

Marine Corps League **Department of North Carolina**



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes **29 Nov 2022**

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

Meeting start time: 1909

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 - Budgetary Items –
 - Ric Ledford - Propose the new budget at the Spring Membership Meeting so it can be in place by the FY.
 - Bill Brown – normally it is presented at the convention in June. The bylaws state it is voted on at the convention.
 - There needs to be discussion at the next Department meeting about monies for the DVC's, YM's, etc.
 - Food crisis for the enlisted families. The USO was able to help some during Thanksgiving, about 13,000 Marines and families.
 - We can present the budget at the Spring meeting for consideration and vote on it at the convention.
 - Scott Shermeyer – any changes to the budget process would have to be done through a bylaw change process and take effect in 2024. He can only write checks through May 31st for the current budget year. What is the purpose of the Department? It should be the cost of doing business, fundraising for other causes should be done by a foundation or on the detachment level. The IRS has our year as January 1st through December 31st. We had a MCL disaster relief unit at one time.
 - Ric Ledford – maybe we can host a grant writing class.
 - Laura Hamilton – has a concern with the FY in the bylaws and the CY for the IRS conflict.
 - Bill Brown – we need regular BOT and financial committee meetings.

- David Anderson – we can have a commandant council zoom meeting, let the CO's run it not the BOT.
 - Scott Shermeyer – majority of the revenue goes to our officer expenses. He wants to work a PDF to simplify the process for reimbursements and make it digital. We can use the commandant council as a catalyst to discuss bylaws and finances.
 - Rick Thomason – we can do a bylaw change to adjust the FY end date.
 - Scott Shermeyer – it should be no issue to change the IRS, need the bylaw change first.
 - Bill Brown – the NCSoS office uses the date of incorporation.
 - We need to help detachments understand technology is not their enemy.
2. Future meetings – 1st Friday of each month at 1900 starting January 2023. Motion by Bill Brown / Second by David Anderson – approved.
- Need to have an agenda for the meetings, one week prior.

No other topics discussed. Meeting was adjourned. 2033