**GDWOA Minutes 1-8-18**

Meeting was called to order promptly at 7pm. There were 27 in attendance.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Pat informs us that we have $1998.72 in our account.

**Secretaries Report** – Tony informs those in attendance of the 2 items to be presented before the membership to amend the constitution. One amendment dealing with mandatory attendance of exec. Bd. Members at all meetings of the GDWOA, unless away on association business and the other dealing with the expansion of the Exec Board from 5 members to 7. This would be the addition of the Sargent of Arms and the Head Instructor. Both items were discussed and passed and will be voted on by the membership.

**Business; Old & New** – Chaz made the membership aware that voting would take place electronically and that those in “good Standing” would be receiving the “link” to connect to in order to vote. Voting will take place for Executive Board positions, proposed amendments to our Constitution and the Top 18. (Please check your directory and put some thought into the vote; it is not a popularity contest) To vote in this, our first election, members must have attended the minimum of 4 meetings at the GDWOA and be current with their dues. Thus far, 30 members meet this requirement. More may vote next week on a paper ballot, if they attend and it is their 4th meeting.

Nomination opportunity for Executive Board positions was made available, either by self-nomination or having someone nominate you. Running unopposed would be Chaz for President, Pat for Treasurer, Tony for Secretary, Matt for Rules Interpreter, Scott for Sargent of Arms and Tony S. for Head Instructor. The only contested election is for VP between Andy Kyle and Gerry Glowik.

This years’ banquet was discussed. It will be on March 21st at Chappy’s Social House in Centerville. More information will be forthcoming once the flyer is created and sent to the membership. Incentive is to pay early and bring a door prize(s) to reduce member cost. We definitely need help with door prizes.

Presentation – Brian Samborsky, with a little help from Matt. The topic was “Nearfalls”. A handout was given, outlining the presentation and it was a good thing because, as we always seem to do, got off on many a tangent. Thank you Brian for your patience and willingness to present. Good job.

Our next and final association meeting will be January 15th at Centerville High School at 7:15 pm. There will be an executive board meeting at 6 pm. Reminder for those who have only attended 3 meetings . . . if you want to vote, you must attend this meeting.

Respectfully submitted . . .

Tony