



**Mawat District Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 30, 2009**

**Attending:** Rick Jacobs, Kevin Rumsey, Jose Solera, Todd Taft, Joel Ross, Jeff Pitts, Bob Naples, Tom Beach, Chip Reinhardt, Ray Anderson, Rosalind Coleman, Roy Douglass, Aaron Loflin, Betsy Bagley, Steve Wilfong, Jim Edgerton

The meeting opened with a welcome from the District Chair, Rick Jacobs. Our new committee chair will be taking the helm at the next meeting. Please join us in thanking Rick for his service to the district – THANKS!

**District Commissioner – Todd Taft**

Todd reminded us that District Committee members and Commissioners will need to recharter with the District by the end of the year. The cost is \$16.

Quality Unit achievements are due now. If your unit has qualified contact your unit commissioner or Todd. We need ALL eligible units to qualify in order to make quality district status. Your unit can qualify for the council gold card at the same time. Having a gold card will entitle your unit to free rank advancements at the council scout shop.

Unit roster reviews are taking place now. Unit leaders should contact Kevin Rumsey to review and confirm their rosters. This is to make sure rosters are up to date prior to the upcoming unit recharter cycle.

Roundtable – Jim Edgerton

Jim relayed the upcoming Boy Scout topics. Bob Naples presented first aid this month. Jose will present winter camping in December, Chip will do citizenship in January.

December roundtable will also have our annual holiday celebration, please bring cookies or some other snack to share. We will have our annual chili competition in February.

**District Executive – Kevin Rumsey**

Kevin circulated a status report on district goals. We have done very well on membership this year and have exceeded our goals. We are still working on paperwork for new units, so that will raise our numbers even more.

We have not met our finance goals, so if you would like to make a tax deductible end of the year donation it will help us out a lot.

We still need nominations for a Mawat scout to be part of a report to the governor. This can be a scout at any level from any unit. Please contact Kevin if you have a scout who would like to participate in this event.

There is a Christmas for the Troops stocking stuffing event on **December 3**, 4-7PM. A notice went out on the Mawat email list. Contact Kevin for more info.

Kevin reminds all units to please record and report any service projects that they participate in.

**Committee Reports**

**Program – Chair- James Muse**

Activities and Civic Service – Chair - Betsy Bagley

No report

Spring Camporee

Spring Camporee will be held **April 30 – May 2, 2010** at Camp Tuscarora. Mark Sikora and Steve Wilkins have agreed to lead up program planning. Joe Battle from 411 will be the camporee chief.

Spring Cuboree – Jeff Pitts

The Spring cuboree will be held at West Point on the Eno, **April 23-25**.

Advancement – Chair – Ray Anderson

Ray had several updates. We have had 17 Eagle scouts so far this year with several more pending. As of January 1, 2010 council will only accept the latest Eagle application (2009 edition). January 1 is also the beginning of District eagle boards of review. Council policy is that blood drives and trash pickups are not approved Eagle projects.

Several units have reports zero advancements for the year. This is a sign that the units in question need some assistance and guidance.

Please be aware that with new advancement requirements going into effect, scouts can finish out the rank they are working on currently under the old requirements but all subsequent ranks must be earned using the newer guidelines.

Merit Badge College – Tom Beach

MBC went very well. Some specific numbers: >1415 hits on webpage, 156 registered, 133 attended including 32 from outside the district and 9 from outside the council. 88 scouts completed badges. Tom has detailed information on specific badges, etc. Tom also announced that \$158 was raised for camperships which will be enough to send at least one Mawat scout to summer camp next year.

Tom requests that we have more participation from the district level volunteers next year.

Awards Banquet – Ray

Due to a scheduling conflict with the hosting church Aldersgate UMC, the awards banquet has been rescheduled to **January 29, 2010**. Nomination forms will be distributed at roundtable and posted on the website.

There was discussion of handling payment for guests and the speaker. A vote was taken to approve that a representative of the family for named awards and two guests would be invited at no cost. The keynote speaker will also be invited at no cost.

Training – Chair -Carolyn Bolles

Scout Leader training will be held in March. Trainer development conference will be held **March 13**. There will be an Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills in Pinehurst **January 9<sup>th</sup>**.

Camping and Outdoor Promotion – Chair Tom Beach

No report

**Marketing/Communications** – Chair Glen Frybarger,

The website is currently down. There was discussion of the issues involved which include changes in website management policy at the council level. Kevin is working to get this resolved.

### Marketing – Jose Solera

The new marketing committee has been meeting and will be focusing on developing better brand recognition for BSA in Durham. Rosalind Coleman has put together a media contact list.

### **Membership** – Chair – Aaron Loflin

No specific updates. Rick thanked Aaron again for his efforts which are reflected in our outstanding membership numbers for this year.

### **Finance** - Chair – Stewart Norman

#### FOS Breakfast – Jay Stobbs

Kevin reported that the breakfast went well and helped close the gap on our finance goals.

### **OA advisor** – Warren Pusak

Warren submitted a report via email. OA assisted at merit badge college and ran a concession stand. Twelve chapter members attended the recent Lodge Leadership development conference. The Winter Banquet is **December 5, 2009** at Camp Durant, contact Warren for tickets. Camping will be available on site after the banquet, contact Jeff Pitts if interested. Carolina Indian Seminar is **January 22-24, 2010**, contact Warren if you'd like to attend.

### **Nominating Committee** – Charlie Carpenter

No report

### **New Business:** -

None

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **December 2009**

15 Centennial Quality Award forms due from units to commissioners  
17 Roundtable, Glendale Heights UMC

#### **January 2010**

TBD District Committee Retreat  
21 Roundtable, Glendale Heights UMC  
23 District Committee member training workshop, Raleigh  
29 District Awards Banquet, Aldersgate UMC

#### **February 2010**

18 Roundtable, Glendale Heights UMC

#### **March 2010**

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#### **April 2010**

15 Roundtable, Glendale Heights UMC  
23-25 Cuboree – West Point on the Eno  
24 Youth Summit/Scout-o-rama, Raleigh  
30 – May 2 Spring Camporee