

Western Shore District Committee Meeting Minutes
25 April 2012

Attendees:

Nick Adams	Paul Sikorski	Wes Haynes
Kathleen Berry	Christine McDanal	Bill Caplins
Mike McKinney	Jon Baake	Leon Smith
Linda Kelley	Tim Keck	Terry Wilt
Robin McAlister	Robbie Miller	Perry Miller
Jim Tomasic	Phil Menthe	Steve McDanal
Jeff Dronenburg	Tonya Albright	Lynn Kaltwasser
Melanie Anthony		

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm by the District Chairman, Nick Adams. Members began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes from the March meeting were approved.

District Commissioner's Comments – Paul Sikorski

- On Monday, May 1st, the new online tour permit system will go into effect. Information is available at www.scouting.org and on the WSD website. A good training video is available via the link on the WSD website as well. In order to facilitate the transition to this new system, Council will still accept paper tour plans until September 1st.

Order of the Arrow – Kathleen Berry

- The Spring Camporee was a success with 389 Scouts and Scouters in attendance. Sixty-four Ordeal Candidates were called out. Steve McDanal complimented the OA on their efforts.
- Kathleen is unsure if the chapter can help out during Webelos Weekend in June, but will get another POC if she is out of town during that time.

Breakout sessions began at 7:42 – Committee reports began at 8:00 pm.

Finance – Vacant (report given by Bill Caplins)

- The Family Friends of Scouting campaign is at 117.7% of our goal with 80% of the forms turned in. Bill would like to wrap things up by the May RT and will be contacting those units who do not have 100% of their forms turned in to make them aware of the May deadline.
- Perry Miller will be joining the Committee to help with the Community Friends of Scouting Campaign – Welcome Aboard Perry!!

Program – John Herbig (not present – report given by Program Committee members)

- Terry Wilt reported that his group is in the process of finalizing the award selections and preparing for the district awards dinner. The submissions for Honor Unit were a bit low this year. The requirements for Honor Unit need to be upgraded to match the J2E requirements. Terry is notifying all folks who made award nominations to encourage the nominees to attend the dinner. More Shield of Service patches are needed.
- Jeff Dronenburg stated that the Advancement team needs approximately 20 more Eagle belt buckles. Tim Keck will check with his employer for a possible donation. A bake sale before the May RT was also suggested – Melanie to investigate.
- Training (Jon Baake):
 - Robin: Two leaders attended the recent VLST.
 - Leon: IOLS is scheduled for next weekend – approximately 24 people have registered.
 - There are still staff openings for Jamboree – see Jon for details.
- Nick touched on a few points from the recent day camp meeting. The numbers for Cub Scout resident camp at Camp Snyder are low. He asked members to encourage units to attend. There are several packs

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that regularly attend that would gladly help any “first-timers”. This year’s theme is The Pirate Adventure.

- Steve McDanal commented that there are no units signed up to run the Fall Cuboree/Camporee at this time.

Marketing – Linda Kelley

- Linda Kelley contacted Wilson Parran of the Concerned Black Men of Calvert County. The goals of his organization and the Boy Scouts are similar and he is interested in working with us to promote Scouting among minorities in the community.
- Linda also met with a representative of Southern Maryland News Net – they have agreed to post a notice about BeAScout.org on their website by May 1st.
- SMECO reacted positively when contacted about a possible donation – details to follow.
- Nick asked if there was any press coverage for the Spring Camporee. Linda will talk to Kathleen to see if any pictures are available – a photo call via doubleknot was suggested.

Membership – Phil Menthe

- JSN training was held before the April Roundtable for a small group of leaders. This training will be offered again in August.
- WSD is still in need of a JSN Chair and a New Unit Organizer.
- Wes has been distributing flyers to local schools.
- Jon Baake announced that there will be a Join Scouting Day at the Lexington Park Library on June 3rd.
- Webelos-to-Scout Transition: Christine has tracked 89% of last year’s crossovers.

District Chairman’s Comments – Nick Adams

- Nick announced that Tim Keck has agreed to serve as the Camping and Camp Promotions Chair. Thank you, Tim and Welcome Aboard!!
- The District Awards Dinner is scheduled for the 24th of May. Information will be available on the WSD website.
- Nick reminded all to review the J2E goals to make sure that we are on track. He added that the camps will also begin following these standards in 2013.

District Director’s Comments – Wes Haynes

- Wes noted that the membership numbers are up from this time last year by approximately 38 scouts.
- Council will be undergoing a technology “revamping” – no reports will be run during this two week window.
- The NJROTC unit at CHS has added two adult leaders (Joe America and Rick Thompson).
- Wes’ laptop recently crashed – he is currently working to restore information. Patience....
- The “Closest to the Pin” competition is scheduled for June 2nd. This information will be sent out again via email. Price is \$10/ticket (will receive a free round of golf with a cart rental). Volunteers are still need to help in measuring. See Wes if you are interested.
- Wes said that his recent training emphasized ethics and that National training is leaning in this direction.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

NOTE: There will be no meeting in May due to the District Awards Dinner.

The next meeting will be held on 27 June at the Southern Community Center in Lusby at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Anthony on 20 June 2012.