

**DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM COMMITTEE MEETING**  
September 26, 2014

The meeting of the Department Americanism Committee was called to order by Chairman List at 2:30 p.m. in the Ambassador Room at Fall Conference at the Holiday Inn Muskegon.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Beverly List, Chairman, John Stams, Pat Kirchen, Elmer Lurette, and Carl Atkinson

**EXCUSED:** B.J. Arnold

**GUESTS:** 12

**DISTRICTS PRESENT:** 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the 2014 Convention meeting were read. Correction to add Atkinson present and show reports that were turned in from Education & Scholarship, Boys State, Scouting. Verbal report from Junior Shooting Sports. Motion by Atkinson, supported by Kirchen, supported. Minutes approved as amended.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Standing rules are being updated. They were submitted and approved at the Summer Convention in Livonia.

There will be a School of Instruction in February in Flint. National Security, Children & Youth and Education & Scholarship will be included as we cover Consolidated Post Reports with adjutants and commanders.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Past Committeeman Wayne Roy talked on attending the National Membership Workshop at National Headquarters and asked to correct online submission of CPR's and having an add-on sheet.

Chairman List stated she was working with Commander Wallace on his theme of family involvement by working on a Best Practice Guide of Americanism and Community Service programs. A survey is being developed and available that will be used to help posts and districts. Chairman List requests surveys be returned no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of February to get more feedback on how we can make our Americanism program reflect functions and activities by the posts. A packet of survey forms will be provided to districts to report the programs in detail and, as an incentive, the first District with 100% completion will receive a reward. The survey will also be posted online for Post Adjutants.

Atkinson reported he was working on promoting Scouting activities. Chairman List informed the members present of Student Trooper increased from \$3.50 to \$3.90.

No report on shooting but Lerette will be put on the agenda to promote the Shooting Program at the Winter Meeting in February.

Chairman List stated she was approached to add a Soccer Program. Motion by Atkinson, supported by McGinnis, to deny adding soccer. Passed.

Discussed resolutions being presented. No action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned at 3:45 p.m. Motion carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

  
Beverly List, Chairman and

Pat Kirchen, Secretary

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