



**DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**  
**Convention Committee Meeting June 2024**  
**Keystone A Room Penn Harris Hotel**  
**Camp Hill, PA**

**19 June 2024**

**1500** - Meeting was called to order at 1507 by SVC McCoy in Keystone A Room of the Penn Harris Hotel in Camp Hill.

**Roll Call - Chief of Staff McIntosh**

**Opening Remarks -**

Commandant Henry - Welcome to everyone, anticipating roughly 100 attendees this year at Convention, down from past years.

Mike Mastriana - glad everyone made it.

President Moise - Welcome, please recruit, talked New York from turning in their charter, takes both organizations working together to keep both operating.

Committee Chairperson McCoy - will not be continuing this roll any longer, Mike Mastriana has offered to learn this role with the help of Karen, Tammy and Jim.

**Quarterly Lunches -**

Still doing well, 100% gratuity to the auxiliary, bringing in income for the League side.

Possibly sending out dissemination to all detachments, Wal-Mart or Lowes will offer gift certificates for raffles. Weis and Wegmans offer food gift cards.

Grilling to resume in the fall.

Winter will have the chili cook-off.

Spring - Auxiliary is doing hospitality and Keystone HQ unit will do sandwiches.

**Shortfall**

Hospitality room - many do not understand what they need to do.

PDC Ziltz drafted a 3 day convention SOP of sorts to help out with a host.

Quarterlies - new venue we have for quarterly billeting at BW, room is large, lower rate offered and able to plug in items like crock-pots. Except for spring 2025, do not have hospitality in winter and fall of 2024 and 2025. This is big fundraiser opportunity for a detachment. 3 bodies in the room to help with trash and handling. Biggest issue is finding "bodies" to do this. Happens at the same time as the Growl so that makes it hard to find people.

Fall October meeting - will have the pink party again for breast cancer (per Jim Diamond). Do not make the mistake of thinking that means "hospitality" is covered also.

**Lunch Subcommittee -**

What Lisa and Phil have done so far is great. After budget meeting - we have a surplus of over \$400 for what we budgeted for lunches. Purchase for tickets for folding wagon at "credentials table".

Fall fire pit was great, this time small propane option. Tank not included.

**2024 Convention -**

Ad contracts- slow moving but not formatted correctly also. More education needed on what ads are for and why they are there. Commercial ads are important for the detachments, at the end of Convention,



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detachment gets money back. Consider presenting to the franchise - a certificate of appreciation. Add a QR code to the cert and that helps with recruiting for us.

Problem with check-in and billeting. Hotel will own any mistakes on their end as far as breakfast vouchers and persons occupying the room. \$124.91 on a single and \$144 on double.

Thank you to Susquehanna Valley Auxiliary and Detachment for hospitality room. Staff and volunteers not there to help with lunches. Madam Commandant has a friend that stepped up and jumped through hoops. Volunteers are welcome to help out this year. \$7 price point. Make sure everyone has a plate in front of them.

Friday night theme party - tradition. Used to do an outing, but members do not want to leave the hotel. Beer or wine is all available at this hospitality, mixed drinks must be mixed in rooms and brought in on your own. Pajama jammy jam theme this year, stuffed animal donation and money collection. No distasteful attire accepted.

Member of Lancaster County detachment will be offering DJ equipment, and SVC McCoy will be stepping down from the DJ position, and Lisa Solarczyk will be taking over.

**Quarterly Meetings**

locked in at Best Western. Price of \$92 before taxes.

**No locked in contracts for 2025 Convention.**

Tried many hotels and places. Bids are not coming in, reality is - had to have a conversation with Penn Harris Hotel again. Rates are up slightly, this hotel offers great support.

Any ideas - to increase membership at Conventions, or get people to step in at hospitalities and lunches.

Open the floor for discussion - President Moose talked about the Auxiliary Convention in New York. Ability to leave on Saturday because banquet was on Friday was a big positive for their members. Proposal to have banquet on Friday night to have greater amount of participation.

**Announcements :**

- Next Convention Committee meeting Oct 18th, 2024 at 1400 at Indiantown Gap Meeting room.

**Closing Ceremony:** Meeting was adjourned at 1600 hours by SVC McCoy.

Respectfully Submitted by Sarah Cook, Adjutant, MCLPA