

# **Marine Corps League** **Department of North Carolina**



## **Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes** **03 Mar 2023**

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

**Meeting start time: 1905**

**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. Paymaster – Scott Shermeyer
6. Adjutant – Laura Hamilton

**B. Subject of discussion**

1. David Anderson stated the gun shows (C&E Shows) are now charging us \$70 per weekend for tables. He will have 2 shows before the Spring Membership meeting.
  - Ric Ledford asked if we could use the expense money from the budget depending on what was left over. (we are currently at \$3958.22 used – per Scott)
  - David Anderson suggested using the donation monies from each show to pay for it. We get about \$150 per show in donations. (so far collected \$1175.00 in donations)
  - *David Anderson made the motion to use up to \$70 per show weekend from the donations. Second by Bill Brown. Approved by the BOT.*
  - There are two shows before the Spring Meeting and up to four after depending on the number of tickets left.
  - Scott Shermeyer recommended for a paper trail, to not use the cash. He can pay online for the two upcoming shows.
  - Bill Brown recommended making this a change going into the next budget.
  - Credit cards are allowed for the Commandant, Senior Vice and Paymaster per the bylaws and administrative procedures.
2. Ric Ledford would like to see the guest speakers kept to 10 minutes only.
  - We will keep them in the agenda line up as in the past (early in the meeting before first break).
3. Training at the Spring Membership.
  - Scott Shermeyer will present on the current needs of training.
4. Inventory of A/V equipment

- Ric Ledford will reach out to Denny and Ted for a current inventory.
  - We need to make sure it is covered by insurance.
  - We need an inventory for all assets.
  - David Anderson noted last year we brought in about \$8000, but we spent \$23000 on A/V equipment. He has concerns about the equipment and upkeep and now the team is asking for expenses.
  - Ric Ledford reached out to Tim Manchester on how he did the social media. He used his equipment.
  - Laura Hamilton mentioned that the trailer is not just for the A/V equipment. It carries the other department items.
  - Ric Ledford will verify the insurance on the trailer.
5. Training
- Ric Ledford asked what is the biggest need?
  - Scott Shermeyer stated it may need to be short as there are only 75 registered attendees so far. Some folks he talked to about the meeting said they didn't know anything about it.
6. October 19 BOT meeting and the pulling of the charter from Kinston detachment 257.
- David Anderson asked when was the notice sent to the detachment? Ric Ledford stated on 3/21/22, the BOT voted via email to suspend for one year.
7. Audit team
- Open call for team members.
  - It is done at the convention – should get to the convention early to do it before any of the activities get started.
8. DoNC Staff meeting
- It was decided to have the staff meeting before the growl at 1730-1830.
  - It was decided to have a quarterly staff meeting via zoom / teleconference.
9. Mid-Winter – challenges put out to the departments
- Asking for each detachment (if able) to donate \$100 to the Young Marines.
  - Asking for each detachment (if able) to donate \$100 to the MCL Foundation

- Support the Youth Physical Fitness Program as the high schools in your areas.

10.Laura Hamilton is still looking for a replacement for adjutant position.

11.Scott Shermeyer sent an email with the membership stats. Nationwide we are 14% delinquent.

12.Bill Brown mentioned that there are a number of detachments not updating their bylaws.

No other topics discussed. Meeting was adjourned. 2038