

Powderhorn District Committee Meeting  
January 8, 2017

In attendance: George Bullock, Diane Sjodahl, Barney Misch, Lynne Pletl, Bob Pletl Jr, Dale Major, Shelly Major, Matt Jacobs, George Schmit, Bruce Burke, and Matt Lacy

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM and opened by Bob with the Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath, and Scout Law.

Business

Committee reviewed the five District goals for 2018 and noted how they are interconnected. Matt discussed the 2018 Leatherstocking Council staff planning conference and delivered the results of the Scout Executive selection committee.

The five goals for the Powderhorn District in 2018 are:

- Increased percentage of trained unit leaders through a more engaged commissioner staff
- Recruiting key positions on District Committee, including vice-chairs of program and finance
- Membership growth of at least 1.5% and at least two new units
- Financial support (through FOS or special events) of at least \$12,000
- Greater attendance at Cub Scout Day Camp in district than prior year

Matt recognized the accomplishments of the District in 2017, including a strong finance effort and increased focus on commissioner and unit service in various locations in the District. Thanks given to Diane Sjodahl, for her work in recruiting more active and engaged commissioners for her staff, and to the Majors, for their work in stabilizing membership and supporting the Scouting program through their efforts.

Attendees were asked to begin thinking of possible names and suggestions for the Nominating Committee as the process begins again for 2018. Focus areas include oversight on District finances (coordinating and making FOS presentations) and activities. Discussion on activities committee and their role in the Powderhorn District followed.

Subcommittee chairs were reminded that rosters of individuals serving with them are required to be turned in to the Nominating Committee so that they have a clearer picture of the variety of volunteers working in the district. Email list to Matt by next District Committee meeting.

The District Key 3 will be meeting next on January 30 to review five years worth of unit rosters to find individuals that may have been dropped by a unit and would be an interesting prospect for the District Committee or for fundraising events. Those wishing to join on the 30<sup>th</sup> are welcome between 10 AM and 5 PM; Matt will buy lunch.

Diane discussed (and brought the Majors up to speed) on a few rapid-fire membership items that happened in the last six weeks in the district. To fund these programs, the council will be looking for outside grant money (ie: Gorman Foundation, community chests, etc).

- NYS School for the Deaf in Rome
- Tri-Valley YMCA after school program enrichment – targeting one school each in Rome, Oneida, and New Hartford to start.
- North Broad Street Elementary School in Oneida – may be able to support more of a traditional Scouting program.

**Commissioner News:** Diane reported on the following:

- Pack 2: Diane and Lynne Pletl will be visiting this Thursday to get everyone on the same page. Developing plan of attack to best save the unit.
- Pack 7: Rumors are that the Pack is not meeting. Diane will reach out to unit/Cory Jenner and see what is happening.
- Pack 25: Seems to be operating better; moved meetings to Saturdays from Sundays. Diane will continue to watch and coach Justin.
- Pack 50: Need to shore up program side with the announced departure of Cubmaster; the Committee Chair would like to just serve as Den Leader sooner rather than later. Ongoing process, more information being shared by unit.
- Pack 51: Diane needs to corner Peter Grocholski to find out status of unit.
- Pack 120: Mike Chlad now taking an active role in resolving issues with Pack leadership and restarting Pack programming. Involving families from town of Madison to ensure that they are engaged and receive the Scouting program.

**Upcoming FOS presentations:** Troop 5 on 2/11 and Troop 18 on 2/15.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Matt Lacy  
Senior District Executive