

# DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM COMMITTEE MEETING

September 22, 2017

The meeting of the Department Americanism Committee was called to order by Don Meskill, Chairman in Muskegon, Michigan, on September 22, 2017. The following Committee members were present: Don Meskill, Bill Coffey, Bob Bigham, Doug Carignan. Absent were: Lawrence Burwell, Clyde Sinclair, John Stams, Carl Atkinson. There were 21 guests.

## **Minutes:**

Motion by Doug Carignan and supported by Bill Coffey that the minutes of the June 22, 2017, meeting of the Department Americanism Committee be approved. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** None.

## **New business:**

Chairman Meskill appointed Bill Coffey Vice Chairman and Bob Bigham Secretary.

Wayne Blank began with a discussion about Jr. Shooting. He covered the history, getting it started in Michigan, open to all 12 to 18 year olds, rifles used, grants and safety classes.

Boy Scouts were not discussed.

John Bradford talked about Education and Scholarships. He went over the history and new ways to get the High Schools more involved.

There was a short break for NEC John Knox to introduce the leading candidate for the National Commander, Brett Restad.

Bill Coffey discussed a resolution coming from the Internal Affairs Committee (Resolution 17-4) about making CPRs mandatory for Posts before they can receive their new Membership Cards. After discussion, Motion by Coffee, Second by Carignan in favor of the Resolution to forward it to the DEC. Motion carried.

## **Good of the Legion:**

There are Grand Rapids pins for sale.

## **Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned at 1529. Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,



Don Meskill, Chairman