

**Western Shore District Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**27 June 2012**

**Attendees:**

Wes Haynes	Paul Sikorski	Phil Menthe
Christine McDanal	John Herbig	John Howlin
Robin McAlister	Jeff Dronenburg	Lynn Kaltwasser
Perry Miller	Dave Nelsen	Terry Wilt
Melanie Anthony		

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. Members began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes from the April meeting were approved. No breakout sessions were held due to light attendance.

**District Commissioner's Comments** – Paul Sikorski

- Pack 426 has been reestablished and is back up and running again.
- Unit Commissioners should be reviewing the J2E Scorecards with their units, and Paul would like an update by August.

**Order of the Arrow** – Kathleen Berry (not present – report given by Melanie Anthony)

- Several members attended the Lodge Leadership Development Conference held at Camp Snyder. A training session was recently held for new members of the Ceremonies team.
- Six members of the chapter are planning to attend NOAC in July/August.
- WS is scheduled to help with the Goshen bus loading in Largo, MD this coming weekend.
- The Chapter is on track with Brotherhood conversions for the year (~20).

**Finance** – Vacant (report given by Perry Miller and Wes Haynes)

- Perry is currently working on familiarizing himself with the literature available for his position.
- Wes reminded the committee that the annual popcorn sale is approaching. District training for unit popcorn kernels will be available on August 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00 pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Solomons. Units will receive additional percentage points on their profit for attending. This will be the only local training, although there will be one training session in PG county prior to the first popcorn order submission in August. The WSD goal will be an average of the 2010 & 2011 goals.
- Wes thanked all who helped with the “Closest to the Pin” fundraiser. The district cleared a small profit despite the schedule conflicts with other Scouting events. Suggestions for the future include: a division for youth; mini putt-putt; and making the event more “family friendly”. Thank you to Mike McKinney who secured a \$250 donation through his employer, Lockheed Martin. Wes stressed that this is an excellent opportunity for businesses to receive community visibility through sponsorships.
- The Family Friends of Scouting effort was a big success and finished over \$10K above goal! Bill Caplins has agreed to chair this campaign one more year – Thank You, Bill!

**Program** – John Herbig

- Webelos Weekend was a success with over 200 in attendance (and a balanced budget!)
- St Mary's Day Camp – good week, but hot. Plans are already underway for next year, including a Facebook page. Wayne LaFleur did an excellent job and will return next year – staff needs include a business manager. Calvert County Day Camp is scheduled for the third week in July.
- The WSD Fall Camporee is on the calendar, but the location has not been finalized yet. The district is still looking for a volunteer to head the Cuboree side of the event.
- John Howlin announced that there will be a Cub Scout Training Day on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Patuxent Presbyterian Church. Classes offered will include BALOO, all leader specific training, and den chief training.
- Jack Culver is the new Boy Scout Training Chair.

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**Marketing** – Linda Kelley (not present – report given by Wes Haynes)

- Wilson Parran will be working with Linda on creating a marketing approach to target the minority population in the community.

**Membership** – Phil Menthe

- Wes announced that the district is 118 youth above last year and had a successful membership drive in the Spring.
- Phil gave a recap of the JSN discussion held at the May RT meeting. This meeting stressed the importance of units working together to attract new members and how to avoid territorial conflicts.
- Another JSN training session will be held at the August RT to give leaders a chance to get together and discuss effective recruiting practices.
- Wes commented that successful recruiting involves more than just dropping flyers. Other options include “boy talks”, PTA blasts, and newsletters. Marketing is key – if one approach isn’t effective, try another.
- Awards – Terry Wilt
  - Terry is completing the final wrap-up from the district dinner in May. He passed out several leftover awards to folks for delivery to the recipients who didn’t make it to the dinner.
  - Bruce Long was given a plaque as a thank you for the use of his farm.
  - Award supplies are at a good level – there are enough Honor Unit ribbons for next year. Terry was able to obtain a good number of leftover patches from previous years at a good price.
- Advancement – Jeff Dronenburg
  - WSD has seen 23 young men reach the rank of Eagle since the beginning of the year. Jeff knows of five more Scouts with Boards of Review pending. Belt buckle supply is good.
  - New merit badges include: Search & Rescue, Kayaking, Welding, and Game Design.

**District Director’s Comments** – Wes Haynes

- T793 is working on standing up a Crew (John Herbig and Steve McDanal are working on this).
- P420 is considering splitting into two Packs due to its size.
- Rev. Charles Harrell has agreed to be the new WSD Nominating Committee Chair. He has a lengthy list of folks that he will be contacting in the upcoming months.
- Wes reviewed the district’s J2E status with committee members – highlights include:
  - Finance = doing well.
  - Training = 32% (bronze level) – is this due to turnovers in positions? If a Scouter is not trained, should they be in another position?
  - Advancement = Boy Scouts – 15% have advanced in the first half of the year; Cub Scouts – 80%; retention is at 85%.
  - Numbers are needed to track both Boy Scout and Cub Scout camping. If a unit attends an out of Council camp, those numbers can be hard to obtain. Paul offered to work with the Commissioners to find out where units camped and why. Lynn has done a similar survey among the Boy Scout leaders during the RT breakout.
  - Every Charter Organization should be contacted by a district representative annually. Wes will work with the Commissioners to ensure that all unit CO’s are being contacted. Paul pointed out that there was little interest in the COR program that was scheduled last year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

**The next meeting will be held on 29 August at the Southern Community Center in Lusby at 7:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Anthony on 28 August 2012.