



HMGS-PSW

Board Meeting 06/02/2024

Meeting Minutes

HMGS-PSW Inc
27512 1/2 Oak Springs Canyon Road
Canyon Country Ca, 91387

Via Zoom

Call to Order

Roll Call

Officers

President - ?
Vice President and CCO John Harrel
Secretary – Harmon Ward
Recording Secretary – Santiago Noguera
Convention Coordinator - Harmon Ward
Treasurer - William Stilwell

Social Media Committee

Paul Barker – CA
Javier Gardea – AZ
Rick Brown – AZ
Harmon Ward – CA

Directors

Jason Coffey – NV
Matt Denny – CA
John Harrel – CA
Frank Patterson – CA
Richard Aldrete – CA
Paul Barker – CA
Tom Frazer - AZ

Outreach Coordinators

Dave Glick – CA
Javier Gardea – AZ
Jason Coffey – NV
? – HI
Paul Say - CA

Reading and Approval of Past Minutes

Reports of Officers

1.) Vice President and CCO John Harrel - John Harrel has been in touch with a National Guard member, looking to secure venues for events the society can run, the two possibilities are San Bernardino and Van Nuys, conversations are still ongoing. John asked the present members to inquire on armories close to their area if they were available for rent, as rent is usually cheaper than regular venues as Non-profits get a discounted rate when renting such venues.

2.) John Harrel is in conversations with a GW store manager for the society to help organize a 40k event in conjunction. This would be a good opportunity to bring new players in a joint event with 40k players and historicals in the same room.

Secretary – Harmon Ward – No Report

Convention Coordinator - Harmon Ward-**Sand Wars 2024 Report.**

Attendance was greater than last year. Javier Gardea is auditing the attendance slips. The Mesa Community College had some expenses that were added late in the negotiations. A full financial report is in the works. The lunch food sales were popular, the dinner sales were not. The food was significantly more expensive to buy than in past years. The patrons enjoyed the convention and they are all looking forward to next year. We spent a lot of time talking to Bryan who ran the painting booth and he has agreed to join the HMGS-PSW and be our IT support. Hopefully he will be able to join us Sunday morning via ZOOM.

Harmon Ward **Enfilade 2024 Report**

3.) They have one table size. 6'x7.5'. Six feet deep and seven and a half feet wide. Some mats fill less than this space but the standardization means more tables and less wasted space. We could do the same thing with a set

aside for monster games. They have a row of 30" deep tables for the DBA guys in the back. There was a Advanced Squad Leader table.

4.) There are only 28 tables in three rooms, but all games are full Saturday morning, with most of them being full Saturday night.

5.) The members volunteer for a 5 hour staff slot sometime during the convention. This was a surprise as the PSW does not have a history of doing that. Maybe this year we offer a free shirt to everyone who volunteers?

6.) The tables are reserved in 4 hour blocks, 9:00AM to 1:00PM, 2:00PM to 6:00PM and 7:00PM to 1:00AM. Using each table 3 times a day allows for a lot of games in three small rooms. Some of the bigger games a run over two time blocks. A lot of 2:00PM games run late into the night. Two games per day is better than one! Enfilade 2024 hosted something like 110 games from Friday to Sunday.

7.) The La Quinta Inn is a great venue. The free Continental Breakfast goes a long way to lower the overall cost of attending. Frank and Mark, would you be able to contact the La Quinta Inn in Cypress and open communications with their convention manager? The IPMS used to hold their monthly meetings at that location.

8.) They have a lot of vendors. I am interviewing them as fast as I can, but the North West appears to have a lot of hobby activity and old time shops. Not surprisingly, few of them can afford to travel the PSW. We need to find shops in our area that will support Mini-Wars 2024.

9.) Their Flea Market is in a separate room watched over by club volunteers. This does not seem to cut down on their attendance. I have been there 7 times so far and it is usually standing room only. This room is a combination of NHMGS donated items and Bring and Buy tables with members items for sale. Everything, with the exception of books, is labeled with a tag. The item is brought to the desk and paid for after which the tag is removed and kept for the post-convention audit. It seems to work well with two volunteers at the desk at the times the room is open. Everything that is left in the room after 1:00PM Sunday becomes the property of the NHMGS to be sold at the next convention.

10.) They have no tournaments, and do not have room for them, anyway. We need to build our tournament attendance, but they pull in 365 people without tournament attendance.

11.) They do not publish a convention booklet.

12.) They have no raffle.

13.) They have a Theme, which seems to be a HMGS standard. This years theme for the Northwest is "The New World."

14.) Attendance this year was 365. They just about broke even. I feel a lot better about difficulties in getting our events into the profitable range, as our attendance is always less than half their number. Before COVID their attendance peaked at 450.

15.) They have game awards for "best of show", "best themed game" and the like.

16.) If you have Facebook, please link to their group and read what they are discussing from time to time. We can learn a lot from them. [Northwest Historical Miniature Gaming Society | Facebook](#)

17.) I talked to Kevin Smyth, and we are going to try and pair up our Chairmen to exchange ideas. As soon as Kevin gets a chance to decompress, he will get us the contact info for his Painting Competition people to talk to Andrew and Ilan and on down the line. We can learn a lot from their 33 year run.

18.) Their Membership Meeting is Sunday morning, not Saturday night. There were 266 preregistrations with the usual appear for the members to register early. Kevin went into detail about how hard it was to replace their old location, The Red Lion in which closed suddenly. The members like the new location and Kevin is going to secure it for new year ASAP.

Treasurer - William Stilwell

Reports of Committees / Special Volunteers

Election Committee

Convention Committee

Unfinished Business

New Business

Set the theme for Mini-Wars 2024

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19.) Bylaws as they are written do not allow for an electronic vote, the change to the bylaws has to be approved by the membership, candidates for the board are still needed and is a pressing issue that has not been resolved. Those candidates need to be willing to lead to grow the societies goals. A motion was proposed by Paul Baker to gather and send all physical ballots for the 4th August at the Knights hobby hall at 8:30am. Motion was approved. Harmon Ward will be the responsible for printing the ballots before that day.

Announcements

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted

Harmon Ward HMGS-PSW Secretary

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