



**Mawat District Committee Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2009**

Attending: Rick Jacobs, Kevin Rumsey, Jose Solera, Todd Taft, Joel Ross, Jim Edgerton, Jeff Pitts, Glen Fybarger, Steve Wilfong, Betsy Bagley, James Muse, Bob Naples, Tom Beach, Chip Reinhardt, Ray Anderson, Bill Morris, Rosalyn Coleman

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

District Commissioner – Todd Taft

Todd has been confirmed as the new District Commissioner. Congratulations and thanks for taking on this important responsibility.

There are still a couple of units with recharterers outstanding.

Roundtable – Jim Edgerton

Roundtable was well attended last month. Chip said that Chris Silvia's presentation for the Cub Scout leaders was great.

Jim is looking for volunteers to lead the presentations in the coming months. There are a wide variety of topics, so please contact Jim if you can help out.

Jose discussed that there had been some requests to post roundtable materials to the website, but he did not have available effort to take on this task. No volunteers came forward, so again, if you can help out please contact Jose.

District Executive – Kevin Rumsey

Kevin circulated a status report on district goals. We have met most of our goals except finance and membership. There are several prospects for new units being developed.

Committee Reports

Program – Chair- James Muse

Activities and Civic Service – Chair - Betsy Bagley

Units have been doing food drives for their chartering organizations. There was some discussion of posting this on the website and having the units log this on the Good Turn for America website.

Betsy wants units to know that they can get discounted group rate tickets to events at the DPAC. If interested contact her for more details.

Fall Camporee

Fall Camporee will be **October 9-11**. This year it will include a full set of activities for Cub Scouts.

Spring Camporee

Betsy floated the idea of combining the cuboree and camporee next spring. A sponsoring unit has not been identified yet, some possibilities were discussed.

Advancement – Chair – Ray Anderson

Ray had several announcements and reminders. New rank advancement requirements go into effect **January 1, 2010**.

Citizenship in the Nation and Citizenship in the Community will be combined into a new Citizenship in the USA merit badge. Cooking will now be an Eagle required merit badge. There will be two new youth leadership positions: troop webmaster and troop Leave No Trace trainer.

All units should move to using internet advancements (the online tool for reporting youth advancements to council). If you are already using Packmaster or Troopmaster, these programs will work with the internet advancements system – but names of the youth must match exactly.

IMPORTANT: Due to a Occoneechee Council mandate, Mawat District will be moving to district level Eagle Boards of Review effective **January 1, 2010**. Details are still being worked out and a plan will be presented to the district committee at the October meeting.

Merit Badge College – Tom Beach

Preparations are well underway. The merit badge college is scheduled for **November 14** at Duke East Campus. APO, our sponsors at Duke, are excited about helping out. Tom has several classes lined up already but is looking for additional councilors to teach their badge of interest. More information is available on the district website.

Training – Chair -Carolyn Bolles

Chip and Betsy relayed some updates. The training team just held Cub Scout Leader Specific Training which was well attended. BALOO will be held this Saturday **October 3rd**. There may be some adult leader training at merit badge college – this is still under discussion. Possibly we will try to facilitate the basic online training.

University of Scouting will be held **November 7th**.

Camping and Outdoor Promotion – Chair Tom Beach

Tom would like to get copies of tour permits filed with council to get a feel for which units are camping and how often (or at least which ones actually fill out the tour permits).

Marketing/Communications – Chair Glenn Frybarger,

Jose is in the process of recruiting additional members so the scope of this work can be increased. Glen and Steve had some comments on the website including changes to how the editors will log in to make changes to their pages. Training is still being developed/scheduled. In the meantime, any subcommittee chairs or activity leads that would like information on how to get a page on the website should contact Jose and Glen.

Membership – Chair – Aaron Loflin

Kevin and Rick relayed some additional updates on Join Scouting Night activities. As a district we had a great year (60 Tigers, 90 Cubs, 6 Boy Scouts) and are leading the entire council in new scouts recruited. This is due in no small part to Aaron's efforts over the last several months. Join us in giving Aaron a big thank you.

There has been some good progress in our attempts to reach out to the Hispanic community lead by Chris Silvia and Jose. Several new scouts were recruited by 424 and 451 and additional follow up meetings are being planned.

Finance - Chair – Stewart Norman

FOS Breakfast – Jay Stobbs

Rick and Jose relayed some updates. There has been a great deal of fluidity in Senator Burr's schedule. It is still possible he will be available, but we will make a final decision by the end of Wednesday 9/30. Kevin has another speaker candidate in case the Senator is unavailable.

Phone-a-thon

Jose mentioned again the need to schedule a phone-a-thon to follow up on straggler's from the family campaign.

Popcorn

Show and Sell orders have been distributed. Thank you to those who helped out with the warehouse work. Sales are running ahead of last year. There is a special patch this year for any scouts making online sales.

OA advisor – Warren Pusak

Warren supplied a written report. Highlights include: Eluwak chapter had a great turnout at the recent Fall Inductions. Winter Banquet (to be held at Camp Durant) tickets are available. The drum team is growing – thanks to Bill Morris for his efforts on this.

Nominating Committee – Charlie Carpenter

Rick and Chip relayed some updates. There is a good candidate for the next District Chair. Searches are also underway for additional help with FOS and other committee positions. The nominating committee will be meeting again later this week.

New Business: -

District Awards Banquet

Betsy requested that we not charge families of named awards who attend the district awards banquet. There was some discussion of the budgetary implications which lead into a more general discussion of the details for this year's banquet. The district awards banquet is scheduled for **January 22nd**. Nomination forms will be circulated this fall.

Marketing

Jose reminded us that it is up to event leaders to take the lead on marketing their event/activity/opportunity. To do this effectively, ALL of our available communication channels must be used (district committee, roundtable, yahoo email list, district website, direct contacts/phone calls with unit leaders). For example, events that are only mentioned at a district committee meeting are unlikely to get on the radar of people not actually present.

Also, enough advance notice must be given for units to work events into their calendars. Some units plan their events several months to a year ahead of time.

Upcoming Events:

October

3 BALOO
9-11 Council Camporee
17-18 OA Vigil
31 Popcorn sales end

November

7 University of Scouting
14 Merit Badge College

December

15 Centennial Quality Award forms due from units to commissioners

January 2010

22 District Awards Banquet