

Department Americanism Committee

The meeting of Department Americanism Committee was called to order by Beverly List, Chairman in Lansing, Michigan, on September 8, 2015 at 2:30 pm. The following were present:

Members: Beverly List Chairman, Randy Reeves, Mel Adams, BJ Arnold. Excused Carl Atkinson and John Stams

Guests: 19 in attendance

Meeting was called to order by Chairman List at 2:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in honor of National POW/MIA day.

Remarks were given by Leading Candidate for National Commander, Charles Schmitz about the importance of our Americanism programs and encouraged all to get out and work them.

Motion to have Randy Reeves as recording secretary Mel Adams, second BJ Arnold.

Minutes: Reading of the last meeting minutes were read and approved.

New Business:

Mel Adams gave update on Jr Shooting sports. Elmer Lerette, former committee member spoke about having a shooting event up in Lake City in the fall to introduce their program. All committee members are invited to attend. The committee would like to set up a range at Winter and Summer Convention, Get with the SAL to see how they go about setting it up.

BJ Arnold spoke about Law Enforcement Officer of the Year applications are due no later than January 6th, 2016. Deadline for Firefighter of the year is January 6, 2016. Post 143 Auburn Hills, will be hosting the dinner and award presentation.

Student trooper applications are out, this is open to both young men and women. Application deadline is May 27, 2016, program dates are July 10-15, 2016.

Chairman List gave brief report regarding Eagle Scout of the Year, applications are due to Department by March 1, 2016.

Discussed the packages of forms the Chairman distributed to all committee members and informed them all applications were also on the disc she handed out.

The committee discussed having a table set up at Winter Conference to have brochures and more information handouts on our programs.

Chairman List discussed setting up a Department Americanism award to be awarded to a specific individual in the Department who goes above and beyond promoting programs and community service across the State. Chairman List also encouraged everyone to attend the Americanism Lead training on Saturday from 10 - 12 pm, in Ballroom G.

Commander Salamon from Post 217, Wyandotte, has a stair lift to donate to a veteran. Looking for possible recipients. Please contact the Post for further details and information.

Chairman List discussed the viability of developing a Department of Michigan Americanism page, where Posts will be able to share their events and programs.

Unfinished Business:

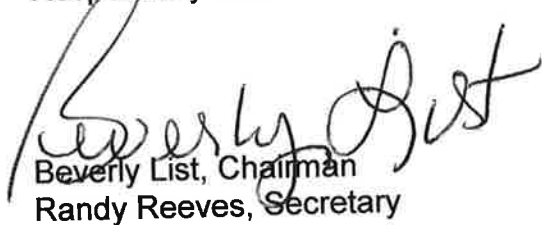
No items.

For the good of the Committee: Jeff McGinnis , Zone 1 Baseball Chairman, informed all of the Leading candidate reception to be held at 8:00 pm that evening.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved by BJ Arnold and supported by Mel Adams that the meeting adjourned at 3:11 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by



Beverly List, Chairman
Randy Reeves, Secretary