

Minutes of the annual Association meeting

January 29th, 2011 10:00 A.M.

Presiding: Pete Seielstad

Conducting: Pete Seielstad

I. Call to order

A) Invocation: Doug Rasmussen

B) Presentation of Colors: Robert Schwandt

C) Pledge of Allegiance: led by Pete Seielstad

D) New Members Oath: Oath given to 1 new member Paul Reeck Company B

Oath administered by Pete Seielstad

Oath issued is the same one as the original 2nd Wisconsin took.

E) Moment of Silence

Pete Seielstad read a poem entitled "The Bivouac of the Dead" by Theodore O' Hara after which Pete called for a moment of Silence in honor of those of the 2nd Wisconsin and all military personal that are in harms way. Moment of Silence was honored by all present.

II. Minutes

- a) Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the 2010 minutes
- b) Motion made by John Dudkiewicz
- c) 2nd by John Thielmann
- d) Dispensing of reading of the minutes approved and minutes accepted as written.
- e) No changes to the minutes were asked for.
- f) Minutes accepted as recorded and written.

III. Treasurers report

Treasurer's report: given by Scott Frank

The \$2,500 that was put into a money CD (approved at last years meeting) has matured in the past two weeks. Interest made was \$16.00

Scott handed out a 3 page report on the Association's money.

- 1) Budget Report
- 2) Treasurer's report
- 3) Bank Statement from the Horicon Bank

Receipts:

1) Members dues:	\$2,850.00
2) Company K School Day Insurance Rider:	\$ 0.00
3) Donations:	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
	\$2,850.00

Disbursements:

1) Reimbursed Costs and Postage:	\$ 150.00
2) Hall Rent:	\$ 100.00
3) Association Liability Insurance:	\$ 793.10
4) Membership Cards:	\$ 260.71
5) Returned Check:	\$ 528.00
6) Scholarship:	\$ 500.00
7) Taxes (Wis. Dept. of Financial Institutions):	<u>\$ 10.00</u>

Total Disbursements: \$2,341.81

Investment-CD Purchase: \$2,500.00

Investment Holding: CD \$2,500.00

Net Income/ (Loss): \$ 508.19

1) Beginning Balance:	\$5,707.99
2) Add Receipts:	\$2,850.00
3) Less Disbursements:	\$2,341.81
4) Less Certificate of Deposit Purchase:	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
5) Ending Balance-12/31/2010	\$3,716.18

Motion made to accept Treasurer's report as given and reported

Motion made by John Dudkiewicz

2nd by Lyle Laufenberg

Treasurer's report accepted

- 6) Gary Van Kauwenbergh started a discussion on the money CD and if there was a better way to utilize the \$2,500 in the CD
- 7) Jeff Blakeley suggested putting the funds into a Money Market or something similar
- 8) Brief discussion ensued on what the Association could do with the \$2,500.00
- 9) Motion made to give the Treasurer latitude to make the decision on the money CD
- 10) Motion made by Jeff Blakeley
- 11) 2nd by Ugljesha Pirocanac
- 12) Motion passed

IV. Board and Military Officers Report:

A) Board President/Lt Col.: given by Pete Seielstad

- 1) Pete Seielstad gave a vote of thanks to Jim Dumke for the printing and handling of the Fugelman and for his professionalism.
- 2) Pete reported that Communication was very good the past year amongst the Company's, the Association and between the members. Need to keep up the good work on Communication
- 3) Pete also stated that the Association (including Officers) had become to lax at some of the events. (one being Norskedalen) Would like to see a better Military decorum at events.
- 4) There were several safety issues and some members (because of these issues) were hurt in the past year. The members need to be more diligent and more aware of safety and practice it better.
- 5) Pete also thanked David Dresang Jr., Scott Frank and Terry Brown for all their assistance and help to Pete while he served as President. He could count on the board for their help and support.
- 6) The members need to remember that we (as an Association of the 2nd WI) need to be aware of the fact that we do portray the original 2nd Wisconsin men and we need to be diligent in our efforts to accurately portray them

B) Secretaries report: given by David Dresang Jr.

- 1) David reported that in 2010 the Association had 164 members that compares to 151 members in 2009
- 2) David also reported that Company C (out of New Jersey) had disbanded for the year of 2010 but were going to look to 2011 to try to reform the Company and re-join the Association.
- 3) Membership cards are available and every Company representative was asked to pick their cards up before the end of the meeting. The membership cards (top portion) need to be filled out by either the treasurer or the Company Secretary before giving the cards out.
- 4) David also reported that the Association has been contacted and invited to many events or invited to join other reenacting groups for the year of

2011, this is in conjunction with the start of the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War.

- 5) David brought up that the biggest complaint that he received this past year was from those that wanted to take part in the scholarship program but many did not because they said the part about the essay was confusing. The requirement reads:

“Attach a separate sheet, containing a short essay (500 words or less) on the following topic. “How do the events or idea of the Civil War continue to affect the United States today?” He also had informed the scholarship committee of these concerns to see if they could be addressed.

The Committee members are:

Dave Sielski Company E

John Dudkiewicz Company B

Bob Mann Company K

Pete Seielstad Company B (as the tie breaking judge if needed)

This past year’s recipient was Eric Blasing from Company B

- 6) David also thanked the Association for the opportunity he had by serving as Secretary for the past 8 years

C) Major of Infantry Doug Rasmussen:

- 1) Doug expressed gratitude for the opportunity of being Major. He stated that he only gets that opportunity 2 to 3 times a year and enjoys it very much
- 2) Doug thanked everyone for their support and hard work.
- 3) Spring Muster is his most enjoyable event as Major
- 4) The men did a very good job at spring Muster and the maneuvers they were asked to perform, because of this and the quick way the members learned he was able to get in more advanced drill for the men.
- 5) The drills that were learned at Wade House Spring Muster showed everyone at other events (Wade House and National events) how well prepared the men really were and to keep up the good work.

D) Company Officers/Presidents reports

1) Company A: given by Scott Frank

- a. Company A has 2 members and that 100% of the Company showed up for the meeting
- b. Company A members did preservation work at Gettysburg, they made 2 trips out there, 1 in Spring where they had 8 men show-up and in the Fall where they had between 10-12 men.
- c. Tom Klas is going to be a father (in March?) for the 3rd time
- d. Scott Frank is married to his work, but they will do their best to help support the Association events

2) Company B: given by John Dudkiewicz

- a. Company B has 14 members in the Association and a total of 20 on their roster
- b. Norskedalen is B’s big event which will be October 8th-9th
- c. Charles Woods has dropped out of Company B and some of the members that join B come from Ft. McCoy, so they will lose and gain members due to transfers.
- d. Tom Filgrave is being transferred from Ft. McCoy to Virginia?
- e. John then presented the members (at the meeting) a brief history of the original Company B regimental flag.
- f. Company B has replicated the flag to almost look exactly as the original one.

- g. The original flag was presented to Company B on July 4th, 1860 by the ladies of La Crosse.
- h. Company B was known as the “La Crosse Light Guard”
- i. The flag did go with Company B to Washington D.C. but they had to leave it with the War Department when they were sent off to war. The flag was stored in the basement of the War Department where it stayed until a Congressman from La Crosse came across it and had it sent back to Wisconsin.
- j. The flag was brought back to La Crosse where it became lost. It was later found and in 1930 it was conserved and then put on display at the La Crosse Courthouse.
- k. The flag is 2 sided with the State Seal on one side and the Ladies of La Crosse on the other. All members of the Company had their names put on the flag with the exception of 13 men who had deserted at some point during the War and 2 men who were found to young to fight. One name was actually a member of Company K and a mystery surrounds why he had his name on the flag.
- l. Once again the flag disappeared and in 1994 was recovered.
- m. Company B (Association members) raised \$5,000.00 to have it conserved once again and the original flag now exists at the Courthouse.
- n. Pete Seielstad pointed out that the Association needs to be more involved in such work, he used the example of Company E where they held a charity march and Company A’s efforts at Gettysburg.

3) Company C: given by Bill Acheson and read by Pete Seielstad

- a. Effective immediately, I am stepping down from all reenacting duties For awhile-Bill Acheson 2/6/2010
- b. Company C has disbanded, no one has stepped up to take my place so we Will not be part of the Association for the scheduled year of 2010. I will take a look after my break and see if there is an interest for the 2011 season-Bill Acheson
- c. Pete Seielstad expressed that this was sad news, losing Company C but At the same time it was good news in the fact that they still have some interest.

4) Company E: given by Dave Sielski

- a. Company E has 35 military members and had 4 new members join last year
- b. Company E also has a Father and Son from Canada wishing to join
- c. The Charity March brought in \$625.00 this past year. It is a 2 day March and was held on the property of a member of E who has a lot of land. On Saturday of the March it was known as “The mud March”
- d. The money was donated to the Kings Home and went for the up keep and repair of wheelchairs.
- e. Heritage Hill (June 25th -26th) is E’s big reenactment and Dave invited all to attend the event. It started last year and the event organizers from Heritage Hill were very pleased and had about 500 more spectators show up than they had originally thought would come.
- f. Neville Public Museum in Green Bay is having a special event entitled “Badger Boys from Wisconsin” to help commemorate the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War, they are having their Grand Opening of the event on February 4th 2011 and all are welcomed to see the exhibit while it is at the Museum.

5) Company G: given by Gary Klas

- a. Company G has 2 members
- b. The big thing for G will be preservation, especially of its members
- 6) Company H:** given by Tom Bispo read by Pete Seielstad
 - a. Company H has 15 regular members and 16 associate members, of which 12 are military. Company H has lost several military members over the years, but they have also gained new members and had former members return. The membership has stayed fairly constant over the past 4 years.
 - b. Company H remains a tight-knit, dedicated unit that enjoys the camaraderie of reenacting and is proud of its identity as 2nd Wisconsin V.I. members.
 - c. Company H has 11 official events listed on their calendar for 2011
 - d. In addition to battlefield events, there are 2 school events, 3 National Park living history events and a Memorial Day ceremony in honor of all veterans of America's wars in Santa Cruz, CA.
 - e. January 29th they will kick off the 2011 reenacting year with living history day at Fort Point, San Francisco. This National Park site is the only Civil War era brick and masonry fort on the West Coast. The fort stands at the entrance to San Francisco Bay beneath the Golden Gate Bridge. It is similar in construction and appearance to Ft. Sumter, and has remained intact event to this day, although it was threatened many times by the wrecking ball.
 - f. Company H attendance at this first event of the year promises to be the highest in recent memory, hopefully a harbinger of a great year to come.
- 7) Company K:** given by Ugljesha Pirocanac
 - a. It was an active year for Company K especially supporting her sister Company events, along with their own.
 - b. Company K will be having a major school day on May 20th There will be 20 stations; they are looking for help from anyone interested in joining them
 - c. Last year 2200 students attending the school day and they expect the same this year.
 - d. They have had help from a signal company from Illinois along with General & Mrs. Grant.
 - e. It is a very comprehensive event dealing in more active stations and participation from the students.
 - f. They will have a Medical Station along with several Infantry Stations.
 - g. The event is at Blue Mound State Park.
 - h. Companies K has 35 military members and are holding steady at that number.

E) Major of Artillery Brant Doty

- 1) Battery B has 18 members and 1 new member
- 2) John Utterback was promoted from Gun Sgt. to Ordinance Sgt.
- 3) At Battery B's annual meeting several awards were passed out.
 - a. Thomas Sobottke (who has been very ill the last several years with cancer) was given a certificate of Appreciation for his work and dedication.
 - b. The KEARNEY Cross was given to Walter Hlaban for his action at Heritage Hill saving the field piece from being captured.
- 4) A copy of the contract between the 2nd Wisconsin and the National Guard was located and a copy has been secured for the Association. It dates back to 1994. The old National Guard Commander wants to keep the original

contract the same, whereas one of the Commanders subordinates wanted the Association to re-do the contract giving the Guard more say in the 12 pound Napoleon. The contract as it was drawn up will stay in tact and there should be no more worries about it in the near future.

- 5) Walter Hlaban was able to acquire a 6 pounder which Battery B uses time-to-time. It is less expensive to use and to haul around.
- 6) The 12 pound Napoleon is in good shape (the tube) and the carriage will be inspected for ware and damage.

F) Competitive Shooting Commander Gary Van Kauwenbergh

- 1) Gary has stepped down as the ACWSA Adjutant and Judge Advocate General (JAG) but 2nd Wisconsin members Rob Weber and Dan Graff are now filling those positions.
- 3) Gary is still handling the ACWSA webmasters position and now that he has spare time (what is that?) he will be able to improve the website, some of the improvements already made are:

- a. The addition of more pictures
- b. Current news was added
- c. Members can view copies of the by-laws
- d. Members can also view the skirmish rules
- e. Even the entire insurance policy has been added
- f. The 2nd Wisconsin's team page on the ACWSA website was also revamped. Links were added to all published pictures of the 2nd Wisconsin troops that Gary knows about, along with pictures of modern team's members throughout the years.
- g. This year's project is recreating "The Old Soldiers Fiddlers" 4 members of the 2nd plus Gary's son will be playing at the Civil War Expo in Racine during March. This is a great story about a group of Civil War Veteran's with ties to the Iron Brigade and Battery B who performed a vaudeville act in the early 1900's.
- h. Reminder- the 2nd Wisconsin skirmish team is open to anyone interested.
- i. The 2011 annual meeting for the Skirmish team for the 2nd Wisconsin will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday February 12th in the home of Roy and Cathi Nelson located at W4982 Woodside lane, Watertown WI.
- j. Dues are \$15.00 but they do have a "first year free" program.

k. 2010 Season summary:

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| 1) Musket Teams | A | 4 th in a field of 11 |
| 2) Musket Team | B | None |
| 3) Carbine Teams | A | 4 th in a field of 8 |
| 4) Carbine Team | B | 1 st in a field of 3 |
| 5) Carbine Team Ladies | | 1 st in a field of 2 |
| 6) Revolver Team | A | 2 nd in a field of 4 |
| 7) Revolver Team | B | 1 st in a field of 2 |
| 8) Smoothbore Team | A | 3 rd in a field of 12 |
| 9) Smoothbore Team | B | 2 nd in a field of 2 |
| 10) Breechloader Team | A | 2 nd and 4 th in a field of 10 teams |
| 11) Cannon | | 3 rd in a field of 4 |
| 12) Mortar | | 2 nd at Boscobel |

1. The 2nd maintained the same participation levels as 2009, but they

did lose one member from their roster. The team attended all 5 skirmishes offered last season entering at least one team in every event except the carbine team at the last skirmish of the season.

G) Keeper of the Colors Robert Schwandt

- 1) The New Colors were not used during the 2010 season
- 2) The Old colors were used during the 2010 season at the following events:
 - a. Association meeting on January 29th 2010
 - b. Appleton School event with Co. E
 - c. Pinecrest Village, Manitowoc WI
 - d. Green Bay Holiday Parade
- 3) The location of the Colors
 - a. New colors are located at the home of David Dresang
 - b. Old colors are located at the home of Robert Schwandt
- 4) Condition:
 - a. New colors have not been uncased during 2010. Condition: excellent
 - b. Old colors have been uncased several times during 2010. Minor repairs have been made. Condition: Good
- 5) Since last report:
 - a. Water-proof covers are being made by Scott Frank for the old Colors.
 - b. Tassels for the old colors were found to be too expensive and therefore, not purchased
 - c. In-ground stands have been made by Walter Hlaban and donated to the Association and asked for nothing in return. Thank you Wally!!
- 6) If anyone would like to use either sets of colors need to contact either Pete Seielstad or Robert Schwandt.

V. Election of Officers

A) Association Officers

1) President 3 year term

Pete opened the floor for nominations

- a. Marv Kostka nominated David Dresang Jr.
2nd by Gary Klas
- b. Patrick Lynch nominated Ugljesha Pirocanac
2nd by John Thielmann
- c. Scott Frank nominated Pete Seielstad
Pete turned down the nomination
- d. John Dudkiewicz made motion to close the nominations
2nd by Lyle Laufenberg
- e. Vote was taken by secret ballot

**New President of the Association
David Dresang Jr.**

2) Vice President 3 year term

- a. David Dresang Jr. nominated Tom Bispo
2nd by Marv Kostka
- b. No other nominations given
- c. Ugljesha Pirocanac made motion to close nomination
2nd by John Thielmann
- d. Lyle Laufenberg made motion to cast unanimous vote for Tom Bispo
2nd by Brant Doty

New Vice President of the Association

Tom Bispo

3) Corporate Secretary 3 year term

- a. Before nominations were called, Pete Seielstad read the responsibilities of
The office of Corporate Secretary
- b. Patrick Lynch nominated Dave Sielski
2nd by John Dudkiewicz
- c. Jeff Blakeley made motion to close nominations
2nd by John Thielmann
- d. Jeff Blakeley made motion to cast unanimous vote for Dave Sielski
2nd by Bob Mann

New Corporate Secretary of the Association

Dave Sielski

B) Field Officers

1) Lt. Colonel 3 year term

- a. David Dresang Jr. nominated Pete Seielstad
2nd by Bob Mann
- b. Drew Young nominated Doug Rasmussen
Doug Rasmussen turned down the nomination
- c. John Dudkiewicz made motion to close the nominations
- d. 2nd by John Thielmann
- e. David Dresang Jr. made motion to cast unanimous vote for Pete
- f. 2nd by Jeff Blakeley

Lt. Colonel for the 2nd W.V.I. Association

Pete Seielstad

2) Quartermaster Sgt. 3 year term

- a. Before asking for nominations, Pete Seielstad gave a brief description of the
position. He also apologized to Tom Klas (current QM Sgt.) for oversight
Pete also told those assembled what Tom has done for the Association the
only thing Tom would not do would be ordering powder and caps for the
Association.
- b. John Dudkiewicz nominated Tom Klas
- c. 2nd by Scott Frank
- d. Jeff Blakeley moved to close the nominations
- e. 2nd by Scott Frank
- f. No other nominations given
- g. Scott Frank made motion to cast unanimous vote for Tom Klas
- h. 2nd by Jeff Blakeley

Quartermaster Sgt. for the 2nd W.V.I. Association

Tom Klas

D) Appointed positions

1) Association Secretary (no term limits)

- a. Selection from the floor
- b. Before volunteers were called, Pete Seielstad read the responsibilities
of the office of Association Secretary
- c. Call for volunteers for the position of Association Secretary
- d. Dave Sielski volunteered for the position
- e. No other volunteers

Dave Sielski appointed as new Association Secretary

VI Old Business

A) 1st Manassas National event

- 1)** The National event for the Association was decided back at the Wade
House event. The members voted to make the National event at

1st Manassas the Association's National event.

2) The date for the event is July 21st-24th

3) Transportation

- a) John Dudkiewicz and Dave Sielski volunteered (at Wade House) to check into transportation and cost.
- b) Dave Sielski handed out a report on the cost of the bus (depending on how many people were going and the size of the Bus needed) He also reported on the rooms and costs per person depending on how many people wanted to share a room. It went from a single to a quad. The Bus cost approximately \$151.00 per person plus the cost of the room. We would be spending the night at Youngstown Ohio going to the event and then going back home.
- c) John Dudkiewicz volunteered to register those who would be attending the event. The registration needs to be turned in by the end of February. The cost is \$20.00 per person
- d) Charles Bagneski made motion to accept the use of Bus and itinerary as reported
2nd by Robert Schwandt
- e) The only request made was to find a more secure place in for those in Madison that would take the bus. Last year 2 members had their vehicles vandalized at the Park & ride that was used.

4) Alignment of Association

- a) Pete Seielstad reported who we would be falling in with at the National event.
- b) We will fall in with the BHB and then the Cumberland Guard
- c) We will be under the Command of General Shackelford

5) Uniform Requirements

- a) The Association will be divided into 2 groups, those who wish to go as the 2nd Wisconsin wearing the State Militia gray uniforms will be under the Command of Pete Seielstad, those who can't afford the required uniform, they can go blue and they will be under the Command of Doug Rasmussen.
- b) Tom Klas was asked to present examples of the gray uniform that those who wished to go as the 2nd WI would be required to wear.
- c) Smatterings of state issued and federal issued uniform & equipage. some items of known prevalence include the state issue haversacks of heavy white duck with blue stripe and leather closures, state issued seven inch canteens, the double brimmed shako or kepi as the soldiers removed the whale and wire stiffeners, and the gray coat frock coat & trousers encompassing a wide variety of differing materials & patterns that were generally light gray in color to medium gray. Federal leather accouterments, state issue or civilian blanket, Pattern of 1816/1822 Harpers Ferry Conversion Musket in .69 caliber or & Pattern 1855 Maynard Rifle-Musket in .58 caliber issued in Company B. According to Captain Thomas Allen, knapsacks were left behind. Also Allen points out all officers were clad in gray as they packed away their best uniforms of blue.
- d) Jerry Letcher asked if it would be possible to get the patterns of the frock coats and trousers, Jerry knew of a person that could make the clothing at a reduced cost.

- e) Ugljesha Pirocanac asked about the black piping that was worn on the trousers. Tom said that the 2nd Wis. Did have black piping down the trousers that were 1/8" wide and if you wished to put it on, that would be great but not necessary, also the NCOs' had black chevrons.
- f) Tom also said that the leathers that we wear are just fine, but the haversack was white with 2 buttons, one on each end of the flap.
- g) For those that prefer to go blue, the current uniform is fine, frock coat would be better than the sack coat if possible as the sack coat didn't come out until 1862
- h) Also a forage cap (for those in blue) would be preferred, and no leggings to be worn.
- i) Tom will issue an approximate price for the items for those that wish to go gray. He gave some prices but they are from 2007 so the prices have probably gone up.
- j) Gray frock coat \$200.00-300.00
- k) Trousers?
- l) Haversack \$50.00
- m) Canteen \$80.00
- n) Kepi \$100.00
- o) You would not have to get any kind of special Musket, the one that you have would do just fine.
- p) the state issue frock coat should have:
Gray cloth, plain single breast, hand sewn buttons and buttonholes, nine **federal eagle buttons attached in the front**, a standing collar, tail pockets with two federal eagle buttons affixed, and *without* piping or welting on the collar and cuffs. Coat should be lined.
- q) Trousers should be light gray in color, hand sewn buttons and buttonholes. Militia pattern preferred. If you want a black stripe down the seam as in the original trousers, this can be had but for an additional fee. Materials of jean cloth, satinette, or broadcloth. The state prescribed the following regarding trousers: Gray cloth, plain, black welt 1/8 inch wide in the outside seam.
- r) The ONV had a series of caps made for the Park City Grays based on the 7th New York militia cap and that pattern was similar except for the double brim in the 2nd Wisconsin's cap. These will be without the stiffeners, have the black strip across the circumference of the cap as seen in the 7th New York cap, and the double brim but they can add for an additional cost however I do not feel this should be required. Lined, hand sewn leather sweatband, thin painted leather black brim with no edging, leather chin strap, and two 5/8 inch general service eagle buttons attached on each side of the chin strap. The state prescribed the following regarding caps: Gray cloth, 7th Regiment style- patent leather strap.
- s) I have met with Bill Brewster to see if we can put together an order for Pat Cunningham to make these canteens based on one in the WVM. Pat makes the current tine ware for the WVM. I should have an answer by early March but with Bill not at the WVM anymore, I do not know if this will be possible. I will send updates and I find out more information. Secondary choice would be federal issue but these would have been a rarity in the ranks. If federal issue is used, avoid bulls eye canteens as these were not in production in 1861.

Also the leather canteen strap for federal issue was the standard for New York and Schuylkill Arsenal. – not the cotton strap.

- t) I will be in contact with Richmond Depot to see if they can make the state issue haversack as documented. This was untarred, white with blue ticking strip on the strap. I should have an answer soon on this. If we can not have this made, Richmond Depot would make an acceptable alternative cotton haversack with button closure as a secondary choice. Tarred haversacks would not have been seen until after Bull Run for those whom lost these items during the battle, therefore the current tarred federal issue should be avoided.
- u) We have no solid documentation at this time on the state issue blanket other than soldiers stated they were of heavy wool. I recommend getting a good 100% wool blanket with hand sewn edges if a folded edge is used. Can be in solid colors (stick to dull colors – earth tones) or solid and stripes, with varying dimensions. These blankets should be around 3-4 lbs. in weight to keep you warm. Civilian Coverlets made of wool and cotton is also appropriate for use as a gift from the home front. Hand sewn borders with documented patterns, construction, and materials. Federal issue blankets should be avoided as the Second Wisconsin had the state issue blanket for Bull Run.

B) Scholarship continuance

- 1) Last years recipient was Eric Blasing from Company B and he received the \$500.00 scholarship from the Association.
- 2) The Scholarship offers 1-\$500.00 Scholarship if less than 5 apply and 2-\$500.00 scholarships if 5 or more apply
- 3) Last year we had 3 applicants for the Scholarship
- 4) Eric Blasing sent his sincere thank you for the opportunity to apply and winning and receiving the Scholarship
- 5) Scott Frank told everyone that he has already budgeted the scholarship into this year's budget and the Association has enough money for the program.
- 6) Dave Sielski made motion to continue the Scholarship program
 - a) 2nd by Drew Young
- 7) motion passed the Association will continue the Scholarship program
- 8) The judges and Committee members from last year were:
 - a) Robert Mann Company K
 - b) John Dudkiewicz Company B
 - c) Dave Sielski Company E
 - d) Pete Seielstad Company B (tie breaking Judge if needed)
- 9) Volunteers were asked for to head up the 2011 Scholarship program
- 10) The new committee members and Judges for 2011 are:
 - a. Robert Schwandt Company E
 - b. John Dudkiewicz Company B
 - c. John Thielmann Company K
 - d. Tom Bispo Company H (tie breaking Judge if needed)
- 11) John Dudkiewicz talked about the judging sheet and gave a brief run down on how the scoring went; there was also a discussion on the essay question.
- 12) David Dresang Jr. reported that most of the complaints he received last

year was about the essay question and if it could not be clarified as to exactly what the committee was looking for. He also stated that we would receive more applications if this was done.

- 13) It was decided that the Scholarship committee look into the essay question and see what can be done to help bring in more applicants.
- 14) Ugljesha Pirocanac also brought up that at last years meeting it was Decided that the Association try to publicize the Scholarship and the Recipient to the local media to try to draw more attention to the Association and what it was trying to accomplish. He also stated that He did not see that this was done.
- 15) John Dudkiewicz did state that Company B did have it in their local Paper (it had Eric's picture and a little blurb about the scholarship).
- 16) David Dresang Jr. did admit that he only sent releases to each Company, The Association newsletter and website for publication.

C) Website/Fugelman discussion:

A) Fugelman discussion

- 1) Pete Seielstad thanked Jim Dumke for all his hard work and dedication And for the excellent job he has been doing on the newsletter. Pete asked if there were any problems or concerns anyone had regarding The newsletter.
- 2) Dave Sielski would like to see it downsized somewhat. At times there is So much information in the newsletter that it takes a while to download Or some computers can't even handle that much volume.
- 3) Bob Mann believes that it needs to be a little more organized, he would Like to see the more important articles nearer to the top of the newsletter.

B) Website discussion

- 1) The main topic is the need to have the website updated. To much old Information on it and not enough new items being added.
- 2) Gary Van Kauwenbergh volunteered to contact Jim Johnson to see if Jim could use help and ideas in keeping the website up to date.
- 3) The Association membership needs to help out and send in items to Jim to help him with the website.

D) Surplus funds disbursement:

- 1) It was decided at last years meeting that anytime the Association has More than \$7,500.00 in our account that the surplus would be donated To a cause to be determined by the membership.
- 2) Pete asked Scott Frank if we did exceed the said amount, the reply was No, so this year we have no surplus of funds.

E) Revision of cannon contract with the National Guard update:

- 1) Brant Doty gave the report that the original contract between the 2nd Wisconsin and the Wisconsin National Guard were still intact.
- 2) The revamping of the contract is no longer a hot topic (the National Guard unit wanted to re-do the original contract giving them more authority over the tube of the piece)
- 3) The contract will remain the same, no changes will be made.

F) Inventory update:

- 1) David Dresang Jr. brought one artifact that was donated to the Association (in the 1990's) by Ernst Frankenberg
- 2) The artifact was a Wisconsin regimental flag flown by Co. C Of the 2nd Wisconsin during the Spanish-American War.
- 3) David had not been able to locate the origin of Company C and He brought it to the Wisconsin Veterans Museum to try to verify

Its authenticity he was turned away.

- 4) David asked the membership to help out, not only finding more about Company C but also to help out to verify the flag's origin and then decide what would be best to do with the flag?
- 5) The discussion was tabled until next year's meeting.

G) Insurance Assessment:

- 1) Scott Frank said that last year there was some confusion about the rider that Company K needed for their school day event. Scott has resolved those problems and they have been dealt with and are no longer an issue.
- 2) Company K will require 4 riders this coming year. 3 are for their drills. One will be for their school event.
- 3) The insurance has already been paid, for the year 2011.

VII New Business:

A) Event Calendar for 2011

- 1) **Association event for 2011**
 - a) Floor opened for nominations
 - b) John Dudkiewicz nominated Wade House September 24th-25th 2nd by Ryan Holbrook
 - c) No other events nominated
 - d) John Dudkiewicz made motion to close the nominations 2nd by Jeff Blakeley
 - e) Wade House is the Association event for 2011
- 2) **National event for 2011**
 - a) The national event was discussed and voted on at last year's Wade House event. No vote or nominations are needed
 - b) Association National event for 2011 1st Manassas July 22nd-24th
- 3) **BHB event for 2011**
 - a) The BHB has chosen for their National event for 2011 the 1st Manassas event July 22nd-24th
 - b) Since the Association is already going to that event it will also double as our BHB event along with our Association National event
 - c) No other discussions on the BHB event
 - d) The BHB event will be 1st Manassas July 22nd-24th
- 4) **Company event for 2011**
 - a) Company events go on a rotating basis; this year is Company K's turn to decide what they wish to make the Association's Company event.
 - b) Company K has decided on Evansville Wisconsin May 21st-22nd as the Association's Company event.
 - c) Ugljesha Pirocanac gave a brief outline of what to expect at the event.
 - d) There will be an Artillery night time firing demonstration
 - e) Saturday Lance Herdegen will be in attendance (author of several books about the Iron Brigade and a Carroll College Professor in Civil War studies and many more credits)
 - f) Saturday will be a parade led by the 1st Brigade band
 - g) Saturday night will be a Military Ball with the 1st Brigade Band
 - h) Special note: Company events are not voted on

B) Other New Business:

- 1) It was announced by Pete Seielstad that Robert Schwandt would be stepping down as Color Sgt.
 - a) Pete thanked Robert for a job well done and for all his research

- and time that he has given to the Association.
- b) Robert would retain his duties as “keeper of the colors”
 - c) Color Sgt. would be chosen at every event from any of the Companies present.
 - d) Color Sgt. should be an NCO so stripes would be needed to portray the Color Sgt.
- 2)** Tony Vranicar made up small pocket sized booklets of the Association handbook. He had 2 copies sent to the annual meeting To see if the members would be interested in them.
- a) Question arose, could the copy be sent to each company Electronically so that each Company could make their own.
 - b) Need to find what the cost would be to make or buy the Smaller version of the Association handbook.
 - c) Tony is asked to contact each Company with the information about the pocket handbook.
- 3)** Scott Frank made motion regarding voting for members outside of The State and how that would be handled
- i. The motion reads as thus:
 - ii. The 2nd W.V.I. shall accept no votes from absent members from the Central Wisconsin based meeting unless they are received immediately via any means necessary from Company based central meetings in contact with the main Association meeting.
 - iii. 2nd by Lyle Laufenberg
 - iv. Motion passed

VIII Announcements

- 1)** The next Association meeting will be held on January 28th 2012 at The American Legion Hall in Fox Lake at 10:00 a.m. CST
- 2)** Pete Seielstad thanked the kitchen staff for the fine meal that they
- 3)** provided us for lunch
- 4)** Pete mentioned that we normally give the American Legion Hall \$100.00 donation for the use of their building, but because of a mistake that was made at last years meeting (a donation of \$5.00 is asked for the cost of the meal, last year the donation of the food ended up \$50.00 short) Pete made a motion to donate \$150.00 this year.
- 5)** Jerry Letcher made motion for the donation of \$150.00
- 6)** 2nd by Robert Schwandt
- 7)** Motion passed
- 8)** Marv Kostka asked for a round of applause for Pete’s service as President of the Association for the past 6 years. That was enthusiastically given by all those in attendance.
- 9)** Brant Doty forgot to mention that they will be holding their “School of the Piece” May 14th in Columbus WI
- 10)** Gary Van Kauwenbergh told the members that if anyone wishes to get on the Skirmish team’s e-mail list all they would have to do is to contact Gary and he will see that they are included.
- 11)** John Dudkiewicz told everyone that the MMA (mixed martial arts) has invited members of the 2nd Wisconsin to join them at Wisconsin Dells (no date) They use military color Guards to start their event and this year they would like it if we could be the color Guard, they wish to honor the 150th start of the Civil war.

12) John Thielmann invited all to join in the Veterans Parade held in Milwaukee on November 5th

IX Closing:

- 1)** Motion made to close the meeting
- 2)** Motion made by Drew Young
- 3)** 2nd by everyone
- 4)** Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Those in Attendance

Charles Bagneski Co. E
John Decker Co. K
John Dudkiewicz Co. B
Wally Hlaban Battery B
Marv Kostka Co. E
Jerry Letcher Co. E
Skip McCutchin Bty. B
Laurie Rasmussen Co. E
Paul Seielstad Co. B
John Thielmann Co. K
Matt Wierzbach Co. E

Lisa Bagneski Co. E
Brant Doty Battery B
Scott Frank Co. A
Gary Klas Co. G
Richard Laddusire Co. E
Patrick Lynch Co. K
Ugljesha Pirocanac Co. K
Paul Reeck Co. B
Pete Seielstad Co. B
Gary Van Kauwenbergh Co. G
Drew Young Co. E

Jeff Blakeley Co. B
David Dresang Jr. Co. E
Ryan Holbrook Co. K
Tom Klas Co. A
Lyle Laufenberg Bty. B
Bob Mann Co. K
Doug Rasmussen Co. E
Robert Schwandt Co. E
Dave Sielski Co. E