

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



## **Executive Board of Trustees Minutes** **05 July 2024**

**Presided by: Commandant Robert Hare**  
**Department of North Carolina**  
**Marine Corps League**

**Meeting start time: 1906**

**Meeting Location: zoom call**

**A. EBOT attendees**

1. Commandant – Robert Hare
2. Sr. Vice Commandant – James Mitchell
3. Jr. Vice Commandant – James Crandall
4. Judge Advocate – Bill Brown
5. Jr Past – Ric Ledford
6. Adjutant – Justine Mitchell
7. AJ Pitts – Past Jr. Vice Commandant

**B. Subject of discussion**

1. Welcome to our first meeting as a team.
  - a. Robert Hare – Has received great feedback from everybody across the state.
  - b. Robert Hare – We only have 5 positions left to fill. One of them being the Young Marines Coordinator. The current Liaison was asked to step down. Possible replacement is a member from Detachment #260.
2. Status of the Tarheel Detachment #733
  - a. AJ Pitts – He is here because he is working with the detachment to get their Charter back.
  - b. AJ Pitts – They have worked up a contract with the VFW to make that their meeting location. It needs to be voted on by the membership once back in session.
  - c. AJ Pitts – The website they only have 4 years worth of meeting minutes and financial reports.
  - d. AJ Pitts – Asked them to read through their By-laws and update their signature page. Will be updating their By-Laws so they are not so restrictive.
  - e. Bill Brown – Cannot just sign and update their By-Laws until there is a formal submission to the Department.
  - f. AJ Pitts – Recommended that books be created for elected/appointed officers that contain Roberts Rules of Order, Detachment By-Laws, Department By-laws, National By-Laws and Detachment

Guidebooks for Officers. It was also asked of them to create email group contact lists.

- g. AJ Pitts – Once back in session when the open positions are filled a new ROI needs to be submitted to the Department.
- h. Bill Brown – Made note that ROI has not been submitted same as the quarterly reports. The last one submitted was in the fall by the past adjutant.
- i. AJ Pitts – Made it clear that it would be better for the Detachment to work towards getting their charter back and then letting the Chapter 9s proceed as they are.
- j. AJ Pitts – There seems to be progress and forward momentum regarding getting things done.
- k. Robert Hare – We are on day 65 of the suspension. As long as progress is being shown by day 90, we can either extend the time, revoke it, or give them their Charter back.
- l. AJ Pitts (left at this time 1921).
- m. James Crandall – #733 paymaster is trying to keep the books in good order. The Commandant is being open but is set/reserved on Chapter 9. The minutes are not correct.
- n. Bill Brown – The process was to review their financial procedures. I chose 10 transactions to review. Timelines and formalities in their execution on their financial and operations of meetings are not always following the Bylaws.
- o. Bill Brown – Explained you can be as restrictive as you want at a detachment level, but you cannot be less restrictive than National, and the Department requires.
- p. Bill Brown – They are being receptive and if AJ Pitts helps them make corrections it is there for them to get the Charter back.
- q. Robert Hare – Had a meeting with Bill Brown and we need to get the Chapter 9s done so we can focus on the detachment.
- r. Ric Ledford – Some members of #733 have been in the MCL a very long time.

- s. James Crandall – This detachment has a lot of community programs, and they do good work.
  - t. Ric Ledford – The suspension was a call for them to get back on track.
  - u. Robert Hare - #733 is having meetings and business is being discussed with a person in attendance that has been removed from the MCL.
3. Detachment #1036 Carolina Borders
- a. Robert Hare – Detachment issue: they are aging out and have not meet quorum in several months. Down to 22 total paid members.
  - b. Robert Hare – They had a meeting with their DVC, and it was approved by a unanimous vote to surrender their charter.
  - c. Robert Hare – Would like to meet with everyone when the charter is taken.
  - d. Bill Brown – Explained to the DVC (prior to the vote) that the Department would like to have a representative from the 3 closest detachments for the benefit of the Life members.
  - e. Robert Hare – We will follow the procedures and hold everything for 1 year. Hopefully we can get them back in business.
4. Filling Chapter 9 Disciplinary Charges against Iredell.
- a. Robert Hare – Their T4T coordinator who was appointed by the foundation and is a life associate member has decided to step down. She notified the foundation, and they started the process of finding a replacement. The Iredell Commandant chastised this coordinator for doing so.
  - b. Robert Hare – They also held a meeting overstepping his bounds.
  - c. Robert Hare – Question to Bill Brown is she going to file Chapter 9
  - d. Bill Brown – She should. She has provided transcripts and documents of what took place.
  - e. Robert Hare – If she does not file chapter 9 can we as a department do so.
  - f. Bill Brown – The Department can file charges against anyone
  - g. Ric Ledford – Agrees that we should do something

- h. James Mitchell – We should have them look at the SOP
  - i. James Crandall – Has anyone meet on the EBoT meet with the Commandant, if not we need to.
  - j. Bill Brown – No matter what our actions we are supposed to take action to avoid a hearing.
  - k. James Mitchell – Bill Brown can send an email asking if they want to meet via a Zoom call or have an in-person meeting
5. Fundraising/Miscellaneous
- a. James Mitchell stated that he will proceed with the rifle fundraiser. Do we want a table at the gun show or online fundraising only?
  - b. Bill Brown - MCL Insurance will no longer cover if guns and ammunition are visible.
  - c. Robert Hare – Look at online fundraising
  - d. James Mitchell – Will work with the website coordinator
  - e. Robert Hare - How much are we spending on website services. We need to include Kevin in these meetings.
  - f. Robert Hare – There have been additional costs that Kenny has been paying which increases our budget.
  - g. Ric Ledford – At our last convention it was brought up that there are services for non-profit Veteran Service Organizations.
  - h. Ric Ledford – We need to have Kevin investigate this.
  - i. Ric Ledford – We need to create a Foundation.
  - j. Robert Hare – The Foundation is being worked on.
  - k. Ric Ledford – As the EBoT we need to bring to the Board what benefits we can obtain from being a Foundation.
  - l. Robert Hare – Every other month instead of an EBoT Meeting have a full Board Meeting, DVC Meeting as well.
  - m. Robert Hare – Wants to incorporate training sessions across the department.
  - n. Bill Brown – Associate members should not be DVCs due to their membership limitations. Ric Ledford agreed to this.
  - o. Ric Ledford – DVCs should have held the position of a Detachment Commandant.

- p. Robert Hare – We have a fantastic team is looking forward to a great year.
- q. Ric Ledford – Is here to provide help and assistance.

No other topics discussed. Meeting was adjourned. 2041.