

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
Department of New Hampshire
24 Sept 2023 Meeting Minutes

Members Present:	Cherie Monnell, Commandant	Kim Benoit
	Kevin Brown	John Cannon
	Dave Dubey	Cody Dumont
	Geoff Corson	Mark H Lindsley
	Bob Patenaude	Gary Gahan
	Mike Harnish	Judith Jones

Guest Present: Patrick Maguire, National Vice-Commandant, NE Division

1. Meeting began at 11:00. Opening ceremonies were conducted by the Commandant, acting Chaplain Mike Harnish, and Sgt at Arms.
2. Roll Call of Officers: Chaplain absent. All others present.
3. Roll Call of Detachments: Twin State absent. All others represented.
4. There were eleven members and one guest present. A quorum was present.
5. Members Ill or in Distress: Pauline Labbe is recuperating from multiple medical issues. Dave Dubey has a knee injury.
6. Kevin Brown moved to approve the 25 June 2023 minutes as published on the web site. Gary Gahan seconded. Motion passed.
7. Paymaster Kim Benoit was introduced and reported that the current account balance is \$12,959.67. Cherie Monnell moved to accept the Paymaster's Report. John Cannon seconded. Motion passed.
8. No Chaplain's Report was presented.
9. Gary Gahan reported that there are no fundraising efforts currently underway.
10. Dave Dubey gave a brief explanation of how the Department scholarship program works and moved to allow each Detachment that has its own scholarship program to forward one of their applicants per year to be considered for a Department scholarship. Gary Gahan seconded. Motion passed. Dave then moved to make FMF Corpsmen and Navy Chaplains who served with Marine units eligible for Department scholarships. John Cannon seconded. Motion passed.
11. Commandant Monnell reported that the bylaws change approved at our June meeting was sent to National for approval, but National has not replied yet. This change involves our quorum requirements but is immaterial to this meeting as we have a quorum present under either version of the Bylaws.

12. We discussed the upcoming Quad States convention. Gary Gahan moved to preapprove \$2,000.00 for Quad States incidental expenses. Kevin Brown seconded. Motion passed.
13. Patrick Maguire reported that there has been some consideration of adding Massachusetts and Connecticut and rotating convention sites through all six New England states. Discussions are just getting started and if this happens, it won't be for at least a couple more years.
14. Jo Zuwell will be the new web site coordinator.
15. An Ibot group will be present at the Quad States convention. This group produces mobility devices and has made several significant donations to disabled Veterans.
16. The floor was opened for nominations for Department Officer positions. Gary Gahan accepted a nomination for Commandant. John Cannon accepted a nomination for Senior Vice-Commandant. Mark Lindsley accepted a nomination to remain as Junior Vice-Commandant. No nominations were accepted for Judge Advocate. Nominations will be accepted at the December and March meetings with elections to be held in March.
17. Detachments were reminded to submit their 990 and PLM forms.
18. Flag Raising and Brigade luncheon will be held on 10 Nov. Gary Gahan is the contact person for both.
19. The next quarterly meeting will be held on 3 Dec or 10 Dec and will include the Joint Installation.
20. Tentative date for the March quarterly meeting is 24 March 2024.
21. The Dillon Detachment will host a Birthday Ball on 10 Nov.
22. The Seacoast Detachment will host a Birthday Dinner on 14 Nov.
23. The Quad states convention will be held 18 – 21 April 2024 in Nashua.
24. The 50/50 raffle was won by Gary Gahan.
25. Meeting ended at 12:21. Closing ceremonies were conducted by the Commandant, Senior Vice-Commandant, acting Chaplain, and Sgt at Arms.

Submitted by Dave Dubey, Adjutant