

# Minutes MCL Granite State Detachment

April 11, 2017

Membership Meeting  
**18:30-20:00**

Opening Ceremony Conducted by the Commandant

Establishment of a Quorum - Sgt. at Arm-Noted that a Quorum was present  
(2 elected officers + 10% of the membership)

Roll call of Officers by Adjutant

P = Present

E = Excused

A = Absent

Cmdt.	Derwood Haskell	__ P __
SVC	Chris Alberding	__ E __
JVC	John Jenkins	__ P __
JA	Bruce Katz	__ P __
Jr. Past Cmdt.	Bruce Katz	__ P __
Adjutant	Mark Rivet	__ E __
Paymaster	Mark Rivet	__ E __
Chaplain	Joe Duquette	__ P __
Quartermaster	John Petralito	__ P __
S@A	Shawn Carboni	__ P __
Web Sgt.	Chris Alberding	__ E __

**Other Members in Attendance:** Paul Janes, Ellen Petralito, Gary Gahan, Joey Duquette, Pauli Labbe, Frank Diekmann

**Guest in Attendance:** Bill Roy

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** Reviewed by those in attendance Motion made by Frank D toaccept, and seconded by Joe P. Motion approved by membership.

**Correspondence:** Derwood H sent Thank You acknowledgments to both Danelle Ocker and Kristin Presly at the VA for their recent presentations.

**Announcements:** Shawn C. requested donations from anyone for grocery store plastic bags, as his wife is making Plastic Mats out of them. Those who attended the SpringSocial on Sunday had a chance to actually see and feel these wonderful and practicalMats firsthand. You can donate to Shawn any color bags.

**Report of Paymaster:** None at this time.

**Presentation of expenditures:** Expenditures for the Spring Social was discussed and a complete P&L was presented for the Spring Social event was presented. (See attached). A motion to approve the expenditures for a total of \$725.54 was made by Bruce K and seconded by Gary G. Motion also made by Woody H. to approve \$150.00 to given to American Legion Post 2 for use of their hall for our recent Spring Social seconded by Frank D. Motion approved by the membership.

**Report of sickness and distress:** There was discussion from the group that Doc is doing OK, but he can't see at night due to vision issues. Doc stated that he will try to attend our Detachment meetings when he can.

**Report of officers/standing committees:**

**Awards Committee Chair – Derwood Haskell, Frank Diekmann, Mark Rivet:**  
Frank D has sent awards list given to him to Derwood for approval. When approved he will make up the certificates. John Petralito to review Detachment inventory closet for possible awards related items.

**Fundraising Chair - Chris Alberding, Tony Romano, Rick Plichta:**  
Gun Show in Concord this past Friday thru Sunday was attended by John Jenkins, John Petralito, Frank D, Derwood H, Chris A. and his wife, Shelly. Event was successful with over \$1200.00 obtained.

**Membership Chair John Jenkins** No applications at this time. There was discussion about possible recruitment via WZID per Bruce, who will follow up. on this and John Petralito to follow up on recruitment with the NH Motorcycle group. .

**Public Relations Chair – Bruce Katz:**  
No Report

**Scouting Committee Chair – Frank Diekmann, Mark River, Gary Gahan:**  
Per Frank D, as of Sunday, there were a total of 17 Scouting Awards presented by the detachment to date this past year.

**Scholarships Chair – Derwood Haskell, Bruce Katz, Frank Diekmann:**  
Per Derwood H, no applications at this time.

**Veterans (VAVS) Representative Frank Diekmann:**  
Frank attended meeting last Wednesday and reports that the VA is updating their software. Currently the Manchester VAMC has 71 but still in need of volunteers such as parking lot attendants, and those skilled in repairing prosthetics. Also need Volunteer Ambassadors. Discussion by group regarding Kristin's offer to have a VA Tour along with our Detachment Meeting there at some time. Derwood has tabled this for future discussion.

**Fire team Alpha** - Detachment Social Activities – Chair Gary Gahan, Nancy Gero, John Petralito, Pauly Labbe, Judith Jones, Ellen Petralito, John Jenkins: Gary has offered to take out to Dinner in appreciation, the 4 Ladies who assisted with the Spring Social. Gary will let the Ladies know the best time and place upon agreement. Also discussion on the floor by members on how to increase attendance for our next social.

**Fire team Bravo** Social Media – Chris Alberding, Bruce Katz: None at this time. Bruce K to f/u with Chris regarding how to get pictures/videos taken during Spring Social onto Website.

**New Business:** Group discussion held related to Quarterly State Meeting in Concord on March 26. Main issue was how to increase budget with all 7 Detachments in state assisting. Some ideas were increasing annual member dues, but 45% of members are Life Members so the increase in dues needed would fall on the other 55%. Another option was each Detachment donating funds to assist the NH Department with this issue. A motion was made by Gary G for the future success of the NH Department for the GSD to donate \$500.00 for this purpose. Frank D seconded this motion and the motion was approved and carried by the membership. Those who attended the March 28<sup>th</sup> NH Department meeting also shared the reality that our Detachment presently is the most financially stable, and therefore will probably be in a more Department leadership role in the future.

**Good of the League** The New England Convention, Quad State Conference and Devil Dog growl is to be held in Newport RI on April 21<sup>st</sup> (Friday thru Sunday) will be attended by Gary G, Bruce K, Shawn C and Frank D. There may still be time for other members to sign up if interested.

John Jenkins discussed adding knives to our Ship Store. He also discussed having these knives at the gun shows, John J. also discussed the possible addition of other items such as Sweat Shirts, etc. to the Ship Store, as well as doing pre-Orders. John J. to f/u regarding the Knives and Bruce to f/u with Chris regarding this matter.

### **Upcoming Events**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 1830 – Granite State Detachment meeting. Held at the Elks Club, 290 Granite street, Manchester NH. Your input is needed for a successful detachment.

Last Saturday of the month at 08:00 Detachment Breakfast at the Airport Diner on Brown Ave in Manchester NH. Mark your calendars now as we would like to see you attend. Any questions contact Gary Gahan

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 11:30 the “Together We Served” organization holds a luncheon in Rochester, NH. Contact F. Diekmann for details.

Check the National, Department and Detachment web sites  
for latest info

**Closing Ceremony Conducted by Cmdt. Derwood Haskell**

**Semper Fi**

Ellen Petralito

Associate Member

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