

CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN

District Committee Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2012

Attendees: Fred Broadrup, District Chairman
Russ Ingram, District Commissioner
Tim Richardson, District Director
Bill Desmond, Vice Chair – Program and Merit Badge Dean
Linda Morgan, Vice Chair – Finance
Debbie Crabb, Vice Chair – Membership
Becky Stalnaker, Join Scouting Coordinator
Shawn Youngberg, Chairman for Inter-Troop Sporting Events and Award of Merit
Review Committee plus District representative to NCAC International Scouting
Committee
Jim Robbins, Chairman of Scouter Recognition and Publicity Chairman
Alan Ashley, Chaplain and Relations Committee Chair
Damon Allen, Boy Scout Training Chair and Frederick County Venture Officers
Association (FCVOA)
Helen Dickens, New Unit Organizer
David Young, Junior Leader Training
Ron Layman, Chairman for District Dinner, District Breakfast & Camporees
Jim Sundergill, COR Pack 1055
Linda Sundergill, Editor of *The Blue Blaze*
Gary Leishman, Alumnae Chair
Brian Groover, Webmaster
John Stalnaker, Super Derby Master
Doug O'Connor, OA Chapter Advisor
Melody Boxsom, Popcorn Kernel
Steve McGowan, COR Troop 324
Ken White, Disability Chair
Magaly Green, Venturing Advisor and Unit Commissioner
David Place, Venturing Training Chair
Colby Child, District Training Chair
Steven Vaughn, District Vice Chair, Finance/FOS
John Ortiz, Camping Committee Chair
Vicky Carswell, Webelos to Scout Transition Chair
Shawn Matlock, Cub Scout Training Chair

Opening Discussion

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Fred began the meeting by asking for a vote on accepting the minutes from the February meeting. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Fred then noted that the District is in great shape for Camporees since we have sponsoring units for the next three years. On a down note, Fred stated that even though he had asked everyone to submit job descriptions by the March meeting, he had only received about 20% of them. He asked that the rest be submitted by the April meeting.

Fred then asked for the Committee Chairs to present their reports.

Committee Reports (Vice Chairs)

Program

Bill Desmond asked Brian Groover to talk about preparations for the upcoming spring Camporee. Brian reported that registration is now full; individuals can still visit but they must let Brian know ahead of time. Several Troops have asked about Hornaday projects and Troop 470 will be working with them. Some Packs have asked as well but Brian said that is a very big task for a Pack to take on. There will be no merit badges that can be completed at the Camporee but partials can be earned. The Camporee programs will focus on Hornaday issues. There will also be a wildfire program with a lot of heavy equipment on display. In addition the Maryland DNR will present its display "Scales and Tales." As usual at a Spring Camporee, there will be an OA Tap Out. Steve Vaughn noted that due the mild Winter, ticks are out and very active. Brian said they will take this into consideration.

Bill then asked Colby Child to talk about the training that was conducted on March 24th. Colby said the 21 individuals were trained including Scouters from Baltimore Area Council and several other NCAC Districts. Colby also noted that Outdoor Leader Training will be conducted by AT District on May 18 and 19 but the location has not yet been announced. Shawn Matlock stated that Cub Leader training will be held during the first week of May. Doug O'Connor noted that he will be holding Den Leader training during early May. Colby asked Shawn and Doug to try to combine their training sessions. Colby finished by stating the Trainer's Edge training will be held in CM District on April 28 at the Frederick LDS Stake Center.

Since Ship 59 is sponsoring the Fall Camporee, Fred Broadrup provided details of how that is shaping up. The Camporee will be October 7, 8 and 9 and the theme will be aquatics. They still need some row boats and boats with electric motors. Colby mentioned the possibility of partnering with organizations such as B.A.S.S. and Fred said they would look into it.

A few unrelated Program issues were also noted. David Young said that the merit badge day at the National Fire Academy has been cancelled due to the upcoming G8 conference. It was also noted that the Cub Day Camp still has openings for staff members. The Day Camp will be held June 18 – 22 from 8:30 am till 4:30 pm. Fred noted that 6 units have signed up to camp at Goshen this Summer and are eligible for the \$1,000 drawing. Ron Layman said that the District Awards Dinner will be held on May 12 beginning at 6:45 pm with dinner served at 7:15 pm and the program immediately following dinner. The cost is \$20 per person for anyone 13 years old and older; it is \$12 for youth 7 – 12 years old.

Membership

Debbie Crabb reported that Spring recruiting is now underway.

Marketing

Jim MacGillivray stated that there would be a "Teddy Bear" picnic on June 9th at Shab Row and it would be a great time to advertise Scouting. Bert Anderson, who developed Shab Row and is a former recipient of the George Delaplaine Good Scouter Award, would like to help us. However it will take unit participation.

Finance

Linda Morgan asked Steve Vaughn to report on progress in the Family FOS campaign. Steve said that we are now at 57.1% of our FOS goal of \$28,000. There are still a few traditional units that haven't had an FOS presentation plus the LDS units have not made their contribution yet. Consequently, there is still a good chance of meeting our goal. Overall, 9 units contributed in excess of the goal and 9 units contributed less than their goal. It was noted that we have met 88% of our goal for the Scouter FOS campaign. Fred asked everyone who has not yet contributed to that campaign to do so by the next meeting. Tim Richardson added that the Special Events dinner was well along in the planning stage. He has contacted the potential honoree and is waiting for a reply.

Commissioner's Report

Russ Ingram stated the rechartering is complete with Pack 1062 having dropped. There is a new unit in the works to replace the Pack however. There are also a few defective charters being worked on. Russ informed us that CM District had met the Journey To Excellence (JTE) Gold level and that the Mountain West Service Area had achieved Silver JTE status. He further noted that although CM District didn't have anyone receiving Silver Beaver this year, Tom Wheatley and Mike Turell of AT District were receiving that high honor. Russ further noted that the Unit of the Year forms had been posted and concluded by saying that he was actively recruiting for new Unit Commissioners.

Old Business

- A motion was made by Jim MacGillivray that the full version of the District Committee meeting minutes be posted by link in *The Blue Blaze*. Brian Groover seconded the motion and all were in favor except for Ron Layman.
- Russ Ingram made a motion that the District Chairman would provide monthly District Committee highlights that would be of interest to the Units. Under discussion, Ron Layman stated that these highlights could be included in the District Chairman's column in *The Blue Blaze*. The motion passed unanimously.
- Brian Groover was tasked with preparing a proposal for presentation at the next District Committee meeting to make the District Committee member's names, positions and/or phone numbers available for anyone in the District to access in case they needed information on a particular issue.
- Bill Desmond was tasked with reviewing what was available in the way of on-line video training for merit badge counselors. Colby Child noted that CM District is a model for NCAC right now based on the number of M.B. counselors we have already trained.

New Business

- Brian Groover stated that Janice Gilsdorf would like to form a District Hornaday Award committee similar to the District Eagle review board. The intention is that the board would act strictly in an advisory fashion. Fred asked that Janice present a detailed proposal for District Committee review at our next meeting.
- Fred told the Committee that he'd like to have a District Vice Chairman to run meetings when he's not present. Jim Robbins made motion that we create the position of District Vice Chairman; Jim MacGillivray seconded it. All present were in favor except for Ron Layman.

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The motion carried. Brian Groover then made a motion that Steve Vaughn be appointed to the new position of Catoctin Mountain District Vice Chairman; the motion was seconded by Dave Place. All present were in favor except for Ron Layman. The motion carried.

- Helen Dickens stated that she has a friend in the Animal Welfare League who will need some Scouts to help with parking at an event on May 12th. She was asked to provide a write-up for inclusion in *The Blue Blaze*.
- Coordination for the Teddy Bear picnic was assigned to Randy Johnson.

District Director's Minute

Tim reminded everyone about the upcoming Council Silver Beaver dinner on 3/29, passed out the attached brochure and thanked everyone for their help advancing Scouting in our District.

District Events

1 month out

4/13-15/12 - Spring Camporee – need help with First Aid (See Brian Groover)

2 months out

5/4-6/12 - OA Ordeal – no District help is needed)

5/12/12 - District Dinner – no District help is needed

Next meeting 4/24/12

Adjourned at 9:00 PM

Submitted by Jim Sundergill, CM District Scribe
Approved by Fred Broadrup, District Chairman

Attachments:

”Scouting Good for our Community”