

**Granite State Detachment #542 Minutes of the June 13, 2023 Meeting at 18:30:**

**18:30 Opening Ceremony:** The Opening Ceremony was conducted by Commandant (Cmdt) B.J. Byers,

Sergeant at Arms (SAA), Paul Coutu, and

Chaplain (Chap) (acting name: not noted; but prayer completed).

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| <b><u>Officer Roll Call:</u></b> Cmdt, <u>(name)</u> | B J Byers               | (circle one: <b><u>present</u></b> , absent, acting or excused); |
| Senior Vice Commandant (SVC))                        | Gary Gahan              | (circle one: <b><u>present</u></b> , absent, acting or excused); |
| Junior Vice Commandant (JVC),                        | Dennis Mitchel          | (circle one: present, absent, acting or <b><u>excused</u></b> ); |
| Sergeant at Arms                                     | Paul Coutu              | (circle one: <b><u>present</u></b> , absent, acting or excused); |
| Judge Advocate (JA),                                 | <b>position open</b>    |  |
| Junior Past Commandant (JPC)                         | Derwood "Woody" Haskell | (circle one: present, absent, acting or <b><u>excused</u></b> ); |
| the Adjutant (Adj)                                   | Eric Anthony            | (circle one: <b><u>present</u></b> , absent, acting or excused); |
| the Paymaster  | Gary Gahan              | (circle one: <b><u>present</u></b> , absent, acting or excused); |
| the Web Sergeant                                     | Jo Zurwell              | (circle one: present, absent, acting or <b><u>excused</u></b> ); |
| Chaplain   | Joseph Duquette         | (circle one: present, absent, acting or <b><u>excused</u></b> ). |
| Quartermaster  | Joe Petralito           | (circle one: <b><u>present</u></b> , absent, acting or excused). |

There were 10 (insert number) voting members ( last names: Byers, Brown, Gahan, Coutu, Anthony, Peirce, Labbe, Romano, E. Petralito & J. Petralito);

and 2 (insert number) guests (list full names) Michelle Vanvalkenburg; Jo Zurwell

The meeting was conducted **in person**/ via Zoom (circle one or both). **There was**/wasn't (circle one) a quorum.

**Minutes:**

- A motion to accept the May 9<sup>th</sup> 2023 (list date of minutes to be voted on) Minutes from the meeting was made by Marine Kevin Brown (insert name) and seconded by Marine Gary Gahan (insert name). The motion passed (or rejected) with 0 (insert number) dissenting votes cast.

**New Members and Guests:** There were 2 (insert number) guests, Michelle Vanvalkenburg ; Jo Zurwell (list names and titles (if appropriate)).

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**Paymaster Report:**

- The checking account balance is \$\_\_10,647.90\_\_(insert amount);
- the savings account balance is \$\_\_0\_\_ (insert amount).
- Expense particulars include: \$129 for storage and Purple Heart stamps; \$232 for scholarship fund
- Income particulars: \$3212 Mkt. Basket fundraising; Casino Charity \$5484
- Donations: Motion by Marge Romano for Wednesday August 16 Golf Tournament for MCL to donate \$1000; seconded by Gary Gahan; passed w/ 0 dissent.
- The Building Dreams for Marines program was mentioned. This helps to equip disabled NH vets. Marge Romano said it was important to have a sign. (No motion was made on this)
- **(see attached Gahan 6-13-23 "Financial Recap")**
  - A motion was made to accept the Paymaster's report by Marine **\_Kevin Brown\_\_**(list name) and seconded by MCL Associate **\_\_Ellen Petralito\_\_**(list name). The motion passed (or rejected) with **\_\_0\_\_**(insert number) dissenting votes cast.

**Chaplain Report:**

- (Chaplains or other members bulletized list of members who have died or in distress or need visiting, etc.)\_\_\_\_\_.
- Doc Plilzka OK at nursing home.
- \_\_Jerry Tanguay is in hospital.
- Funeral for Marsha
- Ron Jones recovering

**Committees:**

**Scholarship:**

- \_\_Lily Byers (winner) scholarship presentation of \$4032. Gary Gahan and Mary Ann Dieckman were the presenters (w/photo op) of enlarged check.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_(Committee Chair update).

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**Communications/Website:** Chris Alberding has been our Webmaster; but it is time for a more local webmaster, and it should be a paying position.

- Jo Zurwell will be the new #482 MCL webmaster.
- This is now a paid position. She will listen to what we want from the website: work on enhancing Google search, and for ease of access for potential MCL members, will take guidance on utilizing common Marine terms to optimize locating the site online. She also plans to link to social media (eg., Facebook)
- Event calendar, which is now blank, is being populated.
- Discussion: For login use your email, and for password, some Marine term. Gary G. /We do have the funds to pay for this. B.J. / We have 1500 hits so far according to Jo Z.; so possibilities for membership are good. Jo Z./ There will be a development phase to see how this works & grows. Joe P. What are our goals for the website?--- I would like to see donation section in the website. Marge R. / Younger Marines are very savvy about tech. and social media.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Committee Chair update).

**Membership:**

- Proposed members: Jo Zurwell and Michelle Vanvalkenburg \_\_\_\_\_
- Gary Gahan has 6 names from our June fundraising sites.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Committee Chair update).

**Correspondence:**

- NTR \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Commandant or Paymaster update).

**Scouting:**

- NTR \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Committee Chair update).

**Public Information:**

- Gary Gahan would like to publicize the **Veteran Bear Hunt program**. This is open to any vet. Requirements for the program are NH hunting license, NH bear tag , weapon (may be provided); they will assist with obtaining these. **Ellen P.** made a motion to **donate \$1000** to the program; and **Joe P. seconded**. The motion was approved with 0 dissent.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_(Committee Chair update).

**Marine for Life:**

- NTR \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_(Committee Chair update).

**Donations and Gifts:**

- \$1000 to Building Dreams for Marines (noted above)
- \$1000 to Veteran Bear Hunt program (noted above)
- \_\_\_\_\_(Paymaster update).

**Awards:**

- NTR \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_(Committee Chair update).

**Honors:**

- NTR \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_(Committee Chair update).

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- NTR \_\_\_\_\_
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- \_\_\_\_\_ (Committee Chair update).

**MODD #159:**

- NTR \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Committee Chair update).

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- NTR \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Commandant, SVC, JVC, Committee Chair update).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- B.J. Byers reminds the detachment of his resignation as commandant effective in July.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Commandant, SVC, JVC, Committee Chair update).

**Good of the League:**

- Gary Gahan / we need one slot for the Market Basket fundraiser on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 10-12. He noted that in the future we can make an offer to other Non Profits to split the profits --- this will increase our coverage, which otherwise might be absent due to lack of volunteers and participation. Gary made a motion, Paul Coutu seconded to pass this as a new fundraising protocol. Approved with 0 dissent.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (All members invited to update).

Future Dates:

- As listed in the Agenda and including the below:
- Next monthly meeting scheduled for \_\_July 11th\_\_(date) @ \_\_18:30\_\_(time).
- Last Saturday of the month FUNday breakfast a 0800 June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Airport Diner Manchester NH.
- “Together We Served luncheon” <https://www.gyrenes.org/> @ 1130 U.S. Marine Corps, New Hampshire & Southern Maine Chapter continues at Strafford Farms, Dover, NH (<https://www.straffordfarms.com/>) on \_\_\_\_\_(next luncheon date). All Marines, FMF Navy Corpsmen and Chaplains and Spouses are Welcome "Membership is Free." Time for the Gathering of Gyrene's 11:30 AM on the **second Wednesday** each month.
- Due to Commandant B.J. Byers resignation we will have to prepare nominations for ALL officers for an August meeting vote.

Closing Ceremony: Cmdt \_\_B.J. Byers\_\_(first and last name (name or acting name)), SVC \_\_Gary Gahan\_\_(first and last name(or acting name)), SAA\_\_Paul Coutu\_\_(first and last name (or acting name)) and an acting Chaplain (Joe Duquette excused)\_\_ (first and last name(or acting name))conducted the closing ceremony at \_\_19:50\_\_

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