

Powderhorn District Committee Meeting
April 9, 2018

In attendance: Robert Pletl Jr, Lynne Pletl, Diane Sjodahl, George Schmit, George Bullock, Greg Rindenello, Barney Misch, and Matt Lacy

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM and opened by Bob with the Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath, and Scout Law.

Business

Diane has agreed to become the Powderhorn District's YPT Champion and will work on a plan to ensure all registered adults in the district complete the new YPT2 training ahead of the October 2018 deadline set by the national office. Waiting to hear back from SE on training materials and date for train-the-trainer for conducting in-person YPT2 classes. *NB: A classroom setting of YPT2 will take two hours to complete. Promote the online course as saving volunteers another hour of their time.*

Committee members reviewed the shared materials showing the charter renewal "low-water mark" of units in the district. All renewals are complete (with no issues) in the office and are waiting to be posted by the registrar.

Barney gave a recap of the recent Area 3 Membership Summit in Syracuse. Topics covered included the New-Member Coordinator position, Family Scouting, unit fundraising, and the Arrow of Light to Scout transition process. Overall a good day of training, and Powderhorn received kudos from the Scout Executive for being the only district to have volunteers show up as well as field staff.

Matt discussed the Council endowment and how our current reliance on it for operating funds limits our ability to invest in our camps for their required (and often times unplanned) maintenance. He reviewed plans for district-level fundraising events including a Rome area "eventless event" and a possible classic car museum/cruise-in. Family FOS presentations are ongoing, and a big thank you to those units that have set a date and allowed a presenter to talk about the importance of Family Friends of Scouting.

Lynne reviewed the Trained Leaders Report, which has shown some slight improvement from the previous month. However, 5 units still show 100% of their leaders as "untrained" for their position. The focus of the training committee will initially be with training Pack leadership but will address Troops as well. Lynne made an appeal that each District committee member should talk to at least one friend and encourage them to get their required trainings. She also noted that Weather Hazards training is now a required piece for a direct-contact leader's training regimen and must be renewed every two years.

George updated the committee on the recent work of the advancement committee: Three of the four Scouts from former Troop 34 have completed the Eagle process and been awarded their rank. There are two candidates for Eagle, and four proposals to be reviewed on the District advancement committee's next meeting night of April 30.

In Commissioner news, Diane discussed the impending reorganization of Pack 59 as the current key leadership is looking to walk away at the end of this program year. Youth in this unit will continue to meet with help from surrounding Packs while the leadership is reorganized and other interested parents step forward. Pack 25 will be receiving some extra help this spring and summer to encourage the Scouts to go camping and to bolster their overall program. Diane is consulting with her staff to potentially set a date for a monthly Commissioners Meeting on a Thursday evening.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Lacy
Senior District Executive