon

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

President, David Welch at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 2008, called the REGULAR meeting of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association's Board of Directors to order. There was a quorum present and Administrative Assistant Tracey Metcalf recorded the minutes.

Sven Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call:

David Cadorette – Amherst, NH	John Pojunos – Olathe, KS
John Cheney II – North Baltimore, OH	Kenton Tucker – Scottsdale, AZ
Sven Johnson - Belvidere, NJ	David Welch – Gillette, NJ
Al Nicholson – Red Deer, AB, Canada	Greg Wolanin - Loudonville, NY
Tom Wolboldt – Fleming, OH	
MVPA-HQ Staff: Kay Willard, Tracey Metcalf and Susan Young, Independence, MO	

Not Present:

Jim Dias – Los Gatos, CA	Reg Hodgson – St. Albert, AB, Canada
John Varner – Onamia, MN	

MOTION by David Cadorette, to accept the agenda, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Tom Wolboldt to accept the standing rules, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION by Greg Wolanin to accept the March 2008 Board Meeting minutes, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

John Pojunos said membership income is about \$8000 above budget, which in part is a reflection of the membership decline leveling off. He estimates the actual yearend deficit will be in the mid \$40,000 range, less than the conservative budget of \$86,900. John also stated he still plans to diversify the investments as per the Boards wishes, but is waiting for the market to stabilize. John said he would like to get rid of the deficit by next year by increasing membership through continued advertising and recruiting.

Kay pointed out the Liquid Assets chart, noting it is a much less detailed way to see where the organization stands financially. Starting in 2001 as the membership increased so did the liquid assets. In 2005 the membership started to decline, evident in the first drop of \$8,790 followed by a drop of \$38,329 in 2007 and an estimated drop of \$37,844 in 2008.

IV. HEADQUARTER'S REPORT

Membership Statistics: Kay reported on the membership growth and that she feels the decrease is leveling off and we should have an increase in membership by the end of the calendar year. We are currently only 75 members less than we had in all of 2007, and should exceed last years numbers by 31 December.

ACTION without objection David Welch wants to invite the vendors to recruit for the MVPA. A Top Vendor Recruiter awards was discussed, with no conclusion. HQ is to contact the Vendors to see if they would like some brochures sent to take to events or ship with orders.

ACTION without objection David Welch interrupted the agenda to allow Steve Preston, MVCCO President to address the Board and give an update on the Portland convention. Steve reported the Portland convention was beginning smoothly with a lot of vendors and vehicles moving in that day. He noted the local news channels would be on the grounds promoting the event Thursday and Friday and is hoping for a large turnout.

V. WEBSITE REPORT

Tom Woboldt reported on the web site bulletin board and the TCM'09 web site he has been working with Wendy (TCM'09 Web Master) to put up a category for monetary donations for the convoy. It was decided the "Web Site" award would be tabled until the next meeting of the Board. He continued that mvpa.org had 125, 992 hits in 2008 with 13,000 – 18,000 per month.

VI. TMC'09 CONVOY REPORT

Terry Shelswell addressed the Board concerning the TCM'09. He talked about the need and search for corporate sponsors, how happy he is with the volunteer team to date, and that he has been talking with a film company to record the event, but it will need to be completely financed by sponsors and not the MVPA.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. ACTION without objection **Revision of Policy #1 Committees** discussion was postponed until the November meeting.

B. ACTION without objection Kay is to **update Election Policy #3** as per Board suggestions and present it at the November 2008 meeting

C. ACTION without objection an **Affiliate Website Award** was discussed, David Cadorette is to bring the criteria to the November 2008 Board meeting for more discussion.

D. ACTION without objection Sven Johnson and Al Nicholson asked to move the **Safety Committee** report to the next meeting.

E. ACTION without objection David Cadorette has made some contacts concerning **involving younger members** in the association, but has more work to do before a full report can be made.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Sema Update: Ernie Baals #3104, spoke on SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) and the great work they are doing. He feels the MVPA and our members would benefit greatly from linking to the SEMA web site, or possibly joining SEMA as an Associate Member. Kay is to check into the cost, etc.

IX. CONVENTION DEVELOPMENT & SUPPORT

A. Phil Movish and Natalio Banchemo made a presentation to the Board to host the 2010 convention in Colorado, hosted by the **MVCC of Colorado at Ft. Collins.**

B. Randy Withrow made a presentation to the Board to host the 2010 convention in **Huntsville, AL, hosted by the Dixie Division.**

C. Garry Hisel updated the Board on the **2009 Evansville, IN** convention, noting that things were moving along, and he thinks there is going to be a great turnout due to the 3 years of promoting and the central location. He is continually working on corporate sponsorship to offset the cost of the facility. He has already collected \$6,790 to date.

D. John Cheney II updated the Board on the **2011 convention in Dayton, OH** noting we would be back at the Nutter Center and he was negotiating the costs, areas, etc. and would report back to the Board.

X. STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive Committee: The Bylaw revisions were reviewed and discussed.

MOTION by John Cheney II to present the Bylaw revisions to the lawyer for review; ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Nominating Committee:

ACTION without objection David Welch, President, appointed Al Nicholson (Chair), David Cadorette, John Cheney II, and Tom Wolboldt as the nominating committee, which he feels are positions that should only be held by elected Board members.

Member Liason Committee: Tom Wolboldt and David Cadorette reported the Membership Liaison committee had been contacted twice by non-members, but had nothing to report on the membership, noting this was good news.

MOTION by David Cadorette to go into Executive Session to discuss the convention bids for 2010 ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by David Cadorette to accept the MVCC of Colorado's bid for 2010, keeping Dayton, OH in 2011 and ask the Dixie Division to consider hosting the 2012 convention in Huntsville, the motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

ACTION without objection David Welch brought the Board back to regular session.

Affiliate Support: Two new groups requested affiliation with the MVPA; the Alamo MVPA from Texas and the Southern Lake Michigan group from Indianan.

MOTION by Al Nicholson to accept the Alamo MVPA and the Southern Lake Michigan groups as Affiliate Groups, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Associate Support: Tom Wolboldt and John Pojunos reported they were pleased with the direction the Associate/Vendor meeting went, held just prior to the Board Meeting. A more convenient time was discussed. No decision was made concerning the time of the meeting at the 2009 convention. The vendors would like the statistics on each convention listing the number of vendors, the number of attendees, the number of public attending and the criteria that makes people attend the events. The vendors would also like a Vendor Exit Survey to get more feedback from the vendors on what they would like to see happen at the event.

XI. NEW BUSINESS (continued):

Greg Wolanin again mentioned the possibility of combining the publications to save money. It was decided to table the discussion to combine the publications until both editors were in attendance.

XI. FUTURE BOARD MEETING

MOTION by Greg Wolanin to hold the November 2008 Board Meeting in Dayton, OH. WAS NOT ADOPTED by a roll call vote of 3 for, 5 against, 1 abstained.

MOTION by David Welch to accept 14 and 15 November for the fall meeting date, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

The 2009 winter meeting was discussed for April 3 & 4, 2009, with the location to be decided.

MOTION by Al Nicholson to adjourn the meeting, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

XII. MEETING ADJOURNED: by President David Welch

Respectfully submitted 9/29/08 by: Tracey Metcalf, Administration
Reviewed 10/10/08 by: Kay Willard, Association Manager
Approved 11/10/08 by: Secretary Tom Wolboldt, David Cadorette, and Greg Wolanin
Full Board Approval 11/14/08