

MINUTES FROM THE 2013 NATIONAL REENACTMENT GUILD OF AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting was held at 8:00 a.m. Pacific time, 9 a.m. Mountain, 10:00 a.m. Central and 11:00 a.m. East Coast on Saturday morning, August 23, 2013. This year the meeting was held via conference call to avoid the cost we've incurred in previous years by having several meeting places and because we did not have a large number of agenda items.

Those included in the phone conference call at the beginning of the meeting were:

David Akins	James Miller	Paul Carstensen
Gary Burden	Matt Woehrle	David Chastain
Dickie Stanley	Steve Callas	Larry Putnam
John James	Jim Hoffman	
Don Swain	Bill Lamb	
Susie Swain	Lee Michels	

Those not included in the phone conference call were:

Ed Smith	Jeff McClaran
Frankie Deramo	Susan Zink
Jeff McIntosh	Kip Turner
Shane Jones	Jeff Cashion

The National Director had submitted the agenda items via email and will be discussed as follows:

#1. The National Safety Officer, Dickie Stanley, has resigned his position as National Safety Officer (NSO) for RGA. Dickie (Buck Grizzly) has been the NSO of RGA from the beginning. The Board needs to appoint a new NSO. I have two nominations for the position; John James (Jesse) with Wild and Woolly West and Steve Callas (Sidewinder Steve) with Westroupe. I think both are well qualified and could do a good job for the members.

#2. RGA membership forms: I have suggested that we make some changes to our membership forms for two reasons. One, to make it a contract that states members will follow all safety rules and if they fail to do so, they will be legally held responsible. Two, by making these changes if anyone should try to join RGA using a false name, they will be committing a felony and could be prosecuted for doing so. I hate this subject has to be resolved. A few bad apples make it harder for all of us but I feel we must do all we can to protect RGA and its members.

#3. Judges training classes: We have finished the judges' training manual and all of the board has had a chance to review it and made no changes. I would now like to start holding judges training classes for the first to be held in Texas in October, 2013. These classes are to be open to all RGA members who wish to attend and will be required for all RGA judges. I would like the board approval for the expense to hold these classes. The whole reason for the judges' manual and training classes is to better train judges and reenactors on how to judge old west reenactments and historical portrayal competitions. This manual has been a project that was talked about from the beginning of RGA. It will be a great tool for both judges and reenactors.

[These are the exact wordings from the Director's email.](#)

In addition, Don Swain had submitted a request for RGA funding for two events: one in Arizona and one in Nevada via email on August 19, 2013.

No other agenda items were submitted prior to the meeting on August 24, 2013

The first item of business was the recommendation from David Akins to appoint Dickey Stanley as the Texas State Director since Dwayne Hagemeyer has resigned from this position. No one had any objections to this appointment.

No vote needed to be taken.

The discussion of the agenda items was not taken in the original order as submitted but all items were covered.

Agenda item #2: Revising the RGA membership form. The Director had heard some conversation about joining RGA under a bogus name after being removed from any other organization of this nature. Also he submitted an initial format for this wording to be added to the membership form. Another issue was to add the verbiage that each member will read all the safety rules and guidelines. Also this recommended change is based on violations of safety rules by two different individuals. Both individuals admitted to the Deputy Director that they were at fault and he informed them that their memberships were revoked from RGA. There was discussion about different wordings so the form is now in the process of receiving input from various board members. The Deputy Director did mention that he was working with the Insurance Company to include the Safety Rules into the insurance policy itself giving more weight for the insurance company to act upon if claims are filed. The revised form will be forthcoming when completed. No date for completion was set.

As additional discussion was subsequently held in regards to obtaining Director and Officers' insurance to protect them if someone were to file a lawsuit against RGA and the officers. This item had been discussed in prior years and the board had decided not to pursue. More research will be done. This item was tabled until more information was obtained.

No vote was necessary on this agenda item since it was tabled.

Agenda item #1: Appointment of New National Safety Officer: Discussion was held about this appointment to fill the National Safety officer position. There were two individuals that were agreeable to running for this position. One was John James (currently Sergeant of Arms) from Texas and the second was Steve Callas (currently State Safety Officer) from California. Each individual was given the opportunity to present their credentials, experience, background in order to fulfill this position. Both candidates gave all the information required of them. Some of the board members asked each candidate about how they would handle certain issues, especially the two safety incidents previously mentioned.

During the candidates' discussions and comments from other board member, it was decided that a **board vote would be taken at this time as to the expulsion of those two members** (Walt Brown and Mike Carmichael) that violated the safety rules and the action taken by the National Directors in removing them from RGA. A motion was made by Steve Callas and seconded by David Chastain. The vote was taken and the result was:

Gary Burden	Yes
Barbara Chatham	Yes
Dickie Stanley	Yes
Don Swain	Yes

Susie Swain	Yes
James Miller	Yes
Matt Woehrle	Yes
Steve Callas	Yes
Jim Hoffman	Yes
Bill Lamb	Yes
Lee Michels	Yes
Paul Carstensen	Yes
David Chastain	Yes
Larry Putnam	Yes

14 – Yes 0 – No

Motion unanimously passed

Now we revert back to the filling of the position of National Safety Officer

Gary Burden	Steve Callas
Barbara Chatham	Steve Callas
Don Swain	Steve Callas
Dickie Stanley	John James
Susie Swain	Steve Callas
James Miller	Steve Callas
Matt Woehrle	John James
Steve Callas	abstain
Jim Hoffman	Steve Callas
Bill Lamb	Steve Callas
Lee Michels	John James
Paul Carstensen	John James
David Chastain	John James
Larry Putnam	John James

7 votes for Steve Callas

6 votes for John James

1 abstain

It was brought to the attention of the board that since Steve Callas is currently a State Safety Officer, he must step down. An interim California State Safety Officer will be brought to the board by California for a vote to fill this position. It was stated that the most qualified person would be considered. Also it was stressed that as many members as possible be aware of this vacancy.

Agenda item #3: Judges Training Classes: The Director stated the first judges training class will be held in Salmon Lake, Texas in October (third week of October). All RGA members who have judged or want to be a judge are encouraged to attend. After this first one is conducted, plans will be made to take the classes to member states. Also invited are RGA members who are interested in the process. This will show them how they will be judged in competitions. Expenses for the travel to different locations should be paid by RGA as budget allows. Also the manual should be available to members. It was recommended

that this training be videoed. It was also suggested that the live shows on the website should be included. Copies of CD's will be available to those who would like to have it. Recommendation was also to put this manual on the website.

Kara Trammel and Charles Trammel just now joined the meeting bringing the total voting board members to 16. At this point, the Director explained to Kara and Charles what this agenda item was about so that they were aware of what they were voting on.

Motion was made by Paul Carstensen with second by Gary Burden.

Gary Burden	Yes
Barbara Chatham	Yes
Don Swain	Yes
Dickie Stanley	Yes
Susie Swain	Yes
James Miller	Yes
Matt Woehrle	Yes
Steve Callas	Yes
Jim Hoffman	Yes
Bill Lamb	Yes
Lee Michels	Yes
Paul Carstensen	Yes
David Chastain	Yes
Larry Putnam	Yes
Kara Trammel	Yes
Charles Trammel	Yes

16- yes 0-no

Motion passed

Added Agenda Item from Arizona:

Requests for funding for RGA events depending on funding;

1. Banning Stagecoach Days - California
2. Gathering of the Gunfighters - Arizona
3. Mormon Fort - Nevada
4. Colorado event to be determined
5. Salmon Lake - Texas
6. Dalton Days – Kansas

Motion made by Paul and seconded by James Miller

Gary Burden	Yes
Barbara Chatham	Yes
Don Swain	Yes
Dickie Stanley	Yes

Susie Swain	Yes
James Miller	Yes
Matt Woehrle	Yes
Steve Callas	Yes
Jim Hoffman	Yes
Bill Lamb	Yes
Lee Michels	Yes
Paul Carstensen	Yes
David Chastain	Yes
Larry Putnam	Yes
Kara Trammel	Yes
Charles Trammel	Yes

16 – yes 0-No

Motion passed

The Deputy Director brought this up for clarification. Duties of Officers: Officer Memberships: A conference call was held Jan. 12, 2012, regarding providing officers, elected and interim, with a full term membership at no cost to the officer to maintain the certainty that all would be current should any meetings be called at short notice in which a quorum is always required. The memberships will remain valid for the officer's full term unless any officer resigns before his/her term is complete. In that case, their membership will remain active until the end of the fiscal year in which they resign. If an officer is removed by the board according to Article V, Section 10, his/her membership will be revoked immediately!

Motion made by Gary Burden and seconded by Larry Putnam:

Gary Burden	Yes
Barbara Chatham	Yes
Don Swain	Yes
Dickie Stanley	Yes
Susie Swain	Yes
James Miller	Yes
Matt Woehrle	Yes
Steve Callas	Yes
Jim Hoffman	Yes
Bill Lamb	Yes
Lee Michels	Yes
Paul Carstensen	Yes
David Chastain	Yes
Larry Putnam	Yes
Kara Trammel	Yes
Charles Trammel	Yes

16-yes 0-no

Motion passed

David brought up the subject on researching other methods of meetings. The group was in favor of but no vote was necessary.

Lee Michels asked about a source of ammo. Several RGA members have been asking her. Dickey Stanley recommended ordering from the supplier to Mark Allen instead of straight from Mark Allen. Larry Putnam suggested Perfect Shot located in Fort Worth, Texas. Lee also brought up the subject of grant writing. Lee and David Akins will be working on this project.

Dickie mentioned the manufacturer of blanks is MRA .

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.38 cal, .45 cal, 5 N 1's, 12 gauge. They have non corrosive blanks, and metal based shotgun shells on request.

Matt Woehrle brought up the lack of responses for the election process. He encourages everyone to submit by the 31st of August. Nominations need to be made for new officers or even if you are an incumbent.

Matt also brought up combining states with memberships under the number of 10. The board will address this item at a later date.

Motion was made by Larry Putnam and seconded Gary Burden to adjourn.

Barbara Chatham
National RGA Secretary
8/27/2013