

MINUTES OF MARINE CORPS DISTINGUISHED SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

Quantico, Virginia

August 8, 2020

I. **Call to Order:** Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board of Governors of the Marine Corp Distinguished Shooters Association (hereinafter referred to as MCDSA) met at the Down Range Club, WTBN, Quantico, Virginia on 8 August 2020. The meeting was called to order at 10:18 a.m. by the President, Daniel E. "Danny" Burke, Sr. Board members present: Danny Burke, Nelson Ocasio, Mike Mitchell, Joe Moreno Judy Boyd, Social Secretary and Robin Burke (temporary secretary), Carole Ellison, Webmaster. Present via teleconference were Bill Skiles and Edward Land.

The President called for the approval of the 7 March, 2020 Minutes. **"MOVED, that the Board accept the minutes of the 7 March 2020 Board Meeting. A motion was made by Nelson Ocasio and Joe Moreno 2nd. Minutes Unanimously approved.**

REPORTS

A. **President's Report** was given by Danny Burke

1. An abridged copy of Robert's Rules was handed out by Daniel Burke, Nelson Ocasio to give SgtMaj Skiles and Jim Otto their copies.
2. Danny Burke proposed review/rewrite of By-Laws. He asked for any volunteers to consider volunteering.
3. Membership Roster-Carole Ellison has been working on new Membership Roster, which should be complete in a few weeks. Cover is to be blue; deceased members to be included in back under "In Memory of." Roster to include membership application in the front.
4. Ballots - Ballots will be mailed with the Membership Roster.
5. WTBN, Quantico - Change of Command – now Col Liston.
6. Nominating Committee needs to make a list of desirables in good standing – dues paid. Board members should be able to make meetings and events; reviewed nominating committee volunteers: Nelson Ocasio, Mike Mitchell, Jim Otto, Harry Harrison, Bill Skiles. Capt. Mike Mitchell volunteered to chair the committee. Committee to put together a list of names for a ballot. Carole can put onto a form.
7. Audit Committee- Danny proposed that assignment of members to Audit Committee be delayed until after the Board of Governors election. Not all members of committee have to be on the Board.
Danny spoke with Donnie Heuman and Dan Duitsman who are willing to serve on the Board.

8. Badge – Danny asked for submissions for the Badge. Need to obtain funding and a company to print, NRA previously printed. Maj Land will inquire with the NRA about printing the Badge. Danny will check with Jody West, publisher of Red Book, for an estimate to publish. Motion by Mike Mitchell to expand funds, if necessary, to publish Badge. Nelson Ocasio 2nd; unanimously agreed by Board, Motion carries.

9. Dues: Danny Burke reviewed previous minutes and could not find where the membership of the MCDSA ever voted to raise dues. This is a requirement according to Article VII of the MCDSA Constitution in order to change an amendment or by-law. Membership dues will revert back to the former fees: Age 17 to 49, \$150.00, age 50 and up \$100.00 as stated in Section I – Membership of our by-laws.

B. **Treasurer’s Report** – Joe Moreno’s report attached.

C. **Membership Report** – A new classification of membership was proposed for leg holding members.

Life membership	243	
Annual members	61	Delinquent letter sent to those unpaid
Members who didn’t renew	17	
Honorary members	13	
Auxiliary members	30	
Deceased members	75	

Life member stickers to be mailed to New Life Members by Danny.

D. **Red Book** – Remaining Red Books could bring in up to \$45,000 depending on sale to members or non-members. Danny met with Marine Corps University Foundation regarding Vol I. They do not have Vol I. Danny gave Vol II copies to Gen. Mills, Gen. Faulkner, Gen. Kleister. Joe Moreno mentioned that Vol I (reprint) was issued to record holders only, although some had been sold. There is a free PDF copy on line. Danny suggests trying to make an exchange of Vol I with equal number of copies of Vol II. He will discuss exchange with WTBN Commanding Officer. Danny to drop off a copy of Vol II to the Commandant and SgtMaj of the Marine Corps. Skiles proposed giving 100 copies to the USMC leadership. Skiles proposed a Motion to allow Danny to discuss and trade 100 copies of Vol. I for Vol. II, Moreno 2nd. Motion carries unanimously. Payments for Red Book can be made via PayPal. Reminder that there is a 4% electronic transfer fee.

Danny reported that the list of complimentary books for members donations is at least 80% complete. MCDSA is paying postage for complimentary copies, unless more than one book is being mailed; in which case postage being charged to purchaser.

E. Website Report – Carole Ellison reported that website is up-to-date as of end of July 2020. Danny proposed a suggestion box with a link to Danny’s email. Approved minutes to be added to website. Membership Roster will not be added. Post pictures – only membership cookouts, events, related matches.

F. Fraternal Items - Ray Anti inventory

Stickers 184 (a little dull), 280 (vivid)

Ink Pens 202 (\$3.00 each or 2/\$5.00)

White hats 149 (24 damaged)

USMC Challenge Coins 226 \$10.00 (changed from \$15.00)

Pins -12 DD, 16 Hanging Rifle, 14 Mini Rifle, 8 Hanging pistol, 8 mini pistol

Motion from Joe Moreno to change price of coin from \$15.00 to \$10.00 each, 2nd by Nelson Ocasio.

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Danny recovered Red Book Vol. II he dropped off at Marine Shop because they didn’t post it for sale.
2. Danny to take Red Book Vol II to Marine Corps Museum once it reopens.
3. Other ways to sell Red Book Vol II: Ask NRA to put in American Rifleman, American 1st Rifleman; poster to place outside game station at Quantico. Danny to put flier together.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2020 East Coast Banquet cancelled cost about \$150 in postage; sent without Board approval as necessary to notify all members of cancellation.
2. **Motion to authorize funding up to \$ _____ for future events. Tabled**
3. New membership classification “Leg Holder”, not distinguished, but have leg medals. **Motion for new classification proposed by Joe Moreno, 2nd by Nelson Ocasio; Motion carried Unanimously.**
4. Alan Baker - Built CMP AR15 Rifle for raffle and will be donating. With cook out cancelled, proposing raffle on November 10, 2020, Marine Corps Birthday for members only. Proposing 500 tickets at \$10.00 each. Alan to contact someone who makes raffle tickets. Must be certain to add disclaimer for those locations that will not allow.


Motion to hold a raffle for the CMP AR-15 Rifle. Ticket prices to be \$15.00 each, make 500 tickets. Nelson Ocasio 2nds. Motion carries unanimously.

5. Interservice Banquet scheduled for August 23, 2020 according to Maj O'Driscoll.
6. **Motion by Nelson Ocasio to make Karen Davey Honorary member, Mike Mitchell 2nd, carries unanimously**
7. **Motion tabled to make Bob Depp an Honorary member**
8. **Motion tabled to make Col. George Solhan (former XO WTBN) Honorary Member**

IV. Next Board Meeting

The date was set for the next meeting at Weapons Training Battalion at Quantico on Saturday, 5 December 2020 at 10:00 a.m. There being no further business to be brought before the Body, at 12:55 p.m. **"MOVED" to adjourn by Joe Moreno 2nd by Mike Mitchell and carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,


Daniel E. Burke, Sr.
President