

# MINUTES OF MARINE CORPS DISTINGUISHED SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

Quantico, Virginia

7 March 2020

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 7 March 2020. The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. by the President, Daniel E. Burke, Sr. Board members present: Daniel E. Burke, Sr., Nelson Ocasio, Mike Mitchell, Edward Land, Jr., Judy Boyd (Social Secretary), and Robin Burke (temporary secretary). Present via teleconference were Harry Harrison and Jim Otto. Not present were Bill Skiles, Joe Moreno, and Jim Bowen.

The President called for the approval or corrections of the 7 September, 2019 Minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes: **"MOVED** by Capt Mitchell, that we accept the minutes of the 7 September, 2019 Board Meeting." The motion was seconded by Nelson Ocasio and carried unanimous.

## I. Reports

### A. President's Report was given by Daniel E. Burke

1. Danny Burke distributed a journal to each member present to be used for continuity of note taking during MCDSA meetings. These journals are to be kept by each Board member and passed down to subsequent members.
2. Danny Burke requested volunteers to be part of the nominating Committee.
3. Nominating committee. Nelson Ocasio, Mike, Mitchell, Jim Otto and Harry Harrison all volunteered. A fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) member will be needed as a tie breaker. Danny Burke indicated that he would look for a 5<sup>th</sup> member. Once the committee has been formed, the committee members will be given the names of the members who meet criteria to be on the Board.
4. Danny Burke requested volunteers to participate on the Audit committee. Responsibilities of the committee include being sure taxes are paid. Danny Burke indicated that he was sure taxes have been paid. Edward Land does not recommend use of a law firm as in the past. He suggests that a look at the current strategy and monies coming in will be sufficient. If a committee feels the need for more technical advice, they can then do so. Danny Burke will look into members interested in being on the Audit committee.
5. Badge Newsletter – The newsletter has not been put out for a while. Danny Burke will discuss with Carole Ellison, the Webmaster, a format for the Badge. He will request members to submit articles. Edward Land suggested annual

publication. Harry Harrison recommends that an electronic copy be made available to reduce cost. Danny Burke indicates that he will put out a survey to the members asking which version would be preferred.

#### 6. Membership Roster

The membership roster needs to be produced bi-annually per Edward Land. It was mentioned that the 2008 roster lists every member since the Association's start. Danny Burke noted that he and Judy Boyd have been working on eliminating the names of the deceased members from the active roster and placed in a different category.

Edward Land mentioned that there are names in the Redbook that are not in the roster.

#### B. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer, Danny Burke, read current status from Treasurer's email as follows:

There are three (3) accounts with over \$2,300 combined, + \$45.00 recently collected. A reminder e-mail was sent to all annual members to be certain to pay their dues, which resulted in 19 members paying dues.

A \$500 down payment was paid to the publishing company, Riverbend Art & Design – Jody West for Redbook. Estimate of payment of \$28,153.44. She was paid @ \$80.00 per hour for 16 hours for additional work. She agreed with deferring payment until 31 May 2020 or June until books sold. Books to be available at 23 April, 2020 cookout. Danny to ask printer if they will accept ½ upfront and ½ @ delivery. As a result of our membership appeal, initially 105 people donated a total of \$21,365.00.

#### C. Membership Report

No update other than a few members have passed since September and moved to deceased list.

#### D. Website Report

Not available at this time due to Carole Ellison's daughter's passing.

Danny Burke suggests that the Website include a President's Corner to include last approved Board meeting minutes, so members can read what their Board of Governors is discussing and voting on on their behalf.

#### E. Fraternal Items Report

Submitted by Ray Anti (attached, but value of items not noted. Edward Land suggests value be included). Ray Anti reports that he doesn't need to purchase anything at this time.

- F. Redbook - Danny Burke recognized Edward Land for getting Redbook off of the ground and getting matching grant from the NRA. Edward Land gave recognition to Danny Burke for getting other things updated.

## II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. Redbook

Editor: Karen Davey,

Publisher: Jody West, Riverbend Art & Design

1. Danny Burke explained why publisher was changed from Phillips Publishing to Riverbend Art & Design. Danny Burke passed around example of the spine design of Vol II, adding that the new spine of Vol II will look exactly like Vol I.
2. MCDSA will be ordering 2000 copies. The final draft has been sent to printer. Blue copy (final editing copy) to Jody, Karen and Danny Burke. The Red Books should be available April 1. We will have them available at the cookout; rest to be mailed.
3. Discussion ensued to place the Red Books in a rented climate-controlled storage bin, or may be kept in Danny Burke's basement until mailed. Nelson Ocasio also offered his heated storage unit.

### B. Cookout

1. Scheduled for 23 April at Quantico. Mission BBQ to cater (same as in 2017). Discussed menu items: beef, chicken, pork, sides all at cost of \$12.95 per person, will charge \$25.
2. Danny Burke recommended having a band; cost between \$300 - \$400. Mike Mitchell **"MOVED"** to expend \$300 - \$400 for entertainment, Nelson Ocasio 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 5 – yes, 0 – no. Motion carries unanimous.

## III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2020 East Coast Banquet scheduled for 25 April 2020 @ 1700 – cocktails, 1800 – dinner to be held at Paddy's Pub on 610, Garrisonville. \$12.50 per person – menu chicken cutlet, pasta, drinks (Tea, coffee, water), dessert to be provided by Robin Burke. Cost \$30.00 per person. Marine Corps teams to be invited.

Nelson Ocasio **"MOVED"** Motion to approve. Mike Mitchell 2<sup>nd</sup>, Vote 5 – yes, 0 – no. Motion carries.

- B. Danny Burke proposes National Museum of the Marine Corps tour possibly 24 April 2020 after awards ceremony (0900 to 1100). Danny will work on details depending on number of participants. Will post a sign-up sheet at cook out at no cost.

Mike Mitchell **"MOVED"** to approve banquet and tour. Nelson Ocasio 2<sup>nd</sup>., Vote 5 – yes 0 – no.

- C. Photo Gallery on Website - members can send in photos.
- D. Suggestion Box – Add a link on the website to the Board so members can get more involved.
- E. Interservice Award Banquet – MCDSA should be proactive to see how many members might be available to attend if at all possible. Danny will be talking with USMC to discuss.
- F. Discussion:  
Danny Burke has been approached by Gene Rucks to make Bob Depp an Honorary Member of the MCDSA. Bob Depp has significantly contributed to Marine Corps Marksmanship by providing Marine Corps shooting attire at Camp Perry for over 30 years.
- G. Nelson Ocasio suggests that people be removed who haven't done anything for years. Jim Land suggests Auxiliary members should be contacted to see if they would like to remain on our list or be removed. Danny will check.  
Nelson Ocasio **"MOVED"** to have Judy Boyd moved from Auxiliary list to Honorary list. Mike Mitchell 2<sup>nd</sup>; Vote 5 – yes, 0 – no. Motion so carried.
- H. Harry Harrison spoke with SgtMaj Black regarding promotion of marksmanship, by using a SgtMaj trophy or plaque.
- I. Danny Burke noted that Jake DeBerry has obtained all necessary Base documents/permits for alcohol at cookout.

#### IV. Next Board Meeting

The date was set for the next meeting at Weapons Training Battalion at Quantico on Saturday, 15 August 2020 at 10 a.m. There being no further business to be brought before the Body, at 12:50 p.m. **"MOVED"** to adjourn by Mike Mitchell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nelson Ocasio and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Daniel E. Burke, Sr.

President