



**AGENDA**  
FOR THE  
**DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
OF THE  
**THREE RIVERS DISTRICT**  
**NOVEMBER 3, 2016**

1. Call to Order of the Committee Meeting made by Ken Dutcher (7:30pm).

**Those in Attendance were:**

Ken Dutcher, Barry Goldman, Katelyn Merritt, Barry Messner, Anthony Catalano, Bob Lilley, Barbara Bruno, Bill Metts, Warren Dressler, Gerry Beatty, Dennis Ng, Paul Adams, Rich Curran, Rich Habick, Mark Wrightington, Sal Bellomo, Biff Van Kleef, Steve Leonardi

2. Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath, Scout Law – Barry Goldman (7:30 – 7:35pm).
3. Welcome/Opening Remarks – Ken Dutcher (7:35 – 7:40pm).
  - (i) as in the past, all Operating Committee heads are requested to solicit input for our monthly meetings from their members. Please pass that input along to Ken so it can be included on the Agenda for the month's meeting.
  - (ii) **the agenda is drafted *the Sunday before our Thursday meeting.***  
**If you want anything in the agenda for our monthly District Committee meeting, Monday is the day the agenda is finalized for our Thursday meeting – Get your info in before then!**

**No Requests re: tonight's Agenda were submitted by any of the  
Operating Committee heads or Activity chairs**

4. Report by our District Commissioner regarding the last Commissioner's meeting – Barry Goldman (7:40 – 7:45pm).

Unit Rechartering

Recruit New Commissioners

Entering unit visitations to reach Gold – “we're this close”

5. Update regarding the Success of **the Gold Rush**; and After Action Review/Lessons Learned – Mark Wrightington and Anyone Else who was there (7:45 – 7:50pm).

**Gold Rush was cancelled. Lessons learned from the cancellation:**

- Last minute sign ups (3-4 people signed up online as opposed to the 120 youth that participated in 2015)
- Make more incentive with 2 tier pricing (early online sign up and late sign up prices)
- 2 dates in calendar, may have caused confusion for volunteers.
- Registration system, people not wanting to have to input every child's name, is there a way to change this?
- Lack of flyers and emails (not going out far enough in advance).

6. Update regarding the Success of **the Zombie Joint Camporee with Lenape Trails District at NoBe** the weekend of October 21-23 – Mark Wrightington and Anyone Else who was there (7:50 – 8:00pm).

**(i) Joel/Steve Leonardi: 7 Troops | 116 Bodies | 98 Youth**

460 participants over all – Three Rivers made up about a quarter of participants.

It was a well-run event.

- **Three Rivers Events Discussion for planning for the future:**
  - Cancelling big events can have an impact on the council's over-all budget because in the end they are responsible for the money going into the event.
  - Going forward – if the district doesn't have a volunteer to run an event, should we even plan that event for the coming year?
  - It is sometimes difficult to plan events a year and a half out for the calendar. With people's ever changing schedules.
  - Monkey wrenches.

7. Detailed Planning for the November **Roundtable on November 15** – All Activity Chairs and Operating Committee Heads (8:00 – 8:45pm)

A different kind of Roundtable (will not be like program launch). An important opportunity to provide information to units about our district committee

The Key 3 discussed and debated whether the Fireside Chat should be called "Mandatory" or "Requisite" and how that choice of words might impact whether units show up for the Fireside Chat.

And what impact the choice had on RV's.

- Concept originated in Black Bear District – as an annual "Compliance meeting"
- Used to get about 90% of attendance
- RV had a greater outcome of attendance last year when they used "Mandatory" and about half of that outcome this year after substituting the word "Requisite".

Looking for different presenters for different (but specific) topics several of which will coincide with our Council's highest priorities. Each segment is to be "highly scripted". **Each presenter will be given 4 minutes to speak on a specific topic – Barry Goldman will be time keeper.**

Should we reach out to all the Units to emphasize the importance of the Fireside Chat? **The general consensus was "Yes, we should – over the weekend and on Monday the 14th – via the Commissioner's staff and DE's – since they have the most contact with unit leaders".**

- **Discussion on New Ways to Send Information to Unit Leaders:**

- Group Me? A text messaging application that allows people to communicate like a giant group text message
- Remind Me? A text messaging application that allows people to receive messages you want a group to get but not like a giant group text. (no responding) – System was used by the OA at event recently – OA generated a list of cell numbers and worked well for them.
- Honeywell – School system for contacting parents when there is an emergency or school closing – phone call tree system only and comes with a fee.

Most people are over emails and are less likely to look at or respond to them now a days. But are more likely to read and respond to a text message.

**Fireside Chat (the November Roundtable):**

- Will be held in the big room with all units (will not be splitting into Packs or Troops)
- Powerpoint slides will be done by Ken Dutcher. Everyone's input and material for the slide deck is due to Ken *no later than end of day on Wednesday November 9.*
- Internet connectivity during Roundtable will be handled by Barry Goldman and/or Trish Regan.
- **Everyone will be given a time slot in advance by Ken, and be kept to the 4-minute time limit by Barry. There will be a written agenda provided by the Key 3.**
- Finalize agenda and schedule of presenters by Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> (no changes after that)

8. A Peak Ahead to **next month's meeting** – Ken Dutcher (8:45 – 8:50pm):

Reports by each of our operating committees and activity chairs

Friends of Scouting – Contributions for district committee members

9. Commissioner's Minute – Barry Goldman (8:50 – 8:51pm).

**FoS Kickoff:**

Same program as last year – Another big dinner in March (keynote speaker not yet announced)

We need more FoS presenters

Looking for more table hosts for FoS big dinner

**Camping Meeting:**

Camp flyers are out now

Holding camp fees (same as last year) – but increased early bird by \$5

10. Recap of Action Plans/ Assignments & Next Steps coming out of tonight's meeting – Mark Wrightington & Barry Goldman (8:51 – 8:56pm).

11. The District Executive's Minute – Kate (8:56 – 8:57pm).

12. **Closing Remarks/ Adjournment** – Ken Dutcher (8:57 – 9:00pm).