

MCL Minutes
6 Aug 2015

1830 Hrs: Call to order by Commandant Hall.
SAA Hoerner posted colors, led in the pledge of allegiance and singing of the Marine Corps Hymn.

Acting Chaplain Hall opened the Holy Bible and led the invocation.

SAA Hoerner declared this meeting of the Commiskey-Wheat Detachment of the Marine Corps League open to conduct official business.

Sick Bay: No report

No visitors to welcome

Thanks to those who attended the funeral of Wiley Sellers wife.

Commandant Hall announced that he still has some uniforms available for members, donated by the families of deceased members.

Reminder of the national convention this week-end in Arizona. They should be able to address the problem with the national website being down and the reason for it.

Adjutant Robertson announced the presentation ceremonies to be held on 14 Aug at the Oak Grove Senior Center and Veterans Services office on 4th street. This will be an opportunity to honor our World War Two veterans All hands are encouraged to attend.

Adjutants report: Motion made by Mark Retcho to dispense with the reading of last month's minutes. Seconded by Art Kersh and passed.

Paymasters report: Given by Paymaster Frank Milling and is on file with the Adjutants Minutes. Motion to accept the report as presented made by Richard Wills. Seconded by Cliff Addison and passed.

Committee reports: 5K report was given by Commandant Hall. He announced that we have brochures and sponsorship letters available for distribution. Art Kersh expressed his desire to see the event held at a different location next time, and suggested Tatum Park or along Memorial Drive.

We need to check with National Headquarters to see if we are not covered by some sort of blanket policy for any events that are held under the auspices of the MCL, in order to prevent any legal action being taken against individual members. Richard Wills said that he would check on the matter. Frank Milling made a motion to purchase insurance to cover us for this years activities. Seconded by Emil Zimmermann and passed.

Vice Commandant Retcho encouraged all hands to go on-line to Pinebelt Pacers Facebook page to check "like" and make positive comments about the event, in order to create more interest in it among the running world.

Jr. Vice Cliff Addison suggested we attend as many 5K events as possible between now and our event to pass out leaflets on cars announcing the date and location of our 5K event.

Commandant Hall acknowledged that Z had done all of the leg work over the past few years and since Carla has had medical issues, no one has picked up the ball to continue the venture.

Vice Commandant Retcho showed were there will be five age groups of runners with first second and third place in each. Since we only have a total of fifteen runners at this time, we will need to decide if we want to cancel this event, due to lack of interest or not. Everyone still needs to obtain discount coupons or other items for the runners goody bags.

Golf Tournament: Frank Milling announced the sponsors that are on board at this time.

Scholarship Fund: Jim Aust announced there are scholarships available to our people at the National level and encouraged the application to these as well.

Building/ Membership: Jr. Vice Cliff Addison re-emphasized the need to obtain more members.

Old Business: None

New Business: Art Kersh shared his concern over a Marine's widow who has recently moved into the area and is experiencing financial hardship. Mark Retcho made a motion to contribute \$300.00 to Ms. Cornett, in order to help her with her utilities. Seconded by Richard Wills and passed.

Good of the order: Cliff Addison stated his concern over someone else's concern over the carrying of firearms and attending a meeting, or entering our premises. Dick Hoerner made a motion to allow the wearing of side arms at anytime on our premises, Seconded by Rufus Dunnam. Discussion included Frank Milling explaining how dementia is a real concern in our aging process and our need to police ourselves as well as those around us to prevent anyone in a fibril state from becoming a hazard to themselves and others. Art Kersh suggested that if you have a firearm permit, then you should be able to carry it at any time. From a legal standpoint, the state of Mississippi is an open carry permit state, so no policy is needed to allow that which is already allowed. No further ruling is needed. Dick Hoerner withdrew his motion and Rufus Dunnam withdrew his second.

SAA Dick Hoerner retired colors.

Acting Chaplain Hall closed the Holy Bible.
50/50 winner is Mark Retcho.

Holy Bible re-opened.

Vice Commandant Retcho performed the duties of his post.

SAA Hoerner declared this meeting closed for official business until 3 Sept 2015.

Semper Fi
Robert Robertson, Adjutant