



Mawat District Committee Meeting Minutes November 24, 2008

Attending: Rick Jacobs, Kevin Rumsey, Joel Ross, Jose Solera, Aaron Loflin, Chip Reinhardt, Betsy Bagley, Ray Anderson, Pam Davis, Warren Pusak, James Muse, Glen Frybarger, Jim Edgerton.

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

District Commissioner – Jose Solera

Jose announced that he has recruited two new commissioners – Aaron Loflin and Todd Taft. We are still looking for more people to be unit commissioners and we still have several units without an assigned commissioner. Joel Ross, Phillip Jones, and David Kahler went camping with T411. Joel and Phillip also helped out with a T108 campout.

We have 28 Centennial Quality Award forms returned. Membership inventories will take place in December. The council commissioner, Susan Long, will attend the January roundtable to talk about online rechartering.

District Executive – Kevin Rumsey

Kevin announced that we will meet all our district goals for the year except finance. He distributed information on an American Red Cross Wilderness First Aid course that will be held **December 6 and 7**.

Committee Reports

Program – Chair- James Muse

Activities and Civic Service – Chair - Betsy Bagley

Betsy is asking units to collect food and books and report their donations so we can record a district total. BioMerieux has 500 seedlings to donate to units that would like to plant them.

The new Durham Performing Arts Center is having group tours **December 1st**. Contact Betsy to sign your unit up.

Spring Camporee – Chip Reinhardt

The Spring Camporee will be **May 1-3**. Cub Scouts are invited to attend too.

Cub Day Camp

Day Camp will be take place the week of **June 15-19**. A big thank you to the Order of the Arrow for cleaning and organizing the Day Camp gear.

Advancement – Chair – Ray Anderson

Ray attended the council advancements committee meeting. As of November 11 we have had 35 eagle scouts. This puts us well ahead of the council average. The council relayed it's thanks to the district eagle committee (Scott Langdon, John Howe, and Bob Pearson) for their hard work. New "Life to Eagle" guidelines will be published soon.

The council Eagle Banquet will be held **January 24**. The council will be establishing a new "Gold Card" system to earn free rank advancement patches. Details will be sent out soon.

Merit Badge College (Nov. 1) – Tom Beach

Ray passed along several complimentary remarks from the participants. All agreed that the day went well and the committee extends its thanks and congratulations to Tom Beach for putting the merit badge college together.

District Awards Banquet

Due to a major conflict with OA activities the date has been moved to **January 30, 2009**. Ray will contact Tom and get the nomination forms out. Rick will check with Aldersgate to see if we can have the dinner there.

Training – Chair -Carolyn Bolles

Jose announced that Kevin Rumsey, Betsy Bagley, and David Kahler assisted with training leaders of one of our new packs P429. Jose is looking into using the library's computer resources to facilitate online training.

Chip announced that there will be a training committee retreat in January and they will be discussing changes in scheduling.

Camping and Outdoor Promotion – Chair Tom Beach

No report

Marketing/Communications – Chair open,

Glenn Frybarger has agreed to lead the marketing and communications committee. Thanks! Glen is also working to develop a new website structure to simplify maintenance. For now continue to send all updates to Jose.

Membership – Chair – Renee Cunningham

Jose announced that two new units have been formed under Kevin's leadership, P429 and P499.

There was some discussion of a new Duke initiative to reach out to the Latino community and this may be an avenue to form new units. The Key 3 and Chip will follow up on this.

Finance - Chair – Stewart Norman

Kevin and Stewart are still making capital campaign presentations. FOS presentations for next year are being scheduled. The 2009 FOS chair will be John Rose.

Popcorn -Pamela Davis

Total sales for the district this year were \$125,100 which is an increase over last year. Overall the council had sales of \$2.2 million.

OA advisor –Warren Pusak

Warren reviewed several past and upcoming events. OA helped out with the day camp equipment as noted above. The OA has also participated in several eagle courts of honor this fall. The OA winter banquet will be held **December 6**. Service project at Ronald McDonald House **Christmas Day**. Carolina Indian Seminar **January 23-25**. NC Science and Math Pow Wow **February 7**.

New Business: -

Chip announced that the council will be having several events in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of scouting. The council will be hosting camporees in both **Fall 2009 and Fall 2010**. There will be a National Jamboree in **2010**.

The Key 3 reminds committee members and commissioners that their annual registration fees are due in December. We will have a district committee retreat on **January 10**.

Upcoming Events:

December

- 6 OA Winter Banquet
- 6-7 Wilderness First Aid Course
- 18 Roundtable
- 25 Ronald McDonald House service project

January

- 10 District Committee workshop
- 23-25 Carolina Indian Seminar
- 24 Council Eagle Banquet
- 30 District Awards Banquet

February

- 7 District Pinewood Derby
- 7 NC Sci and Math Pow-wow

March

April

May

- 1-3 Spring Camporee

June

- 15-19 Cub Day Camp