



**Mawat District Committee Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2009**

Attending: Rick Jacobs, Kevin Rumsey, Jose Solera, Todd Taft, Joel Ross, Jim Edgerton, Jeff Pitts, Jay Stobbs, Glen Fyarger, Betsy Bagley, Bob Naples, Warren Pusak, Tom Beach, Chip Reinhardt, Carolyn Bolles, Maurice Johnson

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

District Commissioner –Jose Solera

Six units still haven't rechartered. This is primarily due to minor paperwork issues.

Jose will be stepping down as District Commissioner as of October 1. Jose will be taking a more active role in the district committee. Todd Taft will be taking over as District Commissioner.

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. There was some discussion of the discrepancy between district and council defined financial goals.

Committee Reports

Program – Chair- James Muse

Activities and Civic Service – Chair - Betsy Bagley

Betsy is working with Northgate Mall to develop a holiday project. She also would like units to incorporate food collection drives into their activities and report the amount collected to her. She will forward this information on to Kevin.

Spring Camporee

There is not currently a unit lined up to lead the camporee in spring 2010. There was a suggestion that OA sponsor it and the OA is considering it pending their volunteer requirements but it remains open for offers from other units in the meantime.

Advancement – Chair – Ray Anderson

Chip reminded us that new scout handbooks have been issued and are available at the council store. There are new requirements in this edition that will go into effect **January 1, 2010**.

Merit Badge Committee – Tom Beach

The merit badge college is scheduled for **November 14** at Duke East Campus. Tom has several classes lined up already but is looking for additional councilors to teach their badge of interest. There may be some adult leader training at the same time – this is still under discussion. Tom also requested that a couple of commissioners volunteer to help out with general crowd control.

Training – Chair -Carolyn Bolles

The training team just held a Trainer Development Conference which was well attended.

Council wants all leader recognition applications forwarded through the Training committee. There are also some new guidelines for unit trainers and unit level training activities.

Cub Scout Leader Specific Training is being offered on **Sept. 26th**. Please see the website for details.

Camping and Outdoor Promotion – Chair Tom Beach

Tom has been updating the camping page on the new website. He is still looking for input from units on good places to camp or suggestions for other outdoor activities. It is possible we could include a survey or poll on the new webpage.

Marketing/Communications – Chair Glenn Frybarger,

The new website is up. Glen and Steve are still looking for ideas, suggestions, bug reports, etc. Glen will work on scheduling a training session for the subcommittee chairs so they can start editing their own pages.

Membership – Chair – Aaron Loflin

Kevin and Chip relayed some updates on Join Scouting Night activities. Fliers were distributed in some schools. As in years past this was very hit or miss. There are several activities in progress this week including some specific outreach to the Hispanic community by 424 and 451. In general it seems like individual units are doing a better job at running their own recruiting programs this year.

Finance - Chair – Stewart Norman

FOS Breakfast – Jay Stobbs

Jay has been working to line up Senator Burr as the keynote speaker for the breakfast. Jay has already identified several potential table captains and this promises to be a great fund raising event for the district. Jay requests that leaders forward 3-4 bullet points of recent unit community service projects to aid the Senator in putting together his talk. We will also need additional help to for a program committee to assist with the logistics of the event.

There have been some challenges coordinating the Senator's schedule with the availability of the American Tobacco facilities. There was much discussion of the timelines for having an event and the committee agreed that September 18 was a reasonable target to have the Senator confirmed as a speaker or to move on to other prospects.

OA advisor – Warren Pusak

Warren announced that the ceremony and dance teams did very well at the recent NOAC competitions including several national top 10 finishes. Congratulations on the recognition for all your hard work.

Fall inductions will be held **September 18-20**.

Warren reminds unit leaders to please bring their OA youth to the chapter meetings at Roundtable and to please avoid the third weekends of the month when planning unit activities.

New Business: -

There was a suggestion to look into getting a charter bus to go up to national jamboree. The council is already planning to do this and should have one or two buses leaving from Durham.

Upcoming Events:

September

- 18-20 Fall OA Inductions
- 26 Cub Scout Leader Specific Training
- 26 Popcorn sales start

- 26 Scout Night at Duke Football

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