

DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM COMMITTEE

June 26, 2014

The meeting of the Department Americanism Committee was called to order by Beverly List, Chairman at 12:03 p.m., Thursday, June 26, 2014 in the St. Clair Room of the Holiday Inn in Livonia, Michigan. The following people were present:

MEMBERS: 6 Members present, List, Kirchen, Lerette, Brown, Roy. One member absent, BJ Arnold, excused.

GUESTS: 10 Guests Present.

MINUTES:

Lerette made motion, Brown supported minutes approved.

Districts present: 1,2,3,4,6,8,9,11,17,18,19

Chairman List talked briefly on changing Americanism meeting from Fall Conference to Winter Conference after further discussion it was decided not to do that change.

Committee chair also talked on judging of CPR's by size of membership – that 4 sizes would be: 0 – 50, 51 – 150, 151 – 250, and 251 – over.

NEW BUSINESS:

Atkinson gave report on Scouting. Legion is at 73 troops #10 nationwide. National is 2477 sponsored troops. 3 applications for Eagle Scout of the Year. Tim of Grand Rapids was Satate Eagle Scout.

Motion was made by Kirchen, supported by Roy that we would send certificates of appreciation to all scouts.

Jerry Lynch gave report on Baseball. Too many rules are set on Posts and Coaches. Teams that are on top will remain on top. Suggest that there should be a two tier system. A lot of discussion followed. Lerette recommended that the Baseball Committee sub-chair get the group of coaches and Posts together and give a report the Americanism committee on how to solve the problem.

Resolution 46 was talked about and that no college athletes can play on American Legion teams Chairman List made recommendations that the committee oppose resolution 46.

Motion made by Lerette to support Chairman List, John Brown choose not to support.

Dr. Kelly reported on Boys State – this year marks 77 years, 243 Boys for 2014. Two Boys were selected for National. Boys State Committee Chair at District level June 14 – 20, 2015.

Boys State 501c3 has been turned in to IRS for approval.

John Bradford reported on Brewer (4) /Wilson (9) Scholarships.

Elmer reported on Shooting project – ROTC, gun club Hunter Safety, 4H are places to look to start shooting teams – It was suggested Lerette at Fall Conference setting up demonstrations on how to set up shooting ranges for Posts.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this committee the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Beverly List, Chairman