



Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVPA)
Public Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes: Monday, June 30, 2025, 8:00pm EDT

Type: Public Board Meeting. 60 MVPA members present.
Patrick Tipton called the meeting to order at 8:00pm EDT.

1. Roll Call

Secretary: Record attendance of board members and note absences. Rory Grenier excused.

2. Consent Calendar

Motion: Approve the following items by a single motion unless removed for separate discussion. Motion by John Hedges, seconded Dan Wesolowski. Passed by unanimous vote (-) Grenier.

A. Approval of Agenda

Pulled minutes from April 24, 2025. Item 6c travel reimbursement, Supply Room articles to be dealt with at the next meeting. Motion by John Hedges, second by Patrick Tipton. Unanimous.

3. Officer Reports

A. President's Report: Thanks to the members who are attending. Starting the recording of the meeting. Patrick Tipton is very optimistic about the state of the MVPA. Many members doing great things and working getting new and old members into the club. Membership renewal needs a lot of work. Better emails will be coming from the MVPA in the future.

B. Vice Presidents Report: Established a number of committees. Need volunteers for committees to make them work. If interested send email to HQ@MVPA.org. John Hedges is the chairman of the Nominations Committee. We are starting with a clean slate of members on the Nominations Committee. Put on agenda for next meeting the policy that candidates have experience or training in serving on a non-profit board. For the Bylaws and Policies committee, we are looking for members for a line-by-line review of the bylaws and policies. Need the focus to be on a member driven association. For the Titling and Registration Committee, we need a Director Chairman. The Strategic Planning Committee is chaired by John Schroeder. Regarding the 2026 Convention in Virginia. Hotel contract signed today for 65 rooms and 165 room-nights which will get venue space for free. The BBQ and drinks will be free to MVPA members in good standing. The Virginia committee is strong and working hard to make 2026 a great convention. Patrick Tipton added that the convention planning meetings will be done via Zoom for member's input.

C. Treasurer's Report: See the attached slides. Brief will not take 1 hour. Robert Brough thanked the board and the membership for the support to Jane Brough and himself in the treasury repair process. Jane Brough reviewed the Convention 2025 numbers. As it stands today the convention lost \$9,288, but there are a few issues with the Crowne Plaza and KEC to review. Robert reviewed the issue of the contract with the Crowne Plaza for the 900+ room nights that could potentially cost the MVPA ~\$31,000. Jane and Robert are confident that all major convention expenses are identified. Most numbers are updated as of today. Moved ~\$22,000 from the investment account to pay down the credit card in order to be able to pay convention expenses. Convention expenses will be due in July. The board is in a pay it down, no new spending mode. Jane reviewed the "as is" budget. Next year's budget will be based on actual membership numbers as reported in the Your Membership program. Jane reviewed the "growth budget". Patrick stated we had 74 new members in June. Robert and Jane Brough stated that this is the budget they are proposing for the remainder of the year. Patrick Tipton briefed the budget and issues surrounding History in Motion. No notifications for lapsed membership renewals went out in May and June. Encouraged members to set-up an autorenewal to avoid HQ staff having to send out reminders. Motion to accept the treasurer's growth budget by John Hedges. Seconded by Patrick Tipton. Passed unanimously. Motion by John Hedges to authorize the finance committee to work to reduce the credit card debt. Seconded by Dan Wesolowski. Jane Brough briefed the accountant has not provided the requested documents. Jane will prepare the tax returns for the MVPA-HA for 2024 in lieu of the accountant. She has completed the transfer of the accounting books from the accountant. Working on reclassifying expenses. Eliminating the "slush fund" between the MVPA and MVPA-HA. Working to align the tax timeframes for the MVPA and MVPA-HA. Working on linking Your Membership and QuickBooks. Robert Brough briefed the insurance review. We were able to drop some insurance to realize some savings. John Hedges briefed we need to use the expertise of the membership to help fix some of these issues. HQ staff retirements are now fully funded. Motion to authorize the treasurer to make all necessary accounting changes to move the MVPA accounting from a fiscal year ending September 30th to a calendar year ending December 31st made by Robert Brough. Treasurer will file all necessary documents regarding the accounting change with all required entities. Second by Chris Duran. Passed unanimously. Motion to authorize Blue Ridge Bank and Trust to move the investment account from a managed account to a custodial account made by Robert Brough. Treasurer will notify all required entities. Robert explained the bank account issue. Seconded by Chris Duran. Passed unanimously. John Hedges asked about the line of credit against the HQ building. No longer an issue. John Hedges reported the Augusta Expo has an invoice for the 2026 convention. Motion to authorize the President to execute a contract not to exceed \$9,000.00 made by John Hedges. Seconded by Robert Brough. Discussion ensued concerning a contract between the MVPA and the affiliate for the conduct of the convention. Passed unanimously.

4. Old Business. The Stinson LLC invoice is still outstanding. Patrick will work the plan to pay that invoice.
5. Committee Reports: Strategic Planning: Questionnaire to members is done, 3 members are identified for the committee, and we are working on an affordable program (SurveyMonkey, etc.) to use to push out to the membership.
6. Member Questions/Public Comment: Discussion about monthly forecasted renewal of memberships. Discussion on the opt-in/opt-out of membership renewal. One member commented that they tried to opt in and it did not work. Review of the convention numbers between Oshkosh and Louisville. Building maintenance issues are not being addressed. Discussion on selling the HQ building and house the headquarters at a host museum. Discussion on paying off the credit card bills. Discussion on the status of maintenance of the building. Work on the visibility of the treasurer's report on the Zoom. Future P&L statements will be in each History in Motion and the minutes of this meeting. Discussion of the contract between the BOD and the affiliate for conventions. The BOD has a fiduciary responsibility for the conventions. The hotel contract for 2026 has financial exposure for \$2,000 compared to over \$100,000 from Louisville. Need the hotel locked in for rates and to lock in the hotel for additional venues. Need new administrators for the retirement accounts for the headquarter's staff.
7. New Business: Property tax assessment for 2025 is \$258,800 which is double from \$128,800 in 2023. John Hedges to file appeal. Brief discussion on the AAR from the 50th Annual Convention. Formal Louisville AAR to be briefed at the next meeting.
8. Announcements. Next Board meeting: 24 July Thursday.
9. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm EDT.

Meeting Registration Link:

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Attachments:

1. Treasurer's Budget Slides
2. Convention Report

