

Marine Corps League **Department of North Carolina**



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes **02 Oct 2022**

Presided by: Commandant Ric Ledford
Department of North Carolina
Marine Corps League

Meeting start time: 1900

Meeting Location: Conference Call

A. BOT attendees

1. Commandant – Ric Ledford
2. Sr. Vice Commandant – David Anderson
3. Jr. Vice Commandant – Reggie Sawyer
4. Judge Advocate – Bill Brown
5. Jr. Past Commandant – Rick Thomason
6. Paymaster – Scott Shermeyer
7. Adjutant – Laura Hamilton

B. Subject of discussion

1. Discussion – MED payment of residual monies after the conference –
 - Ric Ledford – it was a gentleman’s agreement that after all expenses were paid, any money made would go to the MED.
 - Scott Shermeyer – had a spreadsheet for discussion of what monies he had record of. The ‘speculated’ column was the estimate by Bruce Rakfeldt. The ‘calculated’ column is based the number of attendees. The ‘actuals’ column is money received. \$2,188.16 is the deficit of the event and unappropriated funds.
 - Ric Ledford - \$1000 for the speaker, as a motivational speaker, even though he is a MCL member, he agreed to speak for \$1000 donation to the Mecklenburg YM program. TShane’s room was unfortunate as his house was broke into.
 - David Anderson – the money was not approved by the BOT but only by select persons. What about Denny’s reimbursement?
 - Scott Shermeyer – he has received a request but has not paid it.
 - David Anderson – sound system storage fee?
 - Scott Shermeyer – the receipt is for 2 nights hotel room fee.
 - Discussion – Ric thinks it is for securing the conference room. Reggie - didn’t we pay for the conference room for the weekend? Did we get charged 2x? We need to get with the hotel.
 - David Anderson – was anything in writing between the MED and DoNC?
 - Ric Ledford – there was a series of emails between Rick Thomason, Ric Ledford, Bruce Rakfeldt, and John Dilday. It

was a verbal agreement, not written. This was done from unallocated funds.

- David Anderson – unallocated must be approved by the BOT. He asked if the last sentence is a resignation.
- Scott Shermeyer – it is a resignation but he is on the fence. It was based on the demand email from Bruce Rakfeldt and the lack of documentation.
- Bill Brown – this is a little different from normal budget as it is every 5 years. He looked for the last conference. He looked at the detachment level. He prefers that there is an MOU – department / MED / detachment. We have one for this conference loosely crafted by emails. Our bylaws do not define this at all. This is why a 2-year minimum time frame is needed to work out this stuff. He doesn't think the department did anything intentionally.
- Ric Ledford – he had talked to Bill about the department bylaws. This meeting was to discuss what happened.
- David Anderson – we can't proceed further without a BOT approval (all detachment CO's).
- Bill Brown – on May 14th, the bylaw amendment took out all of the detachment CO's. Looking back, we can't find where all detachment CO's were in the BOT for any meeting.
- Rick Thomason – only elected staff met and approved the disbursement.
- David Anderson – at the MED conference we met and discussed the bylaw change.
- Bill Brown – yes we did meet and we would continue as usual. Based on the historical 'as usual' it did not include the detachment CO's. We need to address this and several issues.
- Reggie Sawyer – did anything say Executive Committee.
- Bill Brown – yes, but it is not properly defined, it has been presumed. He has the updates ready but not the compliance officer language.
- Scott Shermeyer – the wording was changed. The way we did the budget in June valid? Or does it need to be revisited?
- Bill Brown – yes it probably should be.

- Laura Hamilton – the hotel charged storage room for #148 for two nights.
- Scott Shermeyer – one person’s check was \$8 short.
- Rick Thomason – he has authorized Fred Wise to pay the \$284.80 to Denny from the MED. Ric Ledford didn’t feel he could justify paying it. MED asked to use the DoNC equipment. If Denny wasn’t there, then the MED would have had no equipment. If Denny had ran it as DoNC equipment, then you would be required to be there.
- Bill Brown – the detachment felt they would have broke even.
- Scott Shermeyer – Bruce Rakfeldt asked him to release detachment 1209 from any financial responsibility. He would need to make sure all registrations were accounted for.
- Bill Brown – Bruce Rakfeldt has all of the registrations and can provide the information.
- David Anderson – agrees to release Detachment 1209. Ric Ledford agrees also.
- Bill Brown – at the Fall Membership meeting it will be told that an MOU will be in place, signed by the CO and reflected in the minutes.
- David Anderson – feels that the department should vote on the total calculated amount of \$2,430.16. The department need to help the detachments with ways they can make money when hosting.
- Ric Ledford – he will present it to the department to get approval for the unallocated monies and that moving forward we will have clear requirements in an MOU and the bylaws and administrative procedures.
- Scott Shermeyer – he will present the spreadsheet at the paymasters report.
- Laura Hamilton – New Business can be for the rest of the discussion.
- Rick Thomason – he needs the trailer in new business.

No other topics discussed. Meeting was adjourned. 2106