

District Annual Planning Meeting Minutes - January 10th

Brian Lehrschal
Kelden Everette
Scott Simerly
Ben Freeman
Matt Brenamen
David Gardner
Chris Meyer
Ed Walsh
Jerry Jester
Lu Little
Becky Dayton
Jay Thrash
Gantt Edmiston
Brent Johnson
Debbie Fuller
Jim Fuller
Karen Goldstein
Val Zipf
Megan Player
Greg McGrew
Chuck Gay
Bob Gamble
Keith Beigert
Tyler Perkinson

Ben Freeman – Open/introduction – Welcomed everyone and led pledge of allegiance. “We are care takers of the program” No one person runs this district or council, thank you all for what you do.”

Lu little moves to approve the minutes from November – Jerry Jester 2nd – motion passed

District nominating chair – Brian Lehrschal – Proposed new members to be approved to join the 2015 district committee. Ben moves to accept (Jerry Jester 2nd). Brian asked for motion to approve DC/ADC/Commissioner. So moved and accepted.

Jay Thrash – Website has new IP address. We are working to identify what information is most important for the site. Please check out the website and send any questions/comments/suggestions to: webmaster@crosswindsbsa.org We will be using word press to update info. Gantt added: we would like to consolidate our mailing lists through this new service. We can move unit lists to this service also. For Example: Popcorn district leadership could have their own email list @crosswindsbsa.org. Ben – If you are getting tired of the marketing stuff from council, please send me your complaints. Gantt – we will also be adding the “where to go camping” guide from Scott Simerly, as well as other resources (cookbook..)

Commissioner Service – Brian Lehrschal – We need more unit commissioners – beginning in March we will have “commissioner tools” on my.scouting to see the “health” of a given unit. Commissioners college March 14th (first united Methodist of Garner) “commissioner tools” training offered there.

Finance Report – Jerry Jester – Last year raised \$146,000 and \$18,000 at the DCA. This year our total goal will be \$154,000 in FOS and the DCA goal will be \$12,000. We need to get dates on paper for these family presentations. Kickoff will be held at the district committee workshop on January 31st. We just want families to participate. Chris Meyer – We must explain to the families that the council does not get ANY of the registration fee and recharter fee. Jerry – we want to make a better effort this year to present to civic orgs and businesses. “put scouting on the map”

Popcorn – Becky – Total raised in 2014 = \$258,000!! – only district that went over what they sold last year. 15 packs and 12 troops sold this last year! \$3.2 million sold over the last 10 years! Val/Megan – We want to meet with Lauri and see what council expects from us. Scott – Lets make sure that we are all together using all of our resources.

Membership – Karen – We must build our cub packs to achieve overall health and growth – we finished the year at 2206 traditional youth! The website should be a great tool, and beAScout.org leads were followed up with better in 2014, but units need to become more familiar. As a district, we are in the top two with membership.

Activities/civic service – Pack 120 is taking over the PWD (Ben expressed concern about the size of their pack to manage the event) Chris mentioned that it is more of a joint effort with multiple packs.

Camporee – Matt Brenamen is off and running – Steve Chapman is managing Scouting for food.

Recognition event – Robin has run for several years, this year Kristen Meyer is running the show this December! Flag retirement at wake memorial park has taken a back seat and we plan to re-charge that event. We need a marketing person to get the news out on what the Scouts are up to!

Scott Simerly – We will be updating the summer camp plans for units on where they are going to camp. Working on info from Ed and McGraw (quadmaps of NC and VA) so if the units want to use the maps they will be available. We have almost 100 recipes in the district cookbook. We want to make our where to go camping guide “searchable”. We also have a “where to purchase equipment” list. We will be working on where our units camp during the entire year as well from our commissioners. Providing guidance on health and safety. We will be promoting camperships through our units also. We will continue to camp with the units. Please let Scott know if you are interested in having company. February 6th and 7th, we will “beat” the LDS units at Tuscarora. We will also actively support camporee.

Spring Camporee – Matt/Brian – Matt handed out the “executive overview” See hand out that you were provided. “Technology through the ages” is our theme. We have general knowledge of who has normally attended. New website has a sign-up genius so units can sign up. Hope to publish everything in leaders guide by February 1st in time for estimated sign-ups. Please get in touch with Matt if you would like to contribute to the camporee. Cost will not go up! It will cost \$10. The “main event” will be a robot competition that could tie in nicely to STEM (Per Jim).

Training – Lu Little – Council – There will be more training across the council. Lu needs more help running the courses. Lu would like to have a training person from each unit. In the planning stages for upcoming training. 14th of March possible MEGA training. Baloo possibly the following weekend? IOLS will be held on April 11th and the 17th/18th? Might not be the best time due to scheduling conflicts. Lafayette is doing multiple trainings on April 10, 11th and 12th (at camp Bowers). Fall training 26th of September/23rd, 24th of October (IOLS/OLSWL) Locations to be detailed later. New outline for Scoutmaster specific is out and has been cut greatly.

OA – Bob Gamble – We had a great year – we have new advisors for the upcoming year who will re-energize the chapter. We are looking to do more at the unit level. We are pushing to have teams compete at NOAC, but we just aren’t there yet, and we want to do something about it. Our chapter has been very strong recently in providing leadership to the lodge. We are entering the election season which will feature a video explaining things. This year the adult nomination form has changed. Now there will be some essay type questions on why that person should be in the order. Chapter will be

contacting all members who have been at the Ordeal level for 10+ months. We would like an advisor to our OA rep in every unit. We would like each unit to have a representative at the chapter meetings to be able to pass along pertinent information. Brian is now the lodge brotherhood advisor.

STEM – Jim/Debbie Fuller – We want to build the movement within the district and council through unit level counselors. Building that network is our first priority. We plan to hold a NOVA counselor class at roundtable. Particularly for the units headed to camporee, this could give them a head start. Raising awareness via “roadmaps” for different accomplishments within the program. New requirements will be coming out this spring.

Advancement – Gantt Edmiston – Read mission statement of the BSA – Eagles = 79 in 2014! – 79% of last years total (on par with council trends). Our biggest challenge is the upcoming cub scout advancement changes. For example “one oath, one law”. (AS of September 1st). What this means for us?: We need more training. Other changes – “Tiger cub” will change to “Tiger”. Other similar changes. Scouts can earn Arrow of light without having been in the program for the duration. We must identify people who already know these changes who can spread the word. Boy Scouts – next January “Scout” will become a rank. More emphasis on duty to god in every rank. More service and conservation service will be required; physical fitness, leave no trace just to name a few.

Charter reps – Ed Walsh – We have lots of treasure and talent... but we lack time. We should look at where we spend our time. “We have 500 adults in the district, where are they?” Brent Johnson would like to have a forum to ask questions of their peers. Gantt – all MB counselors must re-register by may 1st.

Ben Freeman – Thank you all for what you do! I’m excited to see new faces in the room!

Member of the Month for November – Becky Dayton!!

Member of the Month for December – Robin Beigert!!