

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
Department of New Hampshire
25 June 2023 Meeting Minutes

Members Present:	Cherie Monnell, Commandant	Mark Lindsley
	Bob Niver	Geoff Corson
	Kevin Brown	Ken Mitchell
	Judith Jones	Dick Lak
	Tony Dube	Dave Dubey
	Gary Gahan	Cody Dumont (via Zoom)
	Mike Harnish (via Zoom)	

1. Meeting began at 11:00. Opening ceremonies were conducted by the Commandant, Sgt at Arms, and acting Chaplain Cherie Monnell.
2. Roll Call of Officers: Judge Advocate and Chaplain were excused. All others were present.
3. Roll Call of Detachments: Lakes Region and Twin States were absent. All others were represented.
4. A quorum was present.
5. Members Ill or in Distress: Seacoast Detachment member John Flagler is recuperating from cancer surgery and has a good prognosis. Demers Detachment member Roland Brault passed away recently.
6. New Appointments: Kim Benoit will assume the Paymaster position. Joe Duquette will assume the Chaplain's duties. Mike Harnish will be the new Sgt at Arms.
7. Kevin Brown moved to accept the minutes of the 11 Dec 2022 meeting as published. Judith Jones seconded. Motion passed.
8. Judith Jones moved to accept the minutes of the 26 March 2023 meeting as published. Kevin Brown seconded. Motion passed.
9. Judith Jones presented the Paymaster's Report. The Department currently has \$12,265.41 available. There was some discussion about rules regarding how revenue received from charitable gaming can be expended. Gary Gahan and Dick Lak will research this and report back to the Department.
10. The Department's books were audited on 6 June 2023 and a report was published with the agenda for this meeting. Gary Gahan moved to accept the audit report as published. Tony Dube seconded. Motion passed.
11. Commandant Monnell presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2023. Gary Gahan moved to approve the budget. Bob Niver seconded. Motion passed.

12. Judith Jones moved to authorize expending \$170.00 for an ad in the 2023 National Convention Program Book, with half to be reimbursed by the Devil Dogs. Gary Gahan seconded. Motion passed.
13. Commandant Monnell reported that the Board of Trustees approved expending \$150.00 for a full page color ad in the 2023 Quad States Convention Program Book.
14. Kevin Brown moved to authorize reimbursement of \$524.05 for expenses incurred by Commandant Monnell to attend the mid-Winter Conference. Gary Gahan seconded. Motion passed.
15. Gary Gahan moved to authorize reimbursement of up to \$1,000.00 for expenses incurred by the Commandant to attend the 2023 National Conference. Gary Gahan seconded. Motion passed.
16. Cody Dumont moved to authorize reimbursement of up to \$600.00 for expenses incurred by the Commandant to attend the 2024 mid-Winter conference. Kevin Brown seconded. Motion passed.
17. Gary Gahan moved to authorize a donation of \$500.00 to the Building Dreams for Marines golf tournament. Kevin Brown seconded. Motion passed with two dissenting votes.
18. Commandant Monnell reported that the Board of Trustees recommends authorizing \$1,000.00 for this year's scholarship program. Tony Dube moved to approve the recommendation. Gary Gahan seconded. Motion passed. Dave Dubey agreed to serve as Scholarship Committee chair. Tony Dube, Gary Gahan, and Cherie Monnell agreed to serve on the committee. Dave reported that no scholarship applications have been received and suggested allowing the Detachments to submit their scholarship applicants to be considered for a Department scholarship. There was general support for the idea. Dave will draft a revised scholarship procedure to be considered at the next meeting.
19. Life Member audit forms will be sent in early July.
20. Annual dues for non-life members should be submitted to the Department Paymaster by mid-August.
21. Commandant Monnell requested volunteers to work on the 2024 Quad States Convention, which will be hosted by the Department of NH. A consultant has been engaged to assist with choosing a site.
22. Commandant Monnell suggested a bylaws change to reduce the required quorum at Department meetings to two elected officers, seven total members (including officers), and four Detachments. Dave Dubey moved to approve the change. Cody Dumont seconded. Motion passed.
23. We discussed an additional bylaws change to allow the Department to conduct business between meetings, when necessary, with the approval of three out of four elected officers. Judith Jones moved to table the matter, pending research of the existing bylaws. Gary Gahan seconded. Motion passed.

24. The next meeting will be held on 24 Sept 2023, location to be announced. The meeting will include the first round of nominations for Department Officer positions, with elections to be held in March, 2024.

25. Good of the League:

-The Marine Corps has announced that SgtMaj Carlos Ruiz will become the 20th Sgt Major of the Marine Corps at a ceremony to be conducted on 8 Aug 2023.

-The National Convention will be held on 13 – 18 Aug 2023 in Oklahoma City, OK.

-A firing detail is requested for 29 June at 15:00 at Boscawen Cemetery.

-Cody Dumont informed the group of several activities being hosted by the Dillon Detachment. Cody will send details via email.

26. Meeting ended at 13:01. Closing ceremonies were conducted by the Commandant, Senior Vice-Commandant, acting Chaplain, and Sgt at Arms.

Submitted by: Dave Dubey, Adjutant