

Powderhorn District Committee Meeting
March 12, 2018

In attendance: Robert Pletl Jr, Lynne Pletl, Matt Jacobs, Diane Sjordahl, George Schmit, George Bullock, Barney Misch, and Matt Lacy

Meeting called to order at 6:59 PM and opened by Bob with the Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath, and Scout Law.

Business

Diane and Matt L. reviewed the charter renewal status for the district. There are at least three units that will not be renewing due to a variety of reasons. Twelve units did not have their charter renewal process completed; other units are completed and are waiting to be processed by the Council Registrar. Minor issues at this point will not hold up the rest of a renewal.

- *Note: Pack 120 will be re-forming with a breakaway group of leaders and Scouts from Waterville later this year in Madison. Troops 40 and 44 will not be renewing.*
- Potential new units for the district include Hamilton Hospital, RFA's Civil Air Patrol, Rome School for the Deaf, North Broad Street Elementary School (Oneida), and a partnership with the Oneida/Rome/New Hartford YMCA to deliver Scouting programs through their existing after-school program. M. Jacobs also expressed interest in bringing the existing program from Explorer Post 500 (cybersecurity) to middle-school aged youth with a new Explorer Club.

Bob, Diane, and Matt explained to the group the new YPT2 training recently released by the BSA to replace traditional, Venturing and Exploring Youth Protection Trainings. Matt shared a guide to help individuals in navigating and completing the four modules that make up the new course. New classroom-style DVDs and supporting materials will be available May/June 2018. All volunteers that have not taken this new course *must* complete by October 2018.

Diane discussed that a number of units need additional support and help for a variety of reasons. Lynne noted that many of these units also have 100% of their leadership listed as "untrained" in the BSA's records system. Diane identified Packs 2, 7, 17, 25, and 59, as well as Troops 17 and 25 as having specific issues that commissioners will need to address and monitor this year.

M. Jacobs updated committee on the upcoming Council Spring Camporee in Rome and listed some of the different events and opportunities for individuals and groups to serve. Matt L. also reviewed the council calendar for other upcoming dates, including a 10 Commandment Hike and other camp work days. Lynne expressed that she will be making the rounds to promote Cub Scout Day Camp.

Lynne noted that the focus of training at the area and council level now focuses more on direct-contact leader training than key leader training. Our Council is hosting a BALOO/IOLS course on May 5-6; Longhouse Council is holding a similar course the weekend before ours. Our District plans to hold quarterly in-person trainings and be "on-call" for units that commissioners identify with some specific needs. Resident camps will also run training courses for "extra" adults that come to camp with their units.

George updated the committee on the recent work of the advancement committee: three Scouts passed their Board of Review in February, with another three scheduled for the committee's next meeting of March 15. A notice was placed in Smoke Signals urging Scouts to use the correct reference forms and workbooks for their projects, along with links to current, official BSA materials. George is attending Troop 33 Chittenango's meeting on Wednesday to review paperwork and process in person with their Scouts.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Lacy
Senior District Executive