

Cardinal District Committee Meeting

October 20, 2022

There were 18 committee members in attendance by Zoom.

District Chairman's Remarks

A motion was requested for approval of the September 2022 meeting minutes. The motion was made, seconded, and the minutes were approved.

An update on the BSA bankruptcy case was given. While the two largest insurers and 86% of claimed abuse victims approved the BSA reorganization plan and settlement, a number of insurers providing excess liability coverage (Travelers, Liberty Mutual, etc.) and a group of abuse claimants have appealed confirmation of the plan to the US District Court for the District of Delaware. While BSA is saying it hopes the appeals will be resolved by early next year, Reuters and other news outlets are reporting the appeals could delay BSA's exit from bankruptcy by a year or more.

One of the problems with the delay in implementation of the reorganization plan is that changes to Youth Protection will probably also be delayed. Occoneechee Council's and Cardinal District's YPT certification rate has dropped to about 92%, consistent with the national average. Bob Shelton, our council YPT champion, advises that there will be no changes to YPT before the end of the year. BSA is considering looking at making YPT certification effective for 26 or even 36 months with certain refresher training. However, we may not see any changes until the appeals are resolved. Please make sure your YPT certification is current.

As for the issues concerning UMC-chartered units, Occoneechee Council Executive Board passed a resolution on September 22, 2022. While short on specifics, the resolution did state that the council was leaving the door open to council-registered units (CRUs). The Council Executive Board will meet again on November 17, 2022. Unofficial information is that the board will approve the use of CRUs for those UMC-chartered units that have not found a new charter partner. Additionally, the unofficial information is that the council will pass through insurance costs to the units (such as insurance for trailers) but will not impose an administrative charge, at least for 2023. Unofficial sources also report that BSA nationally is discouraging the creation of nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations for the sole purpose of serving as a chartered organization after this was suggested as an alternative earlier to UMC-chartered units. To further add to the uncertainty, news reports said that as many as a third of the churches in the North Carolina General Conference of the UMC will or may vote to disaffiliate and be part of the new Global Methodist Church. Where the GMC stands on chartering Scout units is unknown.

Our ad hoc group to review our district Pinewood Derby rules met last evening. We agreed on some minor changes to the rules used last year, to include 1) taking out "parallel wheels" and "four-wheel touching" requirements that had really just served to disqualify Cubs who had tried their best to build their own cars and 2) clarifying that Webelos and AOLs would compete as separate groups. With no objections stated, the final rules will not be brought back before the full district committee for a vote but will be published to the packs by mid-November. Gantt reminded everyone that the updated rules

and information will need to be posted to the district web pages. Thank you to David Crowley, Jamie Mueller, and Craig Smolen for working on this project.

A reminder - our annual Cardinal District Business Meeting will be on Saturday, January 7, 2023, from 9:00 am until noon at Saint Francis United Methodist Church in Cary.

Our First Vice Chair Tim Forrest is again serving as chair of our District Nominating Committee, and the committee is hard at work. Tim provided a brief update on the nominating committee's work. The committee has contacted most members of the district committee to assess their interest in continuing to serve and will be issuing its report by early December.

District Commissioner Report

District Overview

Current District strength is 75 units
(28 Cub Scout, 38 Scout BSA, 7 Crews, 1 Ship and 2 Posts)

New Units

P-99
T-99B Cary participated in Council Camporee
T-99G Cary participated in Council Camporee

Anticipated New Units

P-971 Oct 22 Apex (Waiting on adult applications)
T-444G Oct 22 Fuquay-Varina (Needs SM)
T-391G Mar 23 Garner

Potential New Units

None this month

Current District health score is 4.22 (down .01)

The October Hybrid District Roundtable had 67 participants.

District Highlights

Unit popcorn sales have been successful.

Recharter 2022

Units are working on recharter membership inventories.
Weekly "Meet the Commissioner" ZOOM meetings
Wednesday 8:00-9:00 PM starting 19 October

Fall recruiting drives have been successful

District-wide, we are up over this time last year.

Upcoming District Recruiting Events

None at this time

Cardinal District Commissioner Strength

Currently have 24 Registered Commissioners.

DC: 1
ADC: 5
UC: 12
RTC: 6

24 out of 24 Commissioner have entered a contact in Commissioner Tools

Still need minimum of 1 ADC and 6 UCs to meet recommended staffing requirements

Unit Service

Unit Contacts (Simple Assessments):

Eight (8) commissioners recorded 136 contacts

Year to Date: 1,648 simple assessments

100% of District units have at least six (6) simple assessments

Goal: 100% with at least six (6) unit contacts

Detailed Assessments:

Two (2) commissioners recorded 2 detailed assessments

Year to Date: 88 detailed assessments

98.6% of District units have had initial detailed assessment

Average Unit Health Score: 4.22 (-0.01)

Goal: 100% with one (1) detailed assessment per year

Unit Service Plans (USP):

74 units with current USP

4 USPs completed this month

42 USPs completed YTD (55.0%)

Unit Issues

P-971 waiting on adult applications to complete new Charter

Units at risk:

T-413 Troop Committee voted to not recharter in 2023

*SM and CC are stepping down, no one willing to step up

P-222 (down to three Cub Scouts after AOL crossover)

* The Pack is running a unit recruiting event on 20 Oct

P-393 (CM stepped down, no replacement ID'd)

* Have found new CM and CC

T-614 (down to two active Scouts)

* Anticipates getting healthy with large AOL crossover (8) from aligned Pack in Spring

District Roundtable

District Roundtable on 6 October

Hybrid Roundtable

Total participation: 67 Scouters

58.9% of District units represented

In person: 40 Scouters ZOOM: 27 Scouters

General Session:

Disability Awareness

Safety Moment: Scouts First Helpline

Breakout Sessions

Cub Scouts: Den Chiefs and Denners

Scouts BSA: First Time Scouts BSA Campers

Council Roundtable scheduled for 3 November is cancelled; We are conducting hybrid District RT as usual

T392 had trailer stolen. Trailer was insured, contents were not.

Finance

No report.

Membership

District is 4 youth away from growth over last year, and Scott has 4 applications. The Cub recruiting event at Bond Park event struggled since flyers were electronic. Thales Academy did allow for in-person presentations.

Communications & Marketing

No report.

Camping and Outdoor Program

The flyer for the District Camporee in March 2023 is prepared, and a budget is expected soon.

Registration should open December 1. Planning is proceeding well.

No report for Klondike Derby.

Activities & Civic Service Report

No report.

Training

IOLS this weekend, 18 people registered. There will be another IOLS class on Feb 3 – 4, 2023 at Fuquay UMC. Sandhills will be IOLS training the last weekend in October.

Fundamentals of Training will be offered at Position Specific Training on November 12, 2022.

Philmont is increasing their requirements for the number of Wilderness First Aid trained adults per crew in 2024. WFA is offered at Council level.

Advancement & Recognition

77 Eagles this year, Cardinal is 24 percent of Council total.

P23 has not reported advancement, P66 low advancement, T244 has not been entering advancement.

Commissioners

Registration for Spookaree closed over 2 weeks early with over 1200 registered. Patches are available for Cubs, but troops will get theirs later.

Webelos OA went on Council calendar this week, registration will open after turn of year.

Two Council open shoots plus Twilight Camp for Cubs next year.

Debra Hall going to Special Needs & Neurodiversity Conference this weekend.

T210 & P120 moving charter to VFW. The 316 units are moving to St. Mary Magdelene. The 320 units are moving to their new 501c3. St. Francis is going to do CRU. Do paperwork before open the recharter for the 1st time.

Need range staff for Spookaree due to COVID issues.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

No new business

Open Forum

Memorial service for Diane Lunchick this Sunday at 3:30 pm at Fuquay Varina Garden Club.

Family Scouting Executive's Remarks

Happy that we are doing so well with growth this year, best in 10 years.

Next Meeting

November 17, 2022 at 7:00 pm via Zoom