

Powderhorn District Committee Meeting  
October 8, 2018

In attendance: Matt Jacobs, Diane Sjudahl, Bob Pletl Jr., Lynne Pletl, George Schmit, George Bullock, and Matt Lacy.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM. Diane led the Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath, and Scout Law.

Minutes of the September 2018 session were accepted as presented.

Business

Safety Minute: Attendees reviewed information on the perfect nap.

Attendees reviewed the progress made on closing the year-end membership deficit for the district. It was noted that if the eight Packs that have not gained in membership this fall each add five new Scouts, the district deficit would be cut in half. Additional new unit prospects with the NY School for the Deaf and MVCC Aviation program would help to cut into the remaining 40 youth needed. George Bullock will contact Pack 5, George Schmit will contact Pack 7, Diane Sjudahl will contact Packs 20, 49, 59, and 175, Bob & Lynne Pletl will contact Packs 21 and 44, and Greg Rindenello will contact Pack 51.

Lynne discussed details for the district second-chance signup night, to take place once Packs in the district have completed their efforts in recruiting youth. The Council marketing committee will make promotional efforts to drive families to “their local library” on November 15 from 6-7pm. One volunteer at each open library will help families fill out applications, collect registration fees, and turn in applications the following day. Once applications are processed, families will be contacted to inform them which unit they are now a part of. All libraries that Lynne has spoken to have been supportive of this campaign and will provide space.

Matt reviewed attendee list for upcoming Fall Camporee. Due to low turnout, the program may be restructured to meet the specific needs of the Scouts attending. Patches have been received at the office in Utica.

Bob noted that he has not heard from John Devlin after sending an email asking for assistance in stimulating the Nominating Committee process. Unclear whether M. Jacobs has reached out to J. Devlin as current chair of Nominating Committee.

Diane reported that the district is now down to 40 unit leaders that must take the new YPT course to remain in compliance with national requirements. There are more leaders that will not be continuing in Scouting that will be removed from rosters at charter renewal time.

Bob invited all to attend the District Committee Training happening at the 2018 University of Scouting on October 27 and to take other courses if interested.

Diane reported on the District Commissioners meeting held October 1. Additional information regarding Troop 56 and the Floyd VFD was presented and discussed by the committee; Greg will continue to serve as commissioner for this unit.

Charter renewal kickoff dates were scheduled in November: Morrisville on 11/27 and Rome on 11/29. Locations to be finalized this week.

George noted that there have been no Board of Reviews in September or October; the committee approved two project proposals and will consider another two proposals at the end of October.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Matt Lacy  
Senior District Executive