

Western Shore District Committee Meeting Minutes
27 April 2016

Attendees:

Mike McKinney	Trey Miller	Nick Adams	John Herbig
Bill Caplins	Jon Baake	Joe Mortensen	Dawn Elliot
Ed Zumstein	Howard Pinnell	Phil Menthe	Joe Essex
Steve McDanal	Lynn Kaltwasser	Christine McDanal	Rob Little
Devin Little	Rhonda LaFleur	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 March meeting were approved.

District Commissioner's Comments – Mike McKinney

- WSD was recognized at the Council Court of Honor on April 26th with a certificate and plaque for achieving Gold J2E status.
- Recharter is complete – several of the dropped units have expressed an interest in restarting, plus there is one new crew.
- Information on the new Lion pilot program has been distributed. Interested units should contact Mike and Trey.
- Program Launch will be next month at RT.

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

- Twelve members attended Spring Fellowship at Camp Snyder, with three completing their Brotherhood conversion. Congratulations to Devin Little, who was elected as the new Area Chief!
- Twenty-five members served on staff at the Spring Camporee & OA Call Out. The event was a success, and attendance exceeded the occupancy limit at King's Landing Park. Over 50 new Candidates were called out, and the chapter had 31 Brotherhood conversions!
- Mike McKinney gave kudos to the chapter on the high Brotherhood conversion rate!!
- Upcoming events:
 - Spring Ordeal – King's Landing Park – 6-8 May
 - Conclave – Goshen Scout Reservation – 20-22 May
- Rob Little recently did a walk-thru at KLP in advance of the Spring Ordeal. There are two pallets of tree guards that the park no longer wants – if interested, please see Rob.

Breakout sessions began at 7:40 pm – Committee reports began at 7:50 pm.

Finance – Bill Caplins

- Friends of Scouting – WSD is at 95.6% of its goal. There is still a small list of people who gave last year, but who haven't submitted a form this year. Please see Bill if you would like to help reach out to these folks. Given their history, their donations represent almost \$4000. Bill is still waiting on the numbers from the LDS units.
- Sandy Artz is working on setting up a Chick-Fil-A night for the district – target date is a RT night.
- The St Mary's VFW has agreed to sponsor a poker run as a non-Scout event with WSD receiving the proceeds. Details on a date and food are still in the planning stage.

Program – John Herbig

- A total of 34 Scouters attended BALOO training – 32 from WSD and 2 from PG. Great numbers!
- Lynn recently held CPR and WFA training (14 – CPR and 10 – WFA)
- Upcoming Training and Events:
 - Scoutmaster Position-Specific, COR, and Venturing Advisor Position-Specific Training – 7 May @ SAIC
 - IOLS – 14-15 May @ Mattapany (NAS Pax River)

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- Webelos Weekend – 19-21 August @ King's Landing Park (John Howlin is coordinating)
- Bill Caplins mentioned that Sandy Artz is looking into a Railroading MB Activity at the fairgrounds – details to follow.
- Day Camp – Both Calvert and St Mary's still need staff. Youth 14yrs & older can earn a \$75 credit toward Goshen (limit 4 Scouts).
- Because event registration is going to an all-online process, Rob Little suggested offering a training session on this process for all who are directly involved in hosting events. Trey added that the system is still evolving with new options available. (<https://247scouting.com>)

Marketing – Vacant – no report given

Membership – Phil Menthe

- Please remember to turn in any applications to Phil (especially Webelos who have crossed over) – do not hold on to them.
- Rob Little suggested hosting 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. Scouts would help during the event while the youth fish.
- Joe Mortensen thanked Trey for attending the recent meeting of the Leadership of Southern Maryland – a group of community leaders that work to improve the Tri-county area.

District Chairman's Comments – Paul Phillips not present; remarks given by Melanie Anthony

- Please make the committee aware of any upcoming Eagle COHs so that these young men can be recognized by the district with the traditional gift of an Eagle Scout belt buckle. This info is not always forthcoming and invitations are not always extended to the district.
- Melanie spoke briefly about the upcoming Goshen@50 Camporee, scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend 2017 at Goshen Scout Reservation. Council is asking districts to forego scheduling a Spring Camporee next year and to attend the Goshen@50 Camporee. More details to follow.

District Executive's Comments –Trey Miller

- Congratulations to WSD on achieving Gold J2E status and to the three Silver Beaver recipients (Melanie Anthony, Mike McKinney, and Steve McDanal).
- The district is currently tracking at the Silver level for J2E; areas to target are finance and membership.
- Kudos to Devin, Rob, and the OA for their great work at the Camporee; thanks also to Rhonda and Dawn for their work on the Cuboree (133 Cubs and 84 adults)!
- JSNs are underway – contact Trey if you need a packet. Trey reminded members that JSNs are not only for Cub Scouts. There is a Venturing Challenge for Crews underway to recruit at least five new members.
- Camp card sales were great (although there were a few hiccups with certain stores).
- Popcorn season is starting up again – additional products are available like coffee and trail mix. Joe Essex raised the possibility of offering more money in lieu of prizes, but so far, that's been a no-go with Council.
- County fair season is fast approaching and volunteers will be needed to help man the booths. Trey emphasized that this is a great marketing opportunity. More Venturing age youth volunteers are needed as they are more effective in reaching that age group.
- Membership cards were distributed to those present.

The next meeting will be held on 25 May at the Southern Community Center in Lusby at 7:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Anthony on 17 May 2016.