

**Western Shore District Committee Meeting Minutes
8 December 2016**

Attendees:

Paul Phillips	Mike McKinney	Trey Miller	John Herbig
Jon Baake	Lynn Kaltwasser	Robin McAlister	John Howlin
Rob Little	Mary Mayonado	Nick Adams	Howard Pinnell
Terry Wilt	Steve McDanal	Joe Essex	Winnie Niemi
Rhonda LaFleur	Perry Miller	Robbie Miller	Riley Howlin
Devin Little	Melanie Anthony		

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Paul Phillips. Members began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes from the October meeting were approved as submitted.

District Commissioner's Comments – Mike McKinney

- Recharter update – All but five units have been processed with two units only at stage 2 and two units with no activity. Currently, there are 12 units at the gold level for J2E – all worksheets are due at next week's Roundtable.
- Mike announced to the committee that this will be his last meeting as the WS District Commissioner. John Howlin will be taking over as our new DC and Mike will be moving up to the position of Assistant Council Commissioner. Congratulations to both and thank you, Mike, for your years of dedicated service!!

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

- The Lodge Banquet will be held on January 7th at the U of MD (\$25 is the early bird fee).
- There will be an Area Lodge Development Conference on January 15th (location: TBD).
- Western Shore Chapter is at the gold level for J2E.
- The Lodge is tracking service hours for the Golden Tooth Award (top 10% will be recognized with a special patch).
- The Spring Camporee will be held at King's Landing Park during the weekend of 31 March – 2 April. There was a discussion on the use of contract busses to be kept on emergency standby as a way to meet the park rules on capacity and also accommodate the normal number of participants.

Breakout sessions began at 7:45 pm – Committee reports began at 8:00 pm.

Finance – Bill Caplins absent – no report given

- The Friends of Scouting pre-printed forms were distributed to those members present.

Program – John Herbig

- District Award of Merit nominations are due by mid-December.
- Scouting for Food: WSD collected 24,477 lbs of food with 23 units reporting.
- Day Camp: St. Mary's à June 19-23 at the St Mary's Fairgrounds; Calvert à June 26-30 at King's Landing Park
- Upcoming Training: BALOO on April 8th (location TBD)
- There will be a Trail to Eagle presentation at St John Vianney Catholic Church in Prince Frederick next month.
- Howard Pinnell mentioned that WSD participated in the Veteran's Day Parade in Leonardtown.

Marketing – Vacant – No report given.

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Membership – Phil Menthe absent – No report given.

District Chairman's Comments – Paul Phillips

- There was a general discussion on the division of the Zekiah district and the units that WSD will be welcoming into the fold as a result of this realignment. At this point, 22 units are slated to come to Western Shore with the remaining units headed to Prince Georges District. Paul stressed that he would like to see a smooth transition and cooperation among both district committees during this time as we move forward as one. To this end, Council has agreed to defer district elections until January to allow the incoming district committee members from Zekiah to be included in the process if they desire. We have vacancies on the committee, and all members should be thinking about their back-up / successors. *Word of the Day = Unity*
- Jeff Lathrop is the nominating committee chair for this year. If you are interested in changing positions or have someone that you'd like to nominate for a position on the committee, please send those names to Paul.
- Paul would like to invite the Zekiah district committee members to the December meeting / pot luck on the 21st. Melanie will check to see if the dining room is available for that night. We will start the evening one hour earlier (6:30 pm) to encourage food, fun, and fellowship J

District Executive's Comments – Trey Miller

- Trey thanked everyone for their hard work – as of December 5th, the district is at Gold for J2E. WSD is 73 youth short of our membership goal, so please continue to recruit and remember to turn in those applications!
- Thanks also to those who helped with the realignment process.

The next meeting will be held on 21 December at the Southern Community Center in Lusby at 7:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Anthony on 20 December 2016.