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National Security Committee Meeting

Saturday, February 29, 2020

Department of Ohio HQ – Delaware, Ohio

1. Call to Order

Chairman Al Buxton opened at 10:00 a.m. on February 29, 2020 at Department Headquarters. Invocation by Tom Leach (11th).

2. Appoint Secretary – Jose Rivera (9th)

3. Roll Call – Ten (10) members present

District	Name	Present	Excused
1	James Benson	x	
2	John C Randolph	x	
3	Robert Weiler	x	
4	Al Buxton	x	
5	Bill Edwards	x	
6	Scott Horsington		x
7	Rick LaValley	x	
8	Robin Johnson		x
9	Jose Rivera	x	
10	Douglas Russell	x	
11	Tom Leach	x	
12	Bernie Brogan	x	
13	Richard Wright		x
14	Chris Hawkins		x
Total		10	4

4. Guest:

Jermaine Ferguson, Department National Security Liaison
Jerry Perry, 4th District



5. Reading of Previous Committee Meeting Minutes

- a. A motion was made by Douglas Russell (10th) to accept the reading of the minutes as printed and seconded by Tom Leach (11th); all in favor.

Motion Carried

6. Report of Department National Security Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

- a. Chairman Al Buxton presented a report of the Department National Security Ad Hoc Committee Meeting. Committee was also provided with a written report.

7. Old Business

a. Department Environmental Conservation Program

- i. Committee discussed the possibility of absorbing the Environmental Conservation Program.
- ii. Committee reviewed/accepted the updated guidelines for the Ralph Doll Convention Award.
- iii. A motion was made by Jose Rivera (9th) to absorb the Department Environmental Conservation Program on a one-year probationary period to be revisited one year from today and if participation and involvement does not increase this Committee would consider a motion to discontinue this program and was seconded by Douglas Russell (10th); all in favor.

Motion Carried

b. POW/MIA Program

- i. A motion was made by Jose Rivera (9th) to submit a request to Charities Inc for funds for the POW/MIA program and that we purchase 500 newly designed POW/MIA pins to be sold for \$5.00 each and a POW/MIA fund to be established where monies made up from the sales would be deposited and seconded by Douglas Russell (10th); all in favor.

Motion Carried

- ii. A motion was made by Douglas Russell (10th) that the USO of Central and Southern Ohio to be the recipient of a grant in which the amount shall be determined after the sale of the POW/MIA pins and seconded by Bernie Brogan (12th); all in favor.

Motion Carried



c. Department Law and Order Program

- i. A motion was made by Jose Rivera (9th) to table any decision on absorbing the Law and Order Program until after the Department Law and Order Committee meets and if they have enough committee members and seconded by Robert Weiler (3rd); all in favor.

Motion Carried

8. New Business

a. Resolution

A motion was made by Jose Rivera (9th) to draft a resolution to be presented to the Department Executive Committee for consideration which calls for The American Legion Department of Ohio to issue a statement of disapproval of Jane Fonda scheduled appearance as a keynote speaker of the 50th commemoration of May 4, 1970, and was seconded by Douglas Russell (10th); all in favor.

Motion Carried

9. Good of the Legion

- a. Jermaine Ferguson briefly discussed the plans for an “Adopt a Military Installation/Unit” initiative which will provide an opportunity to The American Legion to assist in military readiness. Jermaine is hoping to have more information to share with the committee by April.
- b. Jermaine also provided the Committee with an updated Legislative Agenda of The American Legion.
- c. Jermaine briefly discussed Governor DeWine Strong Ohio initiative and asked the committee for their review and provided a point of contact for a representative to come to district and post meetings to explain the proposal to the membership.

Benediction given by Tom Leach (11th). The meeting was adjourned in regular form at 11:50 a.m.

Minutes Submitted by:

Jose Rivera, 9th District National Security Chair

Al Buxton, Department National Security Chair