

Western Shore District Committee Meeting Minutes
25 May 2016

Attendees:

Paul Phillips	Mike McKinney	Bill Caplins	John Herbig
Jack Culver	John Howlin	Terry Wilt	Lynn Kaltwasser
Steve McDanal	Christine McDanal	Robbie Miller	Howard Pinnell
Rhonda LaFleur	Rob Little	Devin Little	Riley Howlin
Melanie Anthony	Linda Kelley		

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Paul Phillips. Members began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes from the April meeting were approved.

District Commissioner's Comments – Mike McKinney

- Commissioner Tools has been revamped and updated. Users should expect better performance and fewer issues.
- Commissioners should be working on mid-yr assessments with their units in advance of the upcoming recharter season.
- Winslow Truax has volunteered to be the new WSD Lion Coordinator.
- Please see Mike if you need additional materials for Program Launch.

Order of the Arrow – Rob Little (Report given by Riley Howlin, Western Shore Chapter Chief)

- Western Shore had 33 candidates complete their Ordeal at King's Landing Park over Mother's Day weekend. The chapter also had one Brotherhood conversion.
- Fifteen members attended Conclave at Goshen Scout Reservation (in the mud and rain J) this past weekend.

Breakout sessions began at 7:35 pm – Committee reports began at 7:50 pm.

Finance – Bill Caplins

- Friends of Scouting – WSD is at ~99.4% of its goal. The recent phone-a-thon only brought in a small amount from Bill's list of past donors. No update on the numbers from the LDS units. Bill will be turning over his FOS duties to Trey because he will be out of the area for a time.
- A number of folks received thank you letters from Les Baron with an incorrect FOS donation listed – Council is working to correct this and will be mailing updated letters to donors.
- Sandy Artz is working on setting up a Chick-Fil-A night for the district – target date is a RT night (No update at this time).
- Bill passed around the flyer for the upcoming poker run sponsored by the St Mary's VFW. WSD will receive 50% of the proceeds. Volunteers will be needed to man the four check-in stations. The cost will be \$20/hand. Food will be available – more details to follow.

Program – John Herbig

- Fourteen Scouters completed the recent IOLS course at Mattapan. Jack Culver is currently looking for new venues for this training because the Navy is going to begin charging us \$300 to use Mattapan. With a history small class sizes and a nominal course fee, this new facility charge will make using Mattapan cost-prohibitive in the future.
- Lynn Kaltwasser will be offering a CPR & AED training class on June 3rd for day camp staff; others are welcome. Please see Lynn if you are interested.
- Upcoming Training and Events:
 - BALOO – 10 September
 - Scoutmaster Position-Specific, COR, and Venturing Advisor Position-Specific Training will be offered this fall – date and venue TBD
 - Webelos Weekend – 19-21 August @ King's Landing Park; John Howlin is coordinating, and the theme is "Into the Woods".

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- Day Camp – Registration numbers for both Calvert and St Mary’s are very low compared to last year. Rhonda added that all districts are down with cost being the primary reason. Day camp programs offered through the Parks & Recreation Departments are less expensive. Rhonda is working on a survey to distribute to parents to gather their thoughts on the program and cost.

Marketing – Vacant – no report given

Membership – Phil Menthe not present – report given by Christine McDanal

- During a review of the latest field sheets, Christine noted that a lot of the Webelos that have crossed over are being processed into troops. Paul noted that while we may be down a bit in numbers, we are still ahead of where we were at this time last year.

District Chairman’s Comments – Paul Phillips

- Howard Pinnell reported that the WSD will have 4-5 new Eagle Scouts in the next 30 days! Unfortunately, he has received some “rough” emails from parents about the processing time for Eagle Scout applications. Parents need to be made aware of the process and understand that the volunteers on the Advancement Team have “lives outside of Scouting” too.
- Paul continued the discussion on Rob Little’s idea of a fishing derby in the fall at a location like St Mary’s Lake as a way to drum up interest and increase community exposure.
- There was a general discussion on the topic of a district float in the Calvert and St Mary’s County Fairs as a way to promote Scouting in the district. Lynn agreed to bring this topic up at Roundtable to gauge the level of interest. The District plans to man booths at each fair – volunteers will be needed.
- Hank Zitnick has stepped down as the caretaker for the WSD shed – Steve McDanal volunteered to take on this responsibility.
- Mike mentioned that Council will be giving a Pinewood Derby car to each district at the upcoming Key 3 meeting next week to encourage participation in the Adult Pinewood Derby to be held in Greenbelt on November 5th.

District Executive’s Comments –Trey Miller not present

The next meeting will be held on **22 June** at the Southern Community Center in Lusby at 7:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Anthony on 26 May 2016.