

**CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN**  
**District Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**April 25, 2012**

Attendees: Fred Broadrup, District Chairman  
Linda Sundergill, Editor of *The Blue Blaze*  
Bill Desmond, Vice Chair – Program and Merit Badge Dean  
Dan Speace, Advancement & Recognition Committee Chair  
Russ Ingram, District Commissioner  
Tim Richardson, District Director  
Debbie Crabb, Vice Chair – Membership  
Becky Stalnaker, Join Scouting Coordinator  
Damon Allen, Boy Scout Training Chair and Frederick County Venture Officers  
Association (FCVOA)  
Gary Leishman, Alumnae Chair  
Ron Layman, Chairman for District Dinner, District Breakfast & Camporees  
Doug O’Connor, OA Chapter Advisor  
Janice Gilsdorf, Hornaday Advisor  
John Stalnaker, Super Derby Master and STEM Coordinator  
Linda Morgan, Vice Chair – Finance  
Steven Vaughn, District Vice Chair, Finance/FOS  
John Huggins, Health & Safety  
Colby Child, District Training Chair  
Alan Ashley, Chaplain and Relations Committee Chair  
Brian Groover, Webmaster  
Shawn Youngberg, Chairman for Inter-Troop Sporting Events and Award of  
Merit Review Committee plus District representative to NCAC  
International Scouting Committee  
Steve McGowan, COR Troop 324  
Paul Smith, LDS Training Liaison  
Vicky Carswell, Webelos to Scout Transition Chair  
Magaly Green, Venturing Advisor and Unit Commissioner  
Jim Sundergill, COR Pack 1055

**Opening**

Ron Layman led the opening by discussing the history of the Coast Guard and then led us in the pledge utilizing a desktop flag set displaying the American, POW and Coast Guard flags.

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Approved as amended by Becky Stalnaker.

**District Chairman Remarks**

Fred stated that he had received job descriptions from 31% of the Committee. He gave out blank job description forms to be filled out during the meeting and returned. He wants these so not only will he be more aware of what everyone is doing but so that they can be used in

future recruiting efforts. Any that weren't returned by the end of the meeting would be generated by Tim and Fred. Fred won't be available for the May meeting – Steve Vaughn will run it in Fred's place. The format for the meeting will have breakouts starting at 7:35 pm right after the opening; then the full Committee meeting will follow. Fred asked everyone to provide event dates to Linda for the *Blue Blaze* as soon as possible. Fred noted that the camporee went great – it generated interest in the Hornaday Award from units that didn't attend and in Appalachian Trail units as well. Fred will discuss the Hornaday Award with AT District Chairman Greg Binzer next month. Fred then called for committee reports. Ron Layman noted that the reports should be 3 minutes or less in length.

### **Committee Reports (Vice-chairs)**

#### **Program—Bill Desmond**

Ron Layman reported that only twenty-seven have signed up for the District Awards dinner so far. The doors will open at 6:45 pm and the meal will start at 7:15pm. The cost is \$20 for adults; children \$15; 3-6 \$7.

Brain Groover reported that everyone had good time at the camporee. The new Scouts had fun clearing brush; everyone apparently liked the buglers throughout camporee; the grounds were provided at no cost by NPS; as always there are lost items that were found – contact Brian for their return. Janice Gilsdorf said there were 144 boys and adults attending the camporee and, with guests, the total was over 150. There will be a special website for camporee but it is not up yet.

Fred noted that the Fall camporee will be aquatic based. There is a need for rowboats and boats with electric motors. The camporee will be limited to swimmers only – hopefully current non-swimmers can get swim qualified at summer camp. Fred also stated that 60% of camporees are presently covered for next 5 years. Brian Voltaggio. Is willing to work on a cooking camporee in 3 yrs. – no unit has signed up to host this one yet. Damon Allen noted that AT is having an Iron Chef camporee this Fall and CM is welcome to attend.

Fred reported that the Goshen Promotion is working well. Inspired by the \$1K incentive from Ship 59, the District is already over our 2012 goal of 75 youth. We presently have 78 registered,

Bill Desmond noted that the Cub Scout Day camp director has a new job and we need someone to step up to take over that position. The person must be National Camp School trained and the only date for training is 6/1,2,3 in NJ. We may need to look for an exception from Council. Mike Deegan will help but can't be there during the week of Day Camp.

#### **Membership: Debbie Crabb**

Join Scouting Night training is scheduled for 5/17 7-8 pm. AT has been invited to attend as well. There will be a Cub Scouts in the Park day on 4/28 which will focus on recruiting. It will be on the East side of Culler Lake. Colby Child asked if there were recruiting aids for the Boy Scouts. Deb said there are and she will get some for him.

**Marketing: Jim MacGillivray**

Jim was not present but it was noted that there was media coverage at the camporee.

**Finance: Linda Morgan**

Steve Vaughn reported that Family FOS contributions have reached \$16,529.37. This is probably everything except for the LDS contributions. Our District Family FOS goal was \$28,000. Tim reported that we are only \$900 away from our District Scouter FOS goal. Linda Morgan stated that the Community FOS campaign is just starting. Tim noted that 10% from Fair parking goes into the Community goal. AT has started dropping off brochures to small businesses in Mt Airy. Ron Layman suggested that small communities have small business meetings and that we should approach them about the Community campaign.

**District Commissioner Report: Russ Ingram**

Russ said that the units of year have been selected and will be announced at the District banquet. He said that the persons receiving the Catoctin Mountain District Peak award should be invited to the dinner by the unit nominating the honoree. Russ also stated that adult applications must be completed to be on District Committee.

**Old Business**

There was a lengthy discussion concerning whether or not information on the District Committee should be posted on-line and in *The Blue Blaze*. Brian Groover said the entire District Committee can be listed and each member can mark the information they want public and information only for the District Committee. Brian will set up the new website so the public can send email to a name without knowing the email address. After the new website is set up, the existing District webpage will go away. The District calendar will be replaced with a Google web calendar; it will fold in the FCPS calendar, the District calendar and American holidays. Committee chairs will be able to add information they need. The new calendar will be in sync with the Council calendar.

Brian made three motions:

- I. for a plan to replace existing chart of names, positions and phone numbers with names and position only and ability to email anyone on committee;
- II. manage information and privacy for District Committee members on a separate website (so members can say which information they want displayed);
- III. use the information to drive the email list for the District Committee.

The motion was seconded by Ron Layman.

Under Discussion Paul Smith said he'd like to have the phone numbers included. Brian noted that some Committee members don't want their phone numbers listed. Colby Child asked if emails from the public would come only one email at a time? Brian – yes. Alan Ashley

commented that the set up seems like extra layer to him. There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Training merit badge counselors by video was a topic discussed at previous meetings and it was agreed that this issue would be discussed at the May meeting.

The establishment of an advisory committee for the Hornaday award was the next topic of discussion. Janice Gilsdorf stated that there is a need for individuals to have an advisor and a committee to review applicants' projects for the Hornaday award. Applicants have to go through a board of review which would review the project, the environmental impact, how much research will be done and the documentation (it is very important to have a lot of references). (The District does not presently have a conservation committee.) The advisory Committee would also publicize projects so that they have an educational benefit to others plus providing an opportunity for others to continue the project. Therefore there is a need to have District Hornaday review committee. This committee should report to the Council conservation committee. Steve Vaughn felt that this would need to go to the Council Executive Board. Tim will check on that aspect. At any rate the District will need a Hornaday advisor. Janice made a motion that she will be the Hornaday advisor on District level to help Scouts and interact on Council level. The motion was seconded by Linda Sundergill and carried unanimously

The next topic for discussion was the establishment of a process to handle events such as the upcoming event at Eveready Square on June 9<sup>th</sup>. This topic will be further explored next month when Jim MacGillivray is present.

### **New Business**

Russ made a motion to have awards for the Varsity Coach and Venture Advisor of Year; it was seconded by Becky Stalnaker and passed unanimously.

John Stalnaker motion that he be appointed the District Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) rep; Russ seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **District Event plan review**

1 month out

4/12-29 OA ordeal

Doug O'Connor said that the OA ordeal is this weekend – he needs help from “anyone with a flap.” Doug noted that 23 new members will be inducted out of the 43 elected. Doug further noted that due the relatively short time between tap out and induction many newly elected members have to schedule their inductions for a later time.

4/28 Tiger fair Baker Park

5/12 District recognition dinner

Ron Layman stated that it's a cash only policy for the dinner – pay when you get there.

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5/18-20 Goshen Bears  
2 months out  
6/18-22 Cub day camp

**District Executive Report**

On May 16 the National Chief Scout Executive will be speaking at the Excel in Youth dinner. Two new Merit Badges are now out: the first is Animation and the second is Game Design.

**Announcements**

At the May meeting, the Finance committee is to give a report to the District Committee detailing their goals and plans for the upcoming year.

At the June meeting, the Marketing committee will provide their report.

At the August meeting, the Membership committee will report.

At the September meeting, the Program committee will report.

**Next meeting 5/22/12**

Chaired by Dr. Steve Vaughn

**Adjourn**

Submitted by Jim Sundergill,  
CM District Scribe