

Western Shore District Committee Meeting Minutes 28 November 2012

Attendees:

Nick Adams	Paul Sikorski	Wes Haynes
Christine McDanal	Phil Menthe	Bill Caplins
Robin McAlister	John Herbig	Lynn Kaltwasser
Jeff Dronenburg	Linda Kelley	Terry Wilt
Jon Baake	Tonya Albright	Steve McDanal
Mike McKinney	Dave Nelsen	Jim Tomasic
Melanie Anthony	Kathleen Berry	

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by Nick Adams. Members began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes from the October meeting were approved. Christine McDanal gave the Nominating Committee report. The slate for the upcoming year was read, voted upon, and accepted.

District Commissioner's Comments – Paul Sikorski (report was given by Wes Haynes)

- The recharter process is in full swing, although less than half of the units had logged into the online system by the November RT. Three units have already submitted their recharters online.
- The J2E worksheets are due at the January RT, but may be turned in at the December RT.

Order of the Arrow – Kathleen Berry

- There are currently 242 active members registered.
- The Lodge is going to an electronic dues system – members can pay online before the 31 Jan deadline.
- The WS Chapter is working on the silver J2E level – brotherhood conversions are low at 17%.

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

Finance – Bill Caplins

- Eleven units have scheduled FFOS presentations with three scheduled for December.
- Bill is still looking for more presenters.
- Wes stated that the Scouter portion of the FFOS campaign is going well. It was noted that members participating in the CFC campaign cannot designate a specific unit, but may designate NCAC on their forms.

Program – John Herbig

- Ten Scouters completed the IOLS training held last month at Mattapany.
- Terry Wilt stated that more nominations are needed for the District Award of Merit.
- Jeff Dronenburg announced that there have been 49 Eagle Boards of Review with 34 projects in progress and 14 projects pending approval. An Eagle BOR is scheduled for Dec 7th via Skype for a young man in Germany.
- Dave Nelsen commented that an emergency radio has been purchased for the district.
- Jon Baake shared the latest training statistics: CM = 58% and ACM = 56%; SM = 73% and ASM = 43%; Varsity = 0%; VA = 36% and AA = 7%; and Skippers = 100% with 20% Mates trained. Jon will be working with the data from Council and will begin contacting untrained leaders.
- John Howlin is planning to offer Cub Scout Leader training in conjunction with RT in an effort to improve attendance. Spring 2013 is the target timeframe for this to begin.

Marketing – Linda Kelley

- Linda presented an idea for 18"x24" corrugated plastic signs to be printed on both sides as a way to draw attention to Eagle Scout service projects in progress. Marrick Homes has agreed to make a donation to purchase 50 signs for \$250. This idea was well-received by the members of the committee.

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Nick asked if releases were needed for Eagle projects – Wes suggested checking with the unit leader to be on the safe side. The signature for this release can be found on the medical form.

- Mike reminded the committee to continue sending him information for the website.

Membership – Phil Menthe

- Two new Crews have been added to the Western Shore District roster.
- The District has already achieved its end of year number goals – Wes added that the WSD has seen a 1.3% growth over last year (before recharter processing).

District Chairman's Comments – Nick Adams

- There will be no December meeting; members are invited to gather at the Ruddy Duck in Dowell on December 19th for a holiday dinner. This will be a non-uniformed event and spouses are welcome. Details will follow via email.
- Nick stated that he would like to hold a meeting of the District Vice-Chairs at his house in early January to review the “state of the district”.

District Director's Comments – Wes Haynes

- Please let Wes know if you are interested in attending the FOS dinner at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner on 6 December.
- The Scouting for Food effort brought in over 40,000 lbs of food for the local area. Jim Tomasic reminded members that this is a year-round need in the community, not just at the holidays.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Anthony on 30 January 2013.