

DEPARTMENT CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMITTEE
September 14, 2007

The meeting of the Department Children and Youth Committee was called to order by Ron Geiger, Chairman at 9 a.m. in the Sarazen Room of the Boyne Highlands Resort in Harbor Springs, Michigan. The following people were present:

MEMBERS: Ron Geiger, Rod Gilmer, Donald Meskill, E. Ray Johnston (absent), Edsel Robinson (absent)

GUESTS: 10 Present

MINUTES: It was moved by Rod Gilmer and supported by Donald Meskill that the minutes from Department Convention of the Department Children and Youth Committee be approved. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Consolidated Post Reports were discussed on how we could increase the percentage of Posts filling out these forms, this will be brought up at the school of instruction on September 15, 2007. Michigan had 57% of its Posts turn in a CPR; however, 14 Departments had 75% participation and 7 Departments had 95% participation and above. Michigan can do better.

Operation Military Kids is a program that is still being supported by The American Legion and it partners which includes MSU extension who basically chair the State Team. There has been a lot of interest in the Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo areas, and with that, the Michigan OMK team is sponsoring Friday, September 28, 2007, training. This training session will be held at MSU extension – Kent County Office at 775 Ball Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49512. The one day workshop is free with a lunch provided for from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For information or copies of this training are available at Department (contact Deanna) or myself and will be with the handouts at the school of instruction.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Geiger read an overview from Department about what our committee does.

Chairman Geiger asked that the committee members visit Posts in their respective district to promote Children and Youth issues.

The first annual Children and Youth conference will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana on September 21 to 23, 2007, and Chairman Geiger will be attending. There are many Children and Youth programs that will be covered at this conference and I hope to bring this knowledge and ideas from other Departments back to Michigan. I will e-mail my committee members and put an article in the Michigan Legionnaire so we can share the information from this conference.

Wear your Legion cap at all functions of The American Legion.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved by Rod Gilmer and supported by Donald Meskill that the meeting be adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY

RON GEIGER
Department Children and Youth Chairman