

Western Shore District Committee Meeting Minutes
30 March 2016

Attendees:

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| Mike McKinney | Trey Miller | Paul Phillips | Jack Culver |
| Bill Caplins | Jon Baake | Joe Mortensen | Robin McAlister |
| Ed Zumstein | Howard Pinnell | Phil Menthe | Robbie Miller |
| Terry Wilt | Nick Adams | Rhonda LaFleur | Joe Essex |
| Steve McDanal | Lynn Kaltwasser | Christine McDanal | John Herbig |
| Rob Little | Mike Pendry | Albert Ciccel | Kelly Sheranko |
| Melanie Anthony | | | |

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by Paul Phillips. Members began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes from the January meeting were approved as amended.

District Commissioner's Comments – Mike McKinney

- Mike reported that recharter is complete – issues with P1786 and C427 have been addressed.
- Trey would like the Commissioners' help with the upcoming JSNs. Mike agreed that he would like to have a Commissioner presence at these events.
- Materials for the upcoming Program Launch have been sent to the Commissioners so that they can assist their units as needed.
- Mike gave the Commissioners kudos for increasing the number of unit contacts – keep it up!

Order of the Arrow – Rob Little

- Rob suggested the possibility of using the OA to provide program help at the JSNs if needed.
- Upcoming events:
 - Spring Fellowship – Camp Snyder – 8-10 April
 - Spring Camporee – King's Landing Park – 15-17 April
 - § Cuboree during the day on Saturday
 - § OA Call Out and Campfire on Saturday evening
 - § Brotherhood Conversion ceremony on Saturday evening
 - Spring Ordeal – King's Landing Park (5pm check-in at the main building) – 6-8 May
 - Conclave – Goshen Scout Reservation – 20-22 May

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

Finance – Bill Caplins

- Friends of Scouting – There are ~387 forms still outstanding and WSD is \$7785 short of its goal. At this point, most of the money has come in, but please turn in any additional forms collected to Bill at Round Table. LDS numbers still need to be counted. There was some discussion of a motorcycle poker run by the VFW in St Mary's as a possible fundraising event. Joe Essex suggested a car wash, but Trey commented that monies raised from youth-involved fundraising usually remain with the unit.
- Please see Trey if you are interested in picking up Camp Cards.

Program – John Herbig

- Upcoming Training and Events:
 - Cuboree – 16 April (during the Spring Camporee)
 - BALOO – 9 April @ Patuxent Presbyterian Church
 - Southern MD Spring Festival – 28 April-1 May @ St Mary's Fairgrounds – Can set up and man a table for free (Friday evening – Sunday afternoon). (Contact Barbara Lamb if interested at nanasrgreat@aol.com)
 - 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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- Three Rivers Pinewood Derby – 5 November in Greenbelt – this is an adult event. Committees are being formed – see Nick Adams if interested in helping.
- Jon Baake reported that there were 960 participants at the U of Scouting with WSD having the 2nd highest number of participants and approx. a dozen staff; Commissioner's College had 175 participants with WSD coming in 3rd with 12 folks attending.
- Kelly Sheranko gave a report on the status of Calvert Co Day Camp (27 June - 1 July at Kings Landing Park). The theme is Galactic Trek and will feature an "Area 51" tot lot, a space derby in place of arts and crafts, and missions for the youth. She is looking for Scout volunteers and hopes to have supplies ordered by mid-April.
- St Mary's Day Camp is scheduled for 20-24 June. Planning is going well. A volunteer is needed for Sports & Games; den walker training will be offered before the April Round Table.
- Terry Wilt gave a recap and thanked his team and the group for a successful District Dinner.

Marketing – Vacant – no report given

Membership – Phil Menthe

- Only one person showed up for the JSN training before the March RT meeting. Nine boxes went out, and six dates were given to Trey. While transfers are coming in, our numbers are down slightly from last year.
- Jack Culver shared the following JSN tips that he and Nick Adams received at the Area 6 Mtg:
 - Packs don't need to put on a big show to entertain.
 - Keep it simple – many parents are overwhelmed by information and uniforms.
 - Don't "attack" parents to volunteer – ease into this at a later time. Most parents would like to get the basic information and head home ("What will Scouting do for my child?").
 - Personal contact and texts are better forms of invitation. Boy talks are also effective.
- Units will have to apply to participate in the new pilot program, Lions, but not every unit will get a den. Trey stated that if WSD wants to do this, we will need a Lion point of contact (POC).
 - Packs that participate must have den leaders at all levels and must have an experienced person serving as their Lion Den Leader.
 - Packs must have parental/leader support to handle the additional load of the program.
- Howard Pinnell pointed out that the county fairs are six months away – time to start planning for a Scouting presence at the event. Pax River will be hosting an air show 29-30 October – another opportunity.

District Chairman's Comments – Paul Phillips

- Paul thanked Terry Wilt and his team for a great awards dinner.
- Great job to everyone on the Bake Sale for Buckles!

District Executive's Comments –Trey Miller

- Trey thanked the group for a great district dinner and District Pinewood Derby. He encouraged folks to volunteer for the various events coming up.
- There is a push for online pre-registration and pre-payment for events. Walk-ins will be discouraged.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Anthony on 22 April 2016.