



Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVPA)
Public Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes: Friday, May 2, 2025, 4:00pm CDST

Type: Public Board Meeting

Patrick Tipton called the meeting to order at 4:00pm CDST.

1. Roll Call

Secretary: Record attendance of board members and note absences. Chris Doran excused.

Guests: MVPA members welcome; Q&A at end of session (2-minute limit per comment).

2. Consent Calendar

Motion: Approve the following items by a single motion unless removed for separate discussion. Motion by John Hedges, seconded by Bob Brough. No objection.

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Approval of Minutes from April 24, 2025

3. Officer Reports

A. President's Report: The Board has been working hard since the change; the priority is the convention. Old technology is a challenge. Patrick Tipton and John Hedges are at HQ now.

B. Vice Presidents Report: Jane Brough is also at HQ. Going through bills line by line. Working on event management platforms, Cvent. Manage convention, offer to affiliates. Converting QuickBooks from desktop to QuickBooks online. Files now online for the BOD and Treasurer to utilize.

C. Treasurer's Report: Not much change from last week. Membership renewals are higher than anticipated. Took care of signature cards for both organizations at the bank in Independence. No prohibition from Bylaws or MO statutes to have the same treasurer for both organizations. Treasurer will create an account within the account to separate the convention income/expenses. Line of Credit is more complex for a not-for-profit than for a for-profit and personal loan. MVPA and MVPA-HA fiscal years end on separate dates. Need Bylaw change to change the dates for one organization. Must report both entities now due to legal obligations. Need a members vote on the change. We have 3 checking accounts, which is a legacy program, looking to consolidate them. There is not a big difference between the interest rates on the credit cards, so there is no value in consolidating to one card. Will report the P&L at the convention at the latest.

4. Committee Reports

Convention Committee: Dan Wesolowski and John Schroeder. Planning has been ongoing since 2023. Records are old and outdated. Belle numbers are revised and are better. Waiting for updated contracts and invoices. Working with Kilroy on auction items. Registrations are coming in slow. 10 paper registrations in the HQ office. Tour attendance is low. Addressed parking issues. Promoted the host hotel. Need to work the guerilla marketing campaign. 13 vehicles registered for judging. Need an equal number of judges. Chris Doran promoted new judges. Hard suspense of 25 May to register a vehicle for judging.

6. Old Business. No Old Business.

7. New Business

A. Creation of a Titling and License Committee for education and assistance around military vehicle on-road usage. Motion by John Hedges, second Patrick Tipton. Standing Committee of the MVPA. The MVPA needs to take a lead in this issue. Directors need to be willing and able to travel. Develop a tool kit for the affiliates. BOD gets involved where necessary. Unanimous approval by voting member. Motion by John Hedges to serve as director liaison with the MVPA President seconded by Patrick Tipton. Unanimous approval by voting members.

B. Expenditure of Fund for SurveyMonkey. Authorize John Schroeder, chairman of the strategic planning committee, to spend no more than \$600 of MVPA funds, a one-time purchase, to purchase the minimally capable SurveyMonkey program to conduct a survey of members to support the strategic planning process. Motion by John Hedges, seconded by Patrick Tipton. Unanimous approval by voting members. William Findley will donate the funds to cover the cost as a tax-deductible contribution to the MVPA-HA.

8. Public Comment (see attachment)

9. Announcements. Next Board meeting: TBD, most likely next week. Patrick Tipton shared a MVPA networking success story of a new member purchasing a WWII jeep and attending the conference.

10. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 5:03pm CDST.

Meeting Registration Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/JCDvL2ZOSEapsSE9bqRdJQ>

Q: Doug Suzukovich. Current member numbers? A: Working to pull that data out of the member program.

Q: Bob Young. When can we expect a budget? A: We have a draft budget based on incomplete data, but we are refining it. Should have something in a few weeks.

Q: Bruce Sharp. When is the spending going to stop? A: We are trying to stop all unnecessary expenditures. We need the right tools to get us moving forward.