

## **The American Legion, Department of Michigan**

The Americanism Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Dan Cooper at 2:39pm in the Wolf Lake room of the Delta Hotel and Convention Center in Muskegon, Michigan on Sept 23, 2022.

A quorum was present.

Absent: Terry Beck

There were eight guests in attendance.

Doug Carignan elected Vice-Chairperson of the Committee.

Todd Beedy was elected Secretary.

A motion was made by Todd Beedy and seconded by Doug Carignan to allow the Secretary to make corrections to the minutes without changing the content. That motion passed.

### **Sub-Committees reports:**

Law & Order - No Chairperson assigned

Junior Shooting Sports - Chairperson Todd Beedy - No report at this time

Scouting - Chairperson Doug Carignan.

Provided Depth information on:

- Posts chartering of scouting troops
- On branding for scouting troops
- On the costs relating to scouting troops
- Eagle Scout awards, the application requirements, and restrictions

### **Americanism Committees Reports**

Baseball - Chairperson Jeff McGinnis.

- Minutes of the Baseball Committee meetings were read
- There were Discussions about various aspects of the Baseball program

Oratorical Chairperson – No report provided

Boys State Chairperson - No report provided

A lot of ideas were shared from the attendees about Americanism programs in various post and communities.

Old Business  
None

New Business

Todd Beedy reported on the scholarships that was discussed in the Education and Scholarships Committee meeting that he attended.

The updated Committee Rules of Procedures was presented and discussed; action will be taken at the next meeting.

Copies of new the 2022-2023 Americanism Manual were handed out. Will discuss again at next meeting.


The Chairperson requested that all Americanism Committees and Sub-committees be present at all future meeting.

The chair will explore options to reformat the Americanism Committee in order to streamline the reporting of Americanism Committees and Sub-committees to the Americanism Committee Chair.

The Chair spoke on the need to promote our various scholarships and programs in a more conducive and targeted manner to our Posts, District's, and Zones, and to our Communities. Todd Beedy is going to talk to Jim Showers about the possibility of targeted advertising specifically for Boy's State, Girls State, Student Trooper, Baseball, and Scouting.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:28pm

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Dan Cooper – Americanism Chairperson  
Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander

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