

MARCH 2019 FIVE TRAILS DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Gary Scott. Gary led the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were Cliff Chamberlain, Pete Parish, Gary Scott, Kevin Lindbloom, Jenny Quonoey, Rufus Woody, Binu Joseph, Kathy Whitgrove, Blaine Whitgrove, Pam Peveto, Daniel Murphy, Mark, Denise, Roger Derrick, Becky Adams and Dave Adams.

Activities:

Pam Peveto noted that we are not doing a Webeloree, but the facilities and campsites at Camp Wisdom are still reserved for April 26-28. Pam is trying to encourage scheduling a Cub Archery and BB Range Master Training on April 27th. Pam is looking for names of adults to get certified for Cub BBs and Cub Archery (this is not Troop level certification). The cost of training was discussed. Discussion was held on whether we should release the campsites. It was suggested to keep the three campsites closest to the ranges and to release the others. Pam is to send Roger an email to release the sites.

The new Committee Chair for the Council Shooting Sports Committee was announced to be Binu Joseph.

Day Camp Planning:

A new Certified Day Camp Director was announced to be Daniel Murphy. Black Pug is the software that is being used for Day Camp instead of Camp Master. Pam asked for anyone interested in helping with Day Camp to please volunteer. Day Camp is the week of June 17th.

Training:

Blaine said there are four trainings scheduled: April 6th is SALT. The Triple Crown Weekend of April 12-14 offers IOLS, BALOO and OAK LEAF. There are already some people signed up for the April 12-14th trainings. The question was asked when the calendar of activities will be finalized. It was reported that the 2020 calendar is finished. Further, the 2019 calendar is finished with no modifications known yet.

Blaine says he is doing one more year of University of Scouting. CC Harden is the new Chancellor after next year.

Advancement:

Dave thanked Blaine for the recent Merit Badge College. So far this year we have 7 new Eagle Scouts. The Fall Merit Badge College will be scheduled. Dave will be sending out the rules and procedures for Eagle extensions under the special rules. Binu requested Dave to make slides for the website to assist with understanding these rules and procedures.

YPT:

Rufus reported that just before March 1st a new online YPT became available. Circle Ten will teach a YPT class on April 9th at Fairview and on April 24th at Murchison. Registration for both of these classes is by nomination only. Rufus will teach YPT to National on Friday March 15th from 10am-12am.

Roundtable:

Next Cub Roundtable is Monday, March 11th. Kathy asks former Scout Masters to attend the Roundtable to talk about camping, family camping and training.

Boy Scout Roundtable is March 11th.

Membership:

There are two new Troops as of February – Troop 510 in Irving and Troop 844 in Coppell.

Troop visits are progressing and wrapping up this week. This Sunday 3/11 is the meeting for Packs and Troops to explain the process for Crossover. This meeting is at St. Ann's at 2pm. Crossover is at Valley Ranch Baptist Church with 5:30pm prep and 6:00pm start time. Pete asked Blaine to come to March 10th Crossover meeting and talk up SALT.

Camping:

IMPORTANT - The Camping Report is due March 14th.

Friends of Scouting:

Roger gave an update of the funds brought in so far to be at 60% of the \$100,000.00 goal. Twenty nine units attended the Camp Card kickoff and have begun to sell.

OA:

Pete reported that 6 Arrowmen completed the Ordeal and that 2 completed Brotherhood. Pete thanked Kevin Lindbloom and the administration team in getting the elections ready. Circle Ten is leading the OA elections. There is no District event that can be leveraged for a call out. Troops doing their own call outs last year translated into a good conversion to candidates following through to do the Ordeal. Ordeal is 1st week in May. Vigil weekend is coming up. Section Conclave is the same weekend as the April 25th event, but is in East Texas, Camp Pirtle. We typically send 12-15 people to this.

Pete stated that there has been a longstanding relationship between Boy Scout Eagle projects and the Coppell Nature Park, with 50 Eagle projects in the park over the last 12 years. Lou Duggan met with Pete and revealed a memorial that has been designed to recognize the Scouts that have helped build the park through these Eagle projects. On October 5th the memorial at the CNP will be unveiled. The design is a 6' tall stone pillar of 2" thick leaded stained glass embedded in stone and backlit. Donations to finish the \$4,000.00 funding still needed for this memorial will be socialized with the Troops who have had Eagles work on their projects at the CNPark.

District Realignment:

Gary discussed three tenants of the District Realignment Plan. First, Program Units are separated from District operations across the Council. Second, the boundaries will remain the same. Third, Five Trails will combine with Mountain Lake District. The new naming was discussed. The new name can't include any part of the Five Trails or Mountain Lake names. Discussion on the combining of units was discussed. Once combined there will be 40 units. Our district will be North Coppell to I-20.

Each District Committee is to offer up a 3-4 person Transition Team. We have Tim Ritter and Gary Scott and hope to have one person from Irving on this team. Combining Districts will take effect July 1st. Discussion was held on the merits of our District combination with Mountain Lake. Our current calendar is good through June. Pete noted that 183 is right in the middle of the District, so we need to be sure to lock down Plymouth Park United Methodist Church for scouting activities. Gary asked for a volunteer to be on the Transition Team. Kathy Whitgrove volunteered. Gary asked if there were any objections and there were none.

Commissioner's Report:

Jenny reported that there is only one outstanding matter – we seem to have two websites. The domain FiveTrails.org goes away July 1st. Until then, we have two websites. Transition to the new website was discussed. FiveTrails.org redirects users to go to the new website. The plan is to have all pieces migrated to the new website by the end of this month – March 31st. The question was asked if Black Pug is replacing Camp Master. Pam answered that Black Pug does not replace Camp Master, but is just for Day Camp usage. With Luis and Tim not here, Gary tabled further website discussion.

Mark commented that in looking for a new District name, with the Caddo Tribe being the largest Southern Indian Tribe in the Nation, he would suggest that we use the name Caddo Tribe.

District Executive Minute:

Roger said the bad news is that because of the transition, we will not have a District Executive until July. He continued that the good news is when we get a new District Executive, he will be experienced/seasoned.

Mustang and Wisdom Trails are combining. North Star and Blackland Prairies are combining.

Closing:

The next Committee meeting is on Thursday, April 4, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm