

Marine Corps League **Department of North Carolina**



Executive Board of Trustees and DVCs Meeting Minutes 01 March 2024

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

**Meeting start time: 1926
Meeting Location: zoom call**

A. EBOT attendees

1. Commandant – Ric Ledford
2. Sr. Vice Commandant – Robert Hare
3. Jr. Vice Commandant – AJ Pitts
4. Judge Advocate – Bill Brown
5. Jr Past – Rick Thomason (absent)
6. Adjutant – Laura Hamilton
7. Paymaster – Scott Shermeyer (absent)

B. Subject of discussion

1. Proposed 2024/25 Budget
 - a. Ric Ledford – officers put together their budget change proposal and get them to him this week. He will get them to Scott so it can be presented at the Spring Membership meeting.
2. DVC stipend
 - a. Ric Ledford – he agrees with Scott’s concerns about raising the DVC stipend.
3. Scholarship
 - a. Ric Ledford – he talked to the one person who applied. This person is not happy but understands what happened.
 - b. Robert Hare – to the staff is if a budget committee meeting had happened as was supposed to have been had, things would have been more easily caught.
4. SOP / AP
 - a. Ric Ledford – we need SOPs and AP so we can have a better control over things and not caught unaware, as has happened for years.
 - b. Bill Brown – he hopes to have the sample bylaws done soon.
 - c. Robert Hare – detachment issues – you can only bring the horse to water. They try to find loop holes and circumvent the system.
 - d. Ric Ledford – after talking to some of the national folks, IRS guidelines require minutes to be taken.
 - e. Bill Brown / Rober Hare – Jim Mitchell told him that he found out about a BOT meeting which he was not included on. He was told by

the CO that the BOT / executive session meetings do not have to have minutes. Article 6 only applies to national.

- f. Bill Brown - executive sessions is a limited meeting to discuss things such as Chapter 9. There are several folks who believe that the national BL / AP do not apply to the detachments. He tried to explain that you can be more restrictive but not lesser.
- g. Ric Ledford – more detachment BL preamble says that if it is not covered by the BL then it is covered by national or departmental BL.
- h. Robert Hare – the problem is the levels talk about compliance but there is no recourse when things are not followed.
- i. Bill Brown – the only option is to pull their charter.
- j. Robert Hare – why should the entire detachment suffer due to one or two individuals. We have sores in the detachment which we cannot take them out so the whole detachment suffers.
- k. Ric Ledford – article is for the detachments.
- l. Bill Brown – national BL allows for detachments to create AP and detachments shall not have anything in conflict with national.

No other topics discussed. Meeting was adjourned. 2003.