

Virginia Elks Youth Camp Newsletter  
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By Michael Haynes, President

The Executive Committee met at the Charlottesville Lodge on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. The Executive Committee are the Officers of the Youth Camp, the President, all four Vice Presidents, the Secretary and the Treasurer. The meeting lasted almost three hours and many subjects were discussed. Bob Ward, the Secretary, briefed all on several subjects including all of the correspondence he had received and sent out. He reported on a few donations he received and turned the funds over to the Treasurer Jerry Fleischauer. The President presented the Committee with several informational items concerning the Camp including the construction projects in progress at the Camp. Last month I reported to you the gutter project; we have not completed this project as we still need to dig the ditches and install the piping to remove the water from the dining hall area. The construction of a 10 x 14 foot storage building started this weekend by Elks from the Charlottesville Lodge. The building is under roof with a door and a window in place and the siding will be installed at a later date. This building is a much needed addition to the camp and will be used primarily as waterfront equipment storage. Our next project will be the installation of a new tile floor in the kitchen of the dining hall. Bids have been received and state VEA approval of the installation is being pursued. Also in the works is the installation of handicap bath rooms in the dining hall; this is in the planning stage now but completion of this project is really needed. We have donations of some materials on hand thanks to one of our Vice Presidents, Jay Bonnell. Other projects are in the initial stages with hopes of completion prior to the next camping season. As these new projects are developed I will report them to you.

A Budget Session is scheduled for the upcoming year in January and February and then will be presented to the Virginia Elks Association Trustees for approval and then to the membership at the Protocol Meeting in March at the Elks National Home.

Our Treasurer, Jerry, presented the Executive Committee with the latest October financial statements. We discussed the statements at the meeting for a better understanding by all members of the committee.

After the meeting I traveled to the Camp in Bath County to deliver some supplies and to see how the construction of the storage building was progressing. The guys from Charlottesville and Mike, our Camp Ranger, were having a ball while working on the storage building. They had just finished eating lunch when I arrived that was prepared by Tom Underwood, a Past President of the Camp and a loyal member of the Charlottesville Lodge. Tom is also one of my advisers that I have called on several times since I became President of the Camp. While there I was told by Mike Journell that the camp had its first deer hunters of the season and that one of our Elks had shot a six point buck by 7:30 that morning. I was elated that some of our Virginia Elks were using the camp, after all the Camp belongs to all Elks of Virginia.