

Western Shore District Committee Meeting Minutes 29 August 2012

Attendees:

Nick Adams	Paul Sikorski	Wes Haynes
Christine McDanal	Perry Miller	Bill Caplins
Robin McAlister	John Herbig	Lynn Kaltwasser
John Howlin	Sherry Mervine	Terry Wilt
Jon Baake	Robbie Miller	Jim Tomasic
Kathleen Berry	Tonya Albright	Steve McDanal
Melanie Anthony	Albert Ciccel	

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm by Nick Adams. Members began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes from the June meeting were approved.

WSD Word of the Day – **Nebulous [neb-yuh-luhs]** Adj. 1. hazy, vague, indistinct, or confused; 2. cloudy or cloudlike; or 3. of or resembling a nebula or nebulae; nebular. (www.dictionary.com) Thank you, Wes!

District Commissioner's Comments – Paul Sikorski

- Unit Commissioners are in the process of reviewing the J2E Scorecards with their units. Paul gave a report on the number of unit visits as tracked by the UVTS system. The district is in good shape, but he would like to see every unit visited.
- Sandy Draham and Jack Culver have completed Commissioner Basic Training.

Order of the Arrow – Kathleen Berry

- The Fall Ordeal is scheduled for 28-30 September at Mattapanay Day Camp at NAS Pax River. Online registration will be available.
- Planning has begun for the Spring Camporee – 19-21 April at King's Landing Park.
- The next Chapter meeting will be held before the September RT and will focus on the TOAR position.

Breakout sessions began at 7:40 – Committee reports began at 8:00 pm.

Finance – Vacant (report given by Wes Haynes)

- Wes explained the changes in the FOS campaign: 1) The Scouter campaign will be going away. Members will still be contacted, but may specify the destination of their donation. This does not change the amounts donated, only the accounting method; 2) An effort will be made to extend an invitation to the FOS dinner in McLean to all substantial donors in the district. Recognition items will still be distributed as in the past.
- Bill Caplins passed out a sample recruiting flyer for FOS volunteers. He is looking for folks who are not currently serving as a unit leader or in a district position.
- Perry Miller is working on establishing a steering committee for the Community Friends of Scouting. Please let Perry know if you have any contacts in the community that might be helpful.

Program – John Herbig

- Wade Mayonado is handling the Fall Camporee – the Leader's Guide will be sent out shortly. It was mentioned that Sherry Mervine may be heading up the Cuboree.
- Help is needed with the Scouting for Food effort – John is looking into developing a set of maps to better coordinate the distribution and collection of food bags this year.
- John Howlin reminded the committee that there will be a Cub Scout Training Day on September 22nd at Patuxent Presbyterian Church. He is still looking for staff volunteers. Jon Baake added that BSLST will be offered on that day in an effort to provide training to those Webelos leaders getting ready to cross over to Boy Scouts. Robin mentioned that VLST will be offered at SAIC on September 29th.

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- BSLST will also be offered at the SAIC building on September 29th with IOLS following on 27-28 October at Mattapany Day Camp (NAS Pax River). Online registration will be offered.
- Jon reported the WSD Direct Leader training status (Goal is 100%):
 - Cub Scouts: CM = 50%; ACM = 56%; and Den Leaders = 30-35%
 - Boy Scouts: SM = 77% and ASM = 43%
 - Venturing: Advisors = 36%; Sea Scouts: Skippers = 100%; and Varsity: Coaches = 0%
- Nick mentioned that there will be an Outdoor Program Seminar for Areas 4, 5, and 6 on September 22nd at Tuckahoe Scout Reservation. Online registration is available – cost is \$20/person.
- Sherry Mervine reported that the Calvert County Day Camp had 175 attendees. There was one afternoon when camp closed early due to heat issues. Feedback has been positive. Sherry is working on finalizing the reports on awards earned for the Cubmasters.
- Feasts of Scouting (Sherry) – First date is Tuesday, October 16th at the Greene Turtle – WSD will receive 10% all day (alcohol sales not included). Dates have also been scheduled at Roy Rogers and Chick-fil-A.
- Terry Wilt is accepting nominations for the Silver Beaver Award (due NLT 30 Nov) and District Award of Merit (due NLT end of Dec).

Marketing – Linda Kelley (not present – no report given)

Membership – Phil Menthe (not present – report given by Wes Haynes)

- WSD is 110 youth above last year. JSNs have been scheduled – flyers are out.
- Wes stated that he will be increasing his efforts toward establishing Explorer Posts in the district. Currently, there is only one unit in the area. These non-traditional scouting units are similar to Crews, but are career-focused instead of hobby/interest focused.

District Chairman's Comments – Nick Adams

- The Diversity Committee is looking for volunteers from St Mary's County. Albert Ybarra is the newest member of the committee.
- Christine McDanal will be taking over as the Nominating Committee Chair.
- Nick is looking into establishing a District Dinner Committee to ensure that Terry Wilt has the needed support for this annual event.

District Director's Comments – Wes Haynes

- Wes gave a brief overview of Council's revenue and spending.
- Both day camp budgets have been closed out – Excellent!
- Wes and Paul are looking to conduct a COR/IH contact drive (possibly at a monthly RT?) – please let them know if you have any ideas.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

The next meeting will be held on 26 September at the Southern Community Center in Lusby at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Anthony on 3 September 2012.