



**Mawat District Committee Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2009**

Attending: Rick Jacobs, Kevin Rumsey, Joel Ross, Jim Edgerton, Jeff Pitts, Jay Stobbs, Aaron Loflin, Glen Fybarger, Steve Wilfong, Betsy Bagley, Bob Naples, James Muse, Ray Anderson, KristaRee Johnson

The meeting opened with a welcome from the District Chair, Rick Jacobs.

District Commissioner –Jose Solera

Jim Edgerton and Kevin Rumsey presented updates in Jose's absence. There are still five units that have not completed rechartering for this year. They will be dropped at the end of the month if they do not complete the paperwork.

There are program planning packets available that have lots of information about upcoming 100th anniversary activities. Units should plan to participate in as many as possible. Packets will be distributed via unit commissioners and at roundtable.

District Executive – Kevin Rumsey

Kevin circulated a status report on district goals. Our membership and number of unit goals will be impacted if the lagging units do not recharter. Council has agreed to accept our finance goals for the district.

Committee Reports

Program – Chair- James Muse

Activities and Civic Service – Chair - Betsy Bagley

Spring Camporee

The consensus from the group was that the camporee went very well. There were over 600 campers and the cub world and scouting activities went well. There is more info and photos available on the T451 website.

Relay for Life

We did not have a big turnout, but OA was there to help and to perform the flag ceremony. The Relay for Life staff were glad to have our participation, and we will try to organize a better showing for next year.

Cub Day Camp – Betsy Bagley

Camp went well though there were several challenges with the weather. There were 220+ campers, Wool E Bull visited, there was a cookout and Larry Lloyd was the chef, lots of great activities. Relations with the neighbors were better than in years past, but there were still some issues with traffic control.

Betsy thanked Kevin Rumsey, Warren Pusak, and the OA for their invaluable assistance. We couldn't pull it off without them.

Betsy is stepping down as director after many years of service to the district in this capacity. Please join us in thanking Betsy for all her dedication and hard work.

KristRee Johnson will be heading up the efforts for the next year. She would like to offer an overnight campout for Webelos. She has set up an email account for day camp related info:

Mawat_cub_scout_DayCamp@yahoo.com

Advancement – Chair – Ray Anderson

Ray presented several updates from the last council advancements meeting.

- Some types of projects will no longer be accepted for Eagle service projects including: projects that are solely to clean up an area (like picking up storm debris) and blood donation drives.
- There is a new Eagle rank application.
- There was a reminder that all Eagle service projects must be done for a non-profit entity. Nursing homes and assisted living centers that are operated by for profit corporations are not eligible.
- Council may be mandating that all Eagle Boards of Review be run at the district level instead of the unit level. Mawat is one of the few districts that still have unit level Eagle BOR.

Training – Chair -Carolyn Bolles

No report

Camping and Outdoor Promotion – Chair Tom Beach

No report

Marketing/Communications – Chair Glenn Frybarger,

Glenn and Steve Wilfong presented updates on our new website which should be going live within the next month. The new site will allow for more levels of editorial access so committee chairs and event leaders will be able to do their own updates. One key to having a successful and useful website is to keep the content fresh, so everyone will have to help with that. We will try to schedule some demo's at roundtable.

The address for the site in development is:

<http://www.durhamscouts.org/webdev/>

Please visit the new site and give your feedback to Glenn and Steve. While you're at it, please give them a big thanks for all their work on this project.

Membership – Chair – Renee Cunningham

Aaron reported that the Scout Night at the Bulls went well. He handed out about 1,000 pencils. There were 3-400 scouts in attendance.

We were too late to sign up for a booth for Festival for the Eno this year, but we will be on the list to sign up for next year.

The main public library will be having an event on August 15th that will be another good PR/recruiting venue.

Aaron will be speaking with the PTA in July to discuss getting recruiting materials distributed through the schools.

There was not much response on the poll of how spring recruiting went and what tools were effective. There was some discussion of providing more yard signs or banners, but it is unclear where funds to support this would come from.

It was suggested that Aaron coordinate with Jose and use the commissioner corps as another method to get information out the unit leaders.

Finance - Chair – Stewart Norman

Kevin Rumsey provided updates in Stewart’s absence. The council has agreed to set our goal to \$36,000. WE are currently at 62% of our goal.

The guest for the major gifts breakfast cancelled on us, so we are working to reschedule that event. We need to generate the list of people who contributed last year, but have not contributed yet this year.

OA advisor – Warren Pusak

Rick relayed Warren’s written report. Highlights include:

- At Spring Inductions the chapter was likened to a “mini-lodge” with 71 electees.
- Scout Night at the Bulls was a big success. Suggestions for next year include even more PR, demos like pinewood derby or bat boxes, more signage, etc.
- OA helped out at Relay for Life. This is something Warren feels strongly about and would like to see a much better showing from the units next year.
- OA provided their usual crucial help with cub day camp set up and breakdown. Two of the OA members had heat exhaustion, but are fine now. The Wednesday night pow-wow should start earlier next year.
- The chapter is astronomically ahead in the Roth Awards scoring with 4054 points already (compared to last year’s total of 3667).
- As always, if any unit needs the OA to help out with a ceremony or event, just give Warren a call.

New Business: -
none

Upcoming Events:

July

16 Roundtable, Glendale Heights UMC
27 District Committee meeting, Lion’s Club

August

1 Bulls Scout Night

September

26 Scout Night at Duke Football

October

November

14 Merit Badge College

December