

Cardinal District Committee Monthly Meeting

August 17, 2023

The meeting began by Zoom at 7:00 pm. There were 21 participants.

District Chair Tim Forrest welcomed the committee members and thanked everyone who helped make our summer Scouting events and activities successful. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the June 2023 monthly meeting. The minutes were approved.

Tim advised that there was a proposal at Council to develop a committee directed at Scouts BSA, particularly older Scouts, and programs at Camp Durant. The proposed committee would also look at outreach to units to see where they camp and what could bring them to Camp Durant. Tim advised he was looking for a primary and an alternate for the committee. Brian Lehrschall indicated he was willing to serve.

District Commissioner Patrick Sperlein provided the following report. The district has 73 units consisting of 27 packs, 38 troops, 7 crews and 1 ship. The unit health score is 4.17. Troop 391G is currently a unit of concern with membership under five Scouts, and Pack 244 is a unit of concern with membership under five Scouts and multiple leadership gaps. Patrick also asked everyone to be thinking of Troop 10 and Troop 393 who have leaders die recently.

Cardinal District presently has 23 registered Commissioners, with 1 District Commissioner, 5 Assistant District Commissioners, 11 Unit Commissioners, and 6 Roundtable Commissioners. Recommended Staffing Levels provide for 18 to 24 Unit Commissioners (3-4 units/commissioner) and 5 Assistant District Commissioners.

For unit service, commissioners reported 614 recorded contacts (as of 16 August) with 60 units having been contacted at least four times (82.19%). Seventeen of twenty-three commissioners have recorded contacts. The goal is for all units to have at least 6 recorded contacts and for all commissioners to have a recorded contact. Thirty Detailed Assessments have been completed (41.09%), with a goal of all units having one Detailed Assessment per year.

At the August 2023 Roundtable, there were 53 participants from 33 units. During the general session, a presentation was made on "We Will Remember." During the breakout session, the Cub Scout breakout discussed roundup training; the Scouts BSA breakout discussed resources for troop skits and campfires; and Sea Scouts/Venturing discussed "top of mind" topics. The next Roundtable will be on September 7, 2023 with a presentation on YPT policies for troop and pack outings during the general session. The Cub Scout breakout will address welcoming new families, and the topic for the Scouts BSA breakout is to be determined.

Patrick reminded the committee on the National Registration Fees for 2023/2024, which took effect on August 1, 2023.

Youth - \$80

Adult Volunteers - \$60

Merit Badge Counselors - \$25

Joining Fee - \$25

Charter/Affiliation Fee - \$100

There will be no change to Council Fees: Youth Program Fee - \$54, and Insurance Fee - \$12. Membership fees will no longer be pro-rated; the full fee will be paid for the twelve-month period. [Note- Gantt advised after the meeting that Council is adding \$12 to the new Nationally mandated \$25 merit badge counselor fee for Merit Badge Counselors that only have that one registered position. Accordingly, the Merit Badge Counselor fee will total \$37.]

I request an update of the minutes to reflect that Merit badge counselor fee, in the minutes be changed from \$25 to \$37.

The operating committees broke out for individual meetings for approximately eighteen minutes. Upon reconvening, the operating committees provided the following reports.

Finance – no report

Membership – Tyler Perkinson reported having gained access to several schools to promote Scouting with six to seven information sessions planned. Cardinal District has had an approximately 3.5% growth rate over August 2023.

Communications & Marketing – no report.

Camping & Outdoor Programs – Donna Dragon reported there would be a kickoff at the end of the month for the 2024 spring district camporee.

Activities & Civic Service – Courtney Trujillo reported that NOVA STEM Day was scheduled for the coming Saturday (August 19, 2023) and listed the many activities the Scouts would be doing. The winners of the Fishing Derby will be recognized at the September Roundtable. There is no host unit yet for the 2024 Pinewood Derby.

Training – Eddie Wilson advised that IOLS/BALOO training would be conducted in November at Camp Agape. That is on the calendar with registration opening soon.

Advancement & Recognition – Gantt Edmiston reported that, so far this year, 64 Eagle ranks had been earned. The Town of Cary will host a Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge event

the evening of Thursday, September 28, 2023, and on Saturday, September 30, 2023 at the Cary town hall. The event will be up for registration on Tentaroo with priority to Cardinal Scouts.

Old business - None

New business – Tyler noted that the National Membership Kickoff webinar was later that evening. Tim advised that Greg McGrew would be serving as Nominating Committee chair. Tyler advised the district committee should look to add new members who are not Scouters.

Field Director/District Executive – Tyler discussed efforts to develop contacts in schools and new units in Garner and West Cary.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved, and the meeting ended at 7:57 pm. The next district committee meeting will be on September 21, 2023.