

Western Shore District Committee Meeting Minutes
30 January 2013

Attendees:

Nick Adams	Paul Sikorski	Wes Haynes
Christine McDanal	Perry Miller	Lynn Kaltwasser
Robin McAlister	John Herbig	Terry Wilt
Jeff Dronenburg	Linda Kelley	Kathleen Berry
Jon Baake	Mike McKinney	Dave Nelsen
Patrick Van Hooser	Jack Culver	Robbie Miller
Winslow Truax	Edward Zumstein	Melanie Anthony

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Nick Adams. Members began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes from the November meeting were approved with one correction.

District Commissioner's Comments – Paul Sikorski

- There are still nine unit recharter applications that have issues – mostly missing an application or a YPT certificate. Four have been resubmitted for processing.
- The final deadline for the J2E worksheets is 15 February.

Order of the Arrow – Kathleen Berry

- The Chapter did not receive J2E recognition this year due to low membership and low Brotherhood conversion numbers. Kathleen stressed that members who do not pay their dues are not considered active by the Lodge and will not get credit for participation in activities.
- The deadline for members who have not yet paid their dues online has been extended until 28 February. Members can also pay by mail. Older members who have not been active for several years may no longer appear in the database and will need to pay dues via mail. Nick suggested that this be announced at RoundTable. Both Kathleen and Mike McKinney have access to member's OA ID numbers if needed. Robin McAlister suggested that this information be sent out to the unit leaders. Wes agreed to send a list of current Scoutmasters to Kathleen for this purpose.
- Elections are underway in both counties. Two Arrow of Light ceremonies have been scheduled for next month: 10 February at St John Vianney Catholic Church in Prince Frederick, and 23 February at the Elks Club in St Mary's.
- Upcoming events include the LEC on 19 February and the Spring Camporee in April.

Breakout sessions began at 7:50 – Committee reports began at 8:10 pm.

Finance – Bill Caplins (report given by Wes Haynes)

- Family FOS presentations are underway; Bill is still looking for more presenters.
- Perry Miller is continuing his work on contacting local employers for the Community FOS effort.
- Wes pointed out that WSD is one of only a few districts that does not hold an annual community event of some sort. Robin asked if there is a Finance committee that meets at Council; Wes replied that there is. Paul pointed out that it is tough to start up an event and get it off the ground and that it takes time to build a history. Perry stated that is difficult to ask for money – need to get others involved in the effort. He commented that it is important to tap all resources, talk up Scouting and its values. Wes added that unit parents shouldn't be overlooked as another resource. Robin questioned why there are not more local PSAs. Nick suggested that another meeting should be held to discuss this matter further and to brainstorm for ideas.

Program – John Herbig

- John went over the upcoming training events:
 - 13 April – BALOO and Den Chief Training

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- 13 April – BSLST and VLST at the SAIC building in California
- 4-5 May – IOLS at Mattapan
- 23 February – University of Scouting – Jon Baake asked members to take this information back to the units and to encourage participation. Several WSD committee members will be serving on staff for this event.
- Health & Safety – Dave Nelsen has put together a User's Manual for the WSD weather radio. This guide includes the policy and procedures for standing up a weather watch at a district event and guidelines for working with the event director.
- Awards – Terry Wilt stated that he is working on finishing up the WSD award nominations and reminded members that the deadlines are posted on the WSD website.
- Day Camp – Calvert County Day Camp will be held 20-24 June at King's Landing Park. Patrick Van Hooser is the Camp Director; he is looking for someone to fill the Program Director position. St Mary's Day Camp will be held at the fairgrounds; Scott Hoschar is the Camp Director.
- Advancement – Jeff Dronenburg announced that 80 young men from WSD achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 2012. He introduced Ed Zumstein as a new Eagle Advancement Rep. – Welcome Ed! The supply of belt buckles is getting low; Melanie will organize the annual bake sale for the March RT to help raise funds to purchase more buckles. Jeff stated that updates to the Guide to Advancements will be out next month.

Marketing – Linda Kelley

- Linda stated that the Eagle Scout project signs have been distributed to most units. She encouraged units to take pictures of the signs at the various projects; Marrison Homes is also interested in seeing pictures of the projects. Jon added that the Baynet is always looking for local interest stories. Nick suggested that Linda give a short talk at RT on the subject.

Membership – Phil Menthe (report given by Wes Haynes)

- The JSN held in St Mary's was a success and several new Scouts registered.
- Wes is looking for some new ideas on where to start units – please get any ideas to him.
- Welcome to Winslow Truax who will be joining the membership committee!

District Chairman's Comments – Nick Adams

- Nick congratulated the committee on a job well done during the past year.
- The Key Scouter Workshop is coming up on 2 February; Wes added that this is a great place to network.
- The Area 6 workshop is scheduled for 2 March in NE Maryland.

District Director's Comments – Wes Haynes

- Wes distributed the Scouter FOS incentives. He informed the committee that the district registration process will be changing slightly; members will now be registered by their specific title. This will tie into the scouting.org website in the future and will allow extra access to tools geared to those positions.
- Wes spoke briefly on the BSA membership policy review currently in the news. He added that the national volunteer board will be making the decision, not the professional staffers. One of the help desk lines has been switched to take feedback – please call and voice your opinion. Wes stated that he will contact CORs with this number so that they can voice their opinion as well. Robin added that if members are opposed to a change in policy, they should take action and call.

The next meeting will be held on **27 February 2013** at the Southern Community Center in Lusby at 7:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Anthony on 26 February 2013.