

Powderhorn District Committee Meeting
November 13, 2017

In attendance: George Bullock, Diane Sjordahl, Justin Peavey, Barney Misch, Bob Pletl Jr, Dale Major, Matt Jacobs, George Schmit, Bruce Burke, and Matt Lacy

Meeting called to order at 6:55pm and opened by Bob with the Pledge of Allegiance and Scout Oath.

Discussion

Matt discussed the departure of the council Scout Executive and the process that the council will undertake to identify a successor. A successor Scout Executive would likely not begin their assignment until February 1, 2018.

Commissioner staff welcomed Justin Peavey, recruited by Diane for the VVS area. He has completed his adult leader application and YPT, will be registered ASAP. Commissioners discussed the apparent lack of training in most units in the district and touched on the need for more in-person training sessions and meet-ups. Thank you to the commissioners that are posting their visits in Commissioner Tools.

Attendees reviewed district membership compared to last-year November and year-ended 2016 and found six units accounting for 110 of the 188 youth deficit for 2017. District Commissioner Bob instructed the commissioners listed to reach out to these units immediately and to report on their status and offer district and council help.

- Pack 2 (21 youth decline from EOY 2016 to today) – Lynne Pletl to contact
- Pack 7 (10 youth) – Cory Jenner
- Pack 21 (16 youth) – Diane Sjordahl
- Pack 25 (27 youth) – Justin Peavey & Diane
- Pack 50 (16 youth) – Richard Calidonna
- Pack 59 (20 youth) – Diane Sjordahl

Conversation then drifted to possible root causes for the 188-youth deficit for 2017; discussion centered on the lack of cohesive communication for all of the council's camping programs (Cub Scout and Boy Scout). Matt to send out revised list of registrants dropped from charters ended Feb. 2017 that have not been re-registered in another unit.

The District Committee meeting will yield for a charter renewal training, to be held in The Forum on the Madison-Oneida BOCES campus on December 11 at 7pm. Mailed & emailed notice to be sent to Committee Chairs, Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, and Chartered Org Reps with an invitation to bring a friend. Topics to discuss include:

- Navigating the Charter Renewal system
- What a commissioner is and their contact information
- Discussing JTE and the Commissioner's detailed assessment tool
- Service Hours reporting

Dale reported for Shelley that the units have been doing good work in getting out into the community and being visible. Pack 2, Pack 25, and Troop 2 each held recruitment nights with varied success. Still working on additional people to help on membership committee and share the workload, no luck yet. Feel better soon, Shelley!

Bruce Burke, chartered organization rep for the American Legion in Oneida, noted that members of the Legion have approached the Oneida City School Superintendent for permission to restart the Legion's Pack and received a positive reception. Suggested next steps involved targeting the North Broad Elementary School: Matt, Diane, Bob and Lynne to investigate opportunity. Diane to also investigate St. Patrick's Elementary School as a member of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. Matt to invite Diane to an Oneida Rotary meeting to visit area.

George Schmit reviewed the district advancement report, noting that the district has 30 Arrow of Light and 20 Eagle Scout ranks awarded so far this calendar year. Those 20 Eagle ranks, however, are concentrated in roughly six of the district's Troops. There are also 7 packs and 4 troops that have not submitted/posted any sort of advancement records yet this year. Bob, Diane, and George to contact these 11 units via Cubmaster/Scoutmaster and Committee Chair to gently remind them to post recognitions earned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Lacy
Senior District Executive