

Western Shore District Committee Meeting Minutes
26 October 2016

Attendees:

Mike McKinney	Bill Caplins	Phil Menthe	Jon Baake
Rob Little	John Herbig	Lynn Kaltwasser	Robin McAlister
Ed Zumstein	John Howlin	Mary Mayonado	Joe Mortensen
Steve McDanal	Christine McDanal	Joe Essex	Howard Pinnell
Rhonda LaFleur	Mike Pendry	Robbie Miller	Riley Howlin
Nick Adams	Winnie Niemi	Albert Ciccel	Melanie Anthony

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by Mike McKinney. Members began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes from the September meeting were approved as submitted.

District Commissioner's Comments – Mike McKinney

- Recharter update – 34/68 units have logged onto the online system and three have submitted their recharter. Mike encouraged all commissioners to check on their units to ensure that they have started the process. November 9th is fast approaching!
- Mike reminded folks of the upcoming award deadlines...Silver Beaver (due at Council by end of Nov) and District Award of Merit (due at Council by the end of Dec). Please give the Awards committee at least a 3-wk lead time if you would like their help in submitting someone.

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

- At the Area Fall Ordeal earlier this month, 13 WS Arrowmen completed their Ordeal and one completed his Brotherhood. Over 100 Arrowmen from the area attended and logged over 800 service hours at the Patuxent River Park.
- Four WS Arrowmen completed their Brotherhood at the Fall Camporee.
- The Lodge Banquet will be held on January 7th at the U of MD (\$25 is the early bird fee).
- The dates for the Spring Fellowship are 24-26 March at Camp Snyder.
- The OA Annual Passport will be available online at the beginning of November.

Breakout sessions began at 7:40 pm – Committee reports began at 7:55 pm.

Finance – Bill Caplins

- Friends of Scouting – The Council kick-off will be held on November 29th with Nick Adams as the honoree for the evening – Congratulations, Nick! Bill reminded members to bring their checkbooks next meeting for our District kick-off (FOS forms will be distributed). The cost to deliver the Scouting program has been recalculated to \$225 per Scout.

Program – John Herbig

- Nick commented that registration for *Carnavale*, the adult Pinewood Derby, is low, but the event will go on as scheduled. He encouraged members to get the word out and register online. The date is November 5th and the prices are \$15/person (not racing) and \$35/person (racing a car).
- Hank Zitnick will meet with Steve McDanal next month to finalize the turnover of the WSD shed.
- There will be a Trail to Eagle presentation at the Lexington Park UMC on November 5th from 11-2:30pm. Star Scouts and above (and parents) are invited to attend and will receive all the latest information on the process. The team is still looking for a location in Calvert County that will hold approximately 150 people.
- Joe Mortensen gave a quick summary of the dashboard stats for Advancement.

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Marketing – Vacant – No report given.

Membership – Phil Menthe

- WSD is still 120 youth down for the year, but six JSNs have outstanding paperwork. John Howlin added that Pack 262 has five applications.
- WSD has 12 units that are participating in the Lions program, but only 25 youth at this point (13 of these are registered in Pack 1203).

District Chairman’s and District Executive’s Comments – Paul Phillips and Trey Miller (absent)

Final Comments – Mike McKinney

- There will be a potluck at the November RT and a mini-midway featuring displays from the various WSD Committee groups/events (Advancement, OA, Membership, Jamboree, Training, Goshen@50, etc). Once a unit submits its FOS date, they will receive a number that will indicate their turn in line to submit their recharter packet (“MVA-style”). While they wait, they can visit the midway upstairs. Hopefully, this will reduce some of the congestion and frustration experienced by units last year during long wait times. Please contact Lynn if you wish to set up a display.
- There are still openings on the District Committee – please submit any volunteer names to Paul. We will be voting on the slate at the Annual Business/Committee Meeting in December. The date of this meeting has been moved up to December 21st instead of the usual last Wednesday of the month.
- Council has decided to reverse its decision and allow districts to hold Spring Camporees as long as they are scheduled in either March or April.
- **Goshen@50 Camporee** – Melanie gave a short update on the registration process for the Camporee. The site is due to go live in approximately 10 days. Information will be posted on the Goshen page of the Council website with FAQs and a direct link to the online registration system. Steve mentioned that he visited Goshen earlier in the week with the Program team to work on details for the event.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Anthony on 27 October 2016.