

MVPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 21, 2006 * Nutter Center * Dayton, Ohio

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

President, Al Nickolson at 5:00 p.m., called the meeting of the Board of Directors of The Military Vehicle Preservation Association to order Wednesday, June 21, 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	Randy Withrow – Huntsville, AL
Sven Johnson – Belvidere, NJ	Greg Wolanin – Loudonville, NY
Lou Moore - Shawnee, KS	Kay Willard – MVPA, HQ
	Susan Young – MVPA-HQ

Not Present:

Charles Varner – Grandview, TX	Tracey Metcalf – MVPA-HQ
John Varner – Onamia, MN	

Steve Preston updated the Board on the MVCC of Oregon's bid to host a convention in Portland. **IT WAS DECIDED** Kenton and Al would meet with Steve on Friday to discuss some final details. **A MOTION WAS MADE** by Art Pope and **SECONDED** by Greg Wolanin to accept the MVCC of Oregon's bid to host the 2008 convention if all details could be worked out during their Friday meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**. Note: The meeting was successful and the 2008 convention will be held in Portland, OR 13-17 August 2008.

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Jim Dias

A MOTION WAS MADE by Randy Withrow and **SECONDED** by Greg Wolanin to make the changes below to the March 17-18, 2006 Board Meeting minutes, the **MOTION CARRIED** with Yes votes from Jim, Linda, Lee, Sven, Lou, Al, Randy and Greg with Reg, Art and Kenton Abstaining.

Also included in the above vote **A MOTION WAS MADE** by Randy Withrow and **SECONDED** by Lee Holland that minutes will be taken at the General Membership Meeting starting with the June 24, 2006.

Changes to the March 17-18 minutes are as follows:

Page 3, VI B. Add: 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.

Page 5, VII Add after E.3: 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.

Page 5, Add after A.2. 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 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.

Page 6, VIII.C.4. Change "created to benefit the business member, ..." to read "created as a "Perk" to benefit the business member..." Mr. Moore used the term perk and it is most appropriate.

Page 9, IX.I.1., Change "demill" to Demil. The term refers to demilitization of an item.

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

1. Lou Moore gave a brief review of the financial statement prepared by Kay Willard and some of the adjustments she had made since the winter meeting. There were no questions
2. Lou reported Cudney Ecord, McEnroe & Mullane would perform an audit the week of July 22nd for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 at a cost of \$4880. A review will follow for September 30, 2006 at a cost of \$1890 with additional reviews at about \$1850.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Greg Wolanin **SECONDED** by Sven Johnson to follow the September 2005 Audit by a full Audit of the 2006 books. **THE MOTION DID NOT CARRY** with 5 yes and 6 no votes.

IT WAS DECIDED to follow the September 2005 audit with a review of September 2006 as Lou had negotiated with the CPA firm. Lou stated if the Board was not satisfied with the 2006 review at the March 2007 meeting they can request the CPA go back and perform a complete audit of 2006.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Sven Johnson **SECONDED** by Greg Wolanin to show a breakdown of individual Director expenses starting with 2006. **THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. HEADQUARTERS REPORT – KAY WILLARD

1. Kay reported the membership continues to decline. In May 2004 the membership was 9533; in 2005 it dropped to 9141, a 4% decrease; dropping again in May 2006 to 8795, another 7% decrease. We are on a trend to loose 10% of our members in just 2 years.
2. Art and Lee reported on the non-renewed members they called from a list provided by HQ: Most said they forgot and were planning to rejoin. A couple said they were selling their vehicle and getting out of the hobby or they were low on cash now and may join next year. Most seemed to appreciate the call and there were really no negative comments.

VI. PUBLICATIONS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Greg Wolanin **SECONDED** by Lee Holland, approving Reg to have the back issues of *Army Motors* 1-88 (which we have in paper copy only) scanned to disk at high quality for \$150 per issues and to start with the 49 issues we are completely out of. **THE MOTION CARRIED** with 8 yes votes and 3 abstaining.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Lee Holland **SECONDED** by Greg Wolanin, to continue with the complimentary *Supply Line* classified ad program and send two coupons with the 2007 renewal notices. **THE MOTION CARRIED** with 8 yes votes and 3 abstaining.

VII. CONVENTION DEVELOPMENT – Kenton Tucker

1. Kenton Tucker reported, multiple Southern California affiliates are interested in hosting an outdoor convention, in 2008 at Los Alamitos' National Guard facility near Long Beach, California.

IT WAS DECIDED because Portland has been selected for the 2008 convention, Kenton would ask the Southern California affiliates if they are interested in hosting a future convention. If they are Kenton will plan a site visit.

2. Kenton has had some interest from affiliates to host a convention in Atlanta, Pittsburgh and Kansas City.
3. A few vendors present suggested the table rates be lowered because of the no cost and rebates on convention center rentals in Little Rock and Portland. The Board said they would consider their request.

VIII. STANDING COMMITTEES

D. MVPA Historical Archives – Art Pope

1. Art reported his team of 10 volunteers continues to meet in Auburn every 3 months to sort and catalog the 200,000 drawings. Art passed around a 92-page booklet containing the drawings that have logged.
2. Lee Holland said TACOMM would be sending approximately 30,000 more drawings this winter.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Greg Wolanin **SECONDED** by Lee Holland authorizing Art up to \$1500 of the Archives' funds for the acquisition of 40 plus file cabinets for the drawings in Auburn, Indiana. These cabinets are to be purchased from GM plants closing in Lansing, Michigan. (This does not include transportation to Auburn, which Art said he could get for fuel cost only.) **The MOTION CARRIED** with 10 Yes votes and 1 Abstaining.

E. Judging Committee

A MOTION WAS MADE by Greg Wolanin **SECONDED** by Sven Johnson to put Jim Gilmore back into the judging chairman position. **THE MOTION CARRIED** with 4 Yes and 3 No votes, 2 Abstaining and 2 Directors out of the room. **IT WAS DECIDED** this is a Committee not a Director position and therefore would not have voting privileges. **IT WAS ALSO DECIDED**, Jim would be Judging Chairman starting with the 2007 convention.

F. Associate/Business Support – Jim Dias

1. Jim asked Daryl Bensinger to summarize the discussion that took place at the vendor support meeting.
 - a. Would like lower table prices at 2007 convention due to no cost convention center
 - b. Questioning; are advertisers getting their monies worth out of *Supply Line*? Suggested combining *Supply Line* and *Army Motors* for better value.
 - c. More discussion on Associate Members having voting rights.
 - d. Requesting more timely notification of tax collection rules prior to each convention.
2. Greg Wolanin wants to create a vendor award and is searching for a name. He suggests nominees be selected by the membership based on good service. Reg recommended it be base on introducing innovative products and services for the hobby and the nominations can be processed along with the Vanderveen and Roll of Honor awards.

IT WAS DECIDED name suggestions and ideas could be submitted to Greg. Once named and guidelines are established the vendor award would be announced in *Supply Line*.

IT WAS DECIDED a committee chaired by Greg Wolanin would explore and submit bylaw changes not limited to but including the feasibility of a vendor sitting on the Board. This would include guidelines for the nomination and election process and their compliance with MVPA Bylaws and Missouri statutes. The Chairman is to report to the Board at the 2007 winter meeting and the committee includes: Ernie Bales, Jon Snapp, Bob Notman, Tom Wolboldt, Randy Withrow and Sven Johnson.

G. Web Site Committee– Linda Haas

IT WAS DECIDED to put a request in *Supply Line* for a Web Master, preferable a professional web designer who is a member of the MVPA and would provide us discounted service.

H. Nomination Committee – Lee Holland

A MOTION WAS MADE by Art Pope **SECONDED** by Lee Holland to adopt Kay's proposal to revise Policy #1(a). The president shall appoint the nominating committee at the summer (instead of winter) board meeting prior to the fall election. This is to take effect with the 2009 election and the committee for the 2007 election will be appointed by November 2006. **The MOTION CARRIED** with 9 Yes votes and 2 Abstaining.

I. Government Liaison – Lee Holland

IT WAS DECIDED to again run an article in *Supply Line* regarding illegal resale of government monuments.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Art Pope **SECONDED** BY Greg Wolanin to form a small committee to submit a detailed proposal, including estimated costs, to develop and launch both an e-mail alert system and vehicle registration information database. Greg Wolanin and Jon Snapp volunteered for the committee and will present their proposal at the 2007 winter meeting **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

J. 5-Year Plan – Art Pope

1. Art requested the following items be added to the 5-year plan
 - a. Development of regional rallies
 - b. The search for a professional web master that is a member of the MVPA

IX. Old Business

A. Member Questionnaire/Demographics – Lee Holland

1. Lee reported the questionnaire would not be ready for the 2007 renewal mailing, as John Varner has had difficulty finding a source to tabulate the information.
2. Lee asked that suggested questions be forwarded to him.
3. Lee and John will present a questionnaire draft and tabulation proposal at the 2007 winter meeting

X. New Business

IT WAS DECIDED copies of the meeting tapes will be sent upon request to active Directors only.

IT WAS DECIDED starting with the 2006 summer meeting minutes the number of yes and no votes will be recorded. In addition only the motions, decisions, proposals, and duties would be recorded.

XI. FUTURE BOARD MEETING

- A.** Winter 2007: Independence, MO – Friday & Saturday 30-31 March
- B.** Summer 2007: Little Rock, AR – Statehouse Convention Center – Wednesday 27 March, 5 pm

XII. MEETING ADJOURNED: by President Al Nickolson

Respectfully submitted 10/18/06 by: Kay Willard, Association Manager

Reviewed 10/19/06 by: Tracey Metcalf, Administration

Approved 10/30/06 by: Jim Dias, Secretary

Full Board amended and approval on March 30, 2007