

Powderhorn District Committee Meeting
May 14, 2018

In attendance: Robert Pletl Jr, Lynne Pletl, Diane Sjodahl, Matt Jacobs, George Bullock, Barney Misch, 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

Bob discussed an email sent from the Council President to District Chairmen regarding the need for training in each district of their volunteers, as well as a notable push to run an effective Nominating Committee. President Devlin has asked each district to prepare a report to share at the next Council Board meeting detailing the state of the district. Chairman Pletl noted that of the four districts in the Leatherstocking Council, Powderhorn is one of two with functioning district committee.

- M. Jacobs has agreed to help with the Nominating Committee.
- Committee reviewed district and council goals in great detail.
- Diane also working on John Gannon from Rome for Nominating Committee; he has had health issues.

M. Lacy explained the recent news regarding the Scout Me In marketing campaign, origins of Scouts BSA, and the dialogue happening now to all sponsoring organizations. Council staff must follow a set script with organizations before their units can offer Family Scouting; conversations have begun.

Lynne discussed training and presented a prepared Training Committee report. Positive results and feedback from emails sent to leadership regarding their training status, however we are fighting an education vacuum: many think that YPT is the only training they need for their position.

Diane reaching out to leadership and sponsor of Pack 59 to discuss options for the unit on May 21. Two applications are pending for the unit, which is not meeting due to leaders abdicating their positions.

The advancement committee noted that units using Scoutbook are shown on the ScoutNET District Advancement Report as recording zero advancements. This is a known issue that the National Office is working on resolving.

Lynne informed the committee that she will be stepping down as Day Camp Director for Oneida after the 2018 camp season. She suggested someone younger with more connection to the program would be an ideal Director.

In commissioner news, Diane has been communicating with her staff, but have not had scheduled in-person Commissioner meetings to share news and ideas. A schedule of monthly meetings will be prepared soon.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Lacy
Senior District Executive