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Department Americanism Committee

Meeting was held at Treetops Resort, Gaylord, MI in the Michigan room.

The meeting opened at 10:35 am

The following members were present:

Chairman David Yahr,

Vice Chairman Wayne Blank

Secretary James (Skip) Collis

Other members present:
Fred Youngs
Gary Tanner

Number of guests present: 36

Chairman Yahr led the Pledge of Allegiance; Vice Chair Blank did roll call and declared the committee had quorum.

Vice chair Blank gave a discussion on law and order and gave the final dates to submit Law officer of the year.

Chairman Yahr expressed the importance of the passport program and visiting other posts. Members that get 10 stamps visiting other posts will receive a hat pin, 25 posts and member gets a challenge coin. Pins and coins will be distributed to District Commanders to make it easier for members to get their coins and pins.

Fred Youngs gave his report on Jr. shooting sports, and how we need more shooters for the program.

Department Commander Austin spoke to the committee on how important Americanism is to the American Legion and how valued the committee is. He stressed the upcoming Oratorical program and the dates are coming up soon.

Unfished Business: None

New Business:

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Vice Chair Blank discussed starting a Jr. Shooting Sports team and how to get started, and who to contact.

Scouting Report from Gary Tanner was given about Operation Rendezvous at Camp Grayling and how successful it was and the importance of scouting with the American Legion.

Boys State Chair Jim Ellis gave an update on the scholarship programs and the dates and location of Boys State and Girls State.

James Warunek spoke of the blood drive scheduled for our winter meeting in Port Huron, also the opportunity for organ donorship. Commander Yahr also stressed the need for donating blood as there are shortages and the importance of starting regular blood drives at Post level.

Motion to adjourn: Made by Blank

Seconded by: Collis

Meeting closed at 11:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

David Yahr
American Legion Department of Michigan 2nd Vice Commander

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