

Marine Corps League

Department of North Carolina



Board of Trustees Minutes

22 July 2025

Presided by: Commandant Robert Hare
Department of North Carolina
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Meeting start time: 1905

Meeting Location: zoom call

A. EBOT attendees

1. Commandant – Robert Hare
2. Sr. Vice Commandant – James (Jim) Mitchell
3. Jr. Vice Commandant – James Crandall - Absent
4. Judge Advocate – William (Bill) Brown
5. Jr Past – Ric Ledford
6. Adjutant – Justine Mitchell
7. Paymaster - Kevin Ashton
8. Commandant #260 – Mike Clark
9. Commandant #750 - Shaun Slattery
10. Commandant #1021 - Kent Medlin
11. Sr Vice Commandant #1075 - Dan Warnstaff
12. Commandant #1096 - Alvaro Rosero
13. Commandant #1097 - Danial Farmer
14. Commandant #1162 - PJ Hamilton
15. Commandant #1165 - Harvy Allred
16. Paymaster # 1197 - Tom Richardson
17. Commandant #1257 - Shawn Potwin
18. Commandant # 1407 - Al Farrell

B. Subject of discussion

1. Fall Membership Meeting – Planning – Department to Host - Budget Modification
 - a. Robert Hare –. Thank you to all who attended the meeting this evening.
 - b. Robert Hare – We are here to discuss hosting the Fall Membership Meeting. Per the bylaws we need to hold 3 meetings a year.
 - c. Robert Hare – There is not a budgeted line item for the Department to host the membership meeting.
 - d. Sean Potwin – Made a motion for the Department to host the membership meeting
 - e. PJ Hamilton– Seconded the motion.
 - f. Ric Ledford – The motions will need to be amended to state unallocated funds.

- g. Sean Potwin - Made a motion to modify his original motion to state the funds for the membership meeting will come from unallocated funds.
- h. PJ Hamilton – Seconded the amended Motion
- i. Robert Hare – Is there discussion.
- j. Tom Richardson – How about Salisbury, if we can use the VA it should be free.
- k. Robert Hare – Bylaws states the meeting needs to be held in Sep/Oct.
- l. Robert Hare – The Growl could be held at the hotel and not at the actual meeting center
- m. Robert Hare – Any fundraising done at the meeting will stay with the Department unless a detachment volunteers to assist.
- n. Kent Medlin – Asked how many members usually attend the membership meetings because that would play a factor if they could host.
- o. Ric Ledford – Normally there are under 100 members that attend but it depends on the location.
- p. Shawn Potwin – The later we hold in October could be an issue due to detachments holding Balls for the Birthday.
- q. Kent Medlin – Within the first 2 weeks of October would be best to hold the Fall membership meeting.
- r. PJ Hamilton – If there would be costs could we ask the detachments to give a donation for those costs.
- s. Daniel Farmer – Asked where in the bylaws does it give the Department permission to do this
- t. Robert Hare - The EBoT discussed that the bylaws do give permission. Department bylaw section 415. The Department can take over the meeting as long as it does not violate any state/county/federal laws
- u. Dan Warnstaff – Did not hear in the motion a monetary value for the meeting.
- v. Kevin Ashton – Confirmed the Department has the funds to host the meeting.

- w. Robert Hare – Now that it has been confirmed we have the funds we need to now discuss the funds needed
- x. Ric Ledford – It's hard to decide on a set amount we will not know until we start the planning. We can set a dollar amount with a caveat that we can go over by a certain amount
- y. James Mitchell – Can we have Tom check to see if the VA in his location/area is available.
- z. Robert Hare – Members will pay for their own rooms and to pay for their own lunches.
- aa. PJ Hamiton –If Tom gets with the VA to secure the facility for the meeting, Commandant Council/Growl there would be no cost to the Department. Each Department could make a donation to the VA.
- bb. James Mitchell – Can we convene next Thursday.
- cc. Robert Hare – We still need to get the vote from the Commandants that did not attend.
- dd. The Motion we need to pass is the use of unallocated funds to host the Membership meeting,
- ee. Robert Hare - If we do not get the VA then the Department needs to secure a hotel venue and pay deposits.
- ff. Shaen Potwin – Wants to amend his motion to include up to \$5000 to guarantee the venue.
- gg. PJ Hamilton seconded the amended motion
- hh. James Mitchell – We can do a silent Auction and 50/50 as fundraisers
- ii. Kevin Ashton - If we do not get the VA there is a Holiday in Salisbury that we can use as a possible venue.
- jj. Robert Hare – To confirm the Motion is for the Department to Host the Fall Membership Meeting using unallocated funds with a cap of \$5000.
- kk. Robert Hare – The registration amount will be increased if someone registers after a certain date.
- ll. Robert Hare – Adjutant Conduct a vote of the commandants present. The adjutant will also send out an email to all commandants present

and not present asking for an email vote. Only email votes will be counted.

No other topics discussed. Meeting was adjourned. 1947.