

Powderhorn District Committee Meeting
August 13, 2018

In attendance: Diane Sjodahl, Bruce Burke, Bob Pletl, Lynne Pletl, George Schmit, Matt Jacobs, George Bullock, and Matt Lacy.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM. Bob led the Pledge of Allegiance, and George B. led the Scout Law.

Minutes of the June 2018 session were accepted as presented.

Business

Committee reviewed progress towards district goals. It was noted that finding individuals willing to serve on the District Nominating Committee was proving problematic. Bob encouraged all in attendance to ensure that their 2018 Friends of Scouting gifts were received by the council so that the district could get credit.

Discussion on new unit prospects included the Civil Air Patrol, NYS School for the Deaf, a partnership with the Oneida YMCA, and with the Rome Housing Authority. Diane will be attending the Area 3 New-Unit Conference in Binghamton and will coordinate a plan of attack with Matt L. regarding these prospects, and Lynne will work to gauge interest in restarting Scouting programs in Morrisville.

Matt J. noted that he will be taking a vested interest in the success of Pack 2 as his grandson will be joining as a Lion this fall.

The council Development Director has assumed primary responsibility for the Rome Good Scout event, now to be a breakfast at The Beeches in Rome. Discussion on whether funds raised by this and other fundraiser scheduled in Cazenovia will be credited to the district's fundraising goal. Diane to reach out to clarify information presented at meeting.

Bruce will present on the Family Friends of Scouting program at the upcoming District Program Kickoff in Oneida. He will need assistance to conduct presentations and coordinate the 40 units in the district. Matt L. to provide brochures and recognition items before (or at) Program Kickoff.

George S. noted that there were 5 new Eagle Scouts that successfully completed the Boards of Review in July, along with another 4 project proposals approved. There are 3 Boards of Review currently scheduled: one for August 15, and two for August 27. He also detailed the status of Phillip Lagoy's unique Eagle process and discussed the "Scout's Guide" and "Leader's Guide" to the Leatherstocking Eagle process with the committee. The issue with ScoutBook not updating BSA Advancement statistics reports has been resolved.

Matt J. indicated that while the Nominating Committee has been working, it has made very little forward progress. Many people are declining to serve as members of the committee, making it difficult to form a slate for the 2018-2019 program year.

Diane reviewed the handouts from the district meeting packet regarding commissioner visits and the necessity of commissioners to make their visits in a timely manner. The next Commissioners' meeting will be held on September 17, location TBD, at 6:30pm. Diane has connection information for GoToMeeting and will explore this as an opportunity for commissioners to remotely attend future meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Lacy
Senior District Executive