



Youth Activities Committee  
Wisconsin Elks Association Mid-Winter Conference  
Madison Elks Lodge #410  
Saturday February 5, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McCauley at 9:00 a.m. in Madison at the Concourse Hotel. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman McCauley followed by a roll call of those present.

Committee members present: McCauley, Widzinski, Baca, Wyro, Musolf, Kromraj, Diehl, Schulze, Kastner, Lundquist, and Vandre.

Also present were guests: Berens, McTaggart, Brien, Kostuck, Russell, Larson, Harper and Bocher.

Introductions of those present were made to make everyone aware of who was in attendance. The minutes of the September Fall Conference meeting were read and approved as presented. Minutes of the 2010 May Convention were still unavailable at this time.

A report was given by Baca pertaining to the State Soccer "Shoot" which was held on October 2, 2010 at Oak Island Park in Wausau. The event was a success and this year's tournament saw an increase in youth participation. 10 lodges participated in the event with 45 contestants in attendance. In 2009 the state had 560 youth participants state-wide with 696 shooters taking part in the contest in the summer and fall of 2010. A discussion pursued with regards to reimbursement to families who have to travel long distances to attend the State Contest. Since Trustee Chairman Kostuck was in attendance he stated that the Committee should submit a formal letter requesting an increase in the Committee budget. A motion was then made by Kastner with a second by Wyro to make a request to the State Trustees that the Youth Activities Committee budget be increased to \$10,000.00 so that some sort of travel stipend could be extended to contestants to reimburse travel expense. Motion Carried. A letter will be submitted to the Trustees for consideration. Thanks to all of the Elks who participated in hosting this event.

Chairman McCauley then introduced Association President-Elect Dave Assman who in turn introduced the Illinois Elks Association 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Kevin Kennedy, a member of Oaklawn Illinois Elks Lodge #2254. Vice-President Kennedy was visiting as a guest of the Wisconsin Elks for the weekend and had just stopped in to observe the meeting. Kennedy then stated that he was happy to be in attendance and witness the good works that Wisconsin Elks are accomplishing in their communities. Kennedy and Assman then excused themselves as they continued their rounds of meetings.

Vice-Chairman Widzinski stated that the Association had again been given a donation of free dictionaries by the Dictionary Project to be utilized by our lodges for distribution to schools throughout the State. Any lodge that still needed free books for distribution should contact him to make arrangements for pick up. The only stipulation is that they have to be distributed to schools who have not received books in the past. Contact Widzinski for more information.

Chairman McCauley then spoke of all the various Grand Lodge contests and deadlines for those submitting materials for consideration. Please be sure to document all youth involvement with regards to any of the veterans programs within your lodges.

Various other discussions took place on the many youth activities that are taking place in the lodges throughout the State. It was mentioned that lodges can again submit requests for reimbursement to the Committee for any unfunded youth activity that is taking place. All requests will be considered for reimbursement and that the Committee fully intended to expend its entire budget.

Having finished our regular business, the Committee adjourned until our next meeting in May in Wausau at our annual 2011 Convention.

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