

**District Committee Meeting
January 5, 2017
One Bergen County Plaza
Hackensack, NJ,**

Key People

Ken Dutcher, District Chair
Barry Goldman, District Commissioner
Mark Wrightington, District Vice-Chair for Program
Paul Adams, District Vice-Chair for Finance
Oliris Ramos, District Exec
Kate Merritt, District Exec

Opening and Handouts

Barry Goldman led the opening Pledge. The only handout was tonight's agenda, which had been e-mailed in advance.

Welcome Two New Faces

Ken wished everyone a Happy New Year and introduced Tony and Cathy Sgarella, both of Dumont Troop 64 and its Venture Crew. Everyone else introduced themselves to them.

"Top of Mind" Query for Next Month

For next month's agenda, Rich Curran will need nominations for DAM awards (District Award of Merit). Bob Lilley reminded everyone that next month will also be the District Annual Meeting with votes for District Chair, District Commissioner, and a slate of District Members-at-Large. Kate Merritt said that she had started up a Three Rivers Twitter account that can be accessed by a link on the district's website home page, which caused Norman Kasser to recall that BSA's Chief Scout Exec Mike Surbaugh had mandated in 2015 that all District Execs get involved with social media and start up their own Twitter accounts.

Norman said that Ken Dutcher and Ken King will both be honored at the upcoming Jan 12 Eagle Recognition Dinner. Cathy was concerned about whether or not the Council had sent invitations, because one of the Troop 64 Eagles had been singled out for Eagle Project of the Year. Ken replied that he knew that a mailing from Council had gone out and said, "I certainly expect to see his Scoutmaster Sal [Maurice] present at the dinner!"

Commissioner's Report

Barry Goldman announced a Commissioner's training session that will take place on January 21 in Cedar Knolls and promised a "rare" patch to all attendees. Barry was sorry that the date will conflict with both the upcoming District Tiger Tumble and the Wood Badge Critter Breakfast.

Barry said that the main topic of last month's Commissioner's Meeting was how to get all district units to turn in their 2017 rechartering paperwork on time. He recalled that last

year 11 units were "seriously late, and one of them was 5 months late!" Barry asked everyone present to remind any Scoutmasters or Cubmasters they know that all charters will expire on January 31. He said that paperwork must get into the Council office by January 17 (two days grace period due to the King's Birthday weekend) in order to have enough time for the council registrar to get everything done prior to January 31. Barry warned, "Otherwise, the unit will no longer exist as of February 1. If a kid gets hurt during a Cub meeting on February 1 and someone sues, they'll sue you instead of the council. If you own your own house -- you won't own it after that [suit], because the council will not support you." Barry joked, "Just imagine calling the IRS and telling them that you really can't get your taxes done by April 15, but you'll get to them in a few months and don't worry."

About last year's 11 "seriously late" units that Commissioners will concentrate on, Barry said that most of them are in Hudson County, and that he would personally handle the 5-months offender and help him walk through the paperwork.

Program - Bowl-a-Thon (Dec 28)

Mark Wrightington discussed the Bowl-a-Thon that had just taken place along with thoughts about next year's event, with Cathy Sgarella offering many suggestions:

- o Mark was happy with the turnout of about 100 in Montvale (close to last year), 78 in Elmwood Park (a bit less than last year), and 58 in Union city (double from last year). He said that the owner in Union City was "kind of taken aback by the numbers" and will need more advance planning if next year will be equally large.
- o Mark said that Elmwood Park and Union City will likely raise their per-bowler charge, which means that Mark must now rethink how much to charge our district's bowlers. Elmwood Park intends to go from \$8 to \$13, and Union City from \$8 to \$10-\$11.
- o Mark said that Montvale agreed to stick with a \$7 charge per bowler, and Cathy verified that Montvale is very Scout-friendly due to lots of activity from her Troop 64 and from Senior District Exec Joel Lieberman.
- o Mark said that one year in the past he raised the fee from \$15 to \$20, but quickly lowered it again.
- o Mark wondered why the Bowl-a-Thon was currently attracting far fewer Scouts and Cubs than past years. Two of Three Rivers pre-consolidation source districts, Twin Valleys and Tantaqua, each had far better attendance than the current composite Three Rivers. He said, "We should really have 400-500 attendees, rather than just 230."
- o Mark said he was also considering scheduling a Venture Crew lock-in that would start at 11:00 PM and go on all night, with lots of pizza. The crew will have to provide adult supervision to supplement the lane's staff.
- o Continuing with a proposed lock-in, Cathy said that her crew had done it before successfully as a fund-raiser, and even invited non-Scouts from the community to participate. The fee was \$25 for unlimited games, shoes, pizza, and soda. She recalled profits of \$600-\$700 with attendance of 50 people.

- o Cathy proposed charging a similar \$25 fee, but offering to refund a portion of the profits back to participating units as their own fund-raiser. Cathy then offered to sit in on Mark's committee to help with the planning and also volunteered to be the lock-in chaperone.
- o Mark said that some similar fund-raising experiments had been tried in the past, such as charging the usual \$15, but offering troops a chance to sign up a corporate "lane sponsor" and to keep any profit after paying for lane fees. A second experiment was to replace the \$15 fee with people making pledges of varying amounts, again with some of the net profits going back to the unit.
- o Cathy was certain that 30 Venturers from her crew would sign up, and even more would come if the event were open to the community. She added, "You've got to get the moms involved."
- o Mark said that he sometimes gets pushback from parents complaining about the \$15 fee, since they can simply go to the lanes themselves for that amount. But he informs them that they should think of the fee in terms of a fund-raiser, but added, "That's why I'm reluctant to raise it too high." Cathy corrected him, saying that a lone bowler would actually pay \$21-\$22 per person just to use the lanes.
- o Mark reviewed the past Bowl-a-Thon and how each venue worked differently. Montvale gave Scouts a 2-hour window to bowl plus shoes. Elmwood Park "had the best deal" that started with 2 hours plus pizza and soda, and then extended the time by an hour. Bowl Rite in Union City was also 2 hours plus pizza and soda. Cathy said not to depend on a time extension, especially on a weekend or an event close to the time that a league would come to bowl.
- o Mark explained how December 28 was chosen. It's during the holiday break when most kids are home from school ("and moms are happy to get the kids out of the house"). It's also halfway between Christmas and New Years. Thus December 28 is the date of choice as long as it falls in the middle of the week.
- o Ken recalled that the council staff will shortly go on a retreat to work out the 2017-18 calendar, and asked Oliris and Kate to ensure that our District Bowl-a-Thon appears on Thursday December 28, 2017. Later on Mark and Cathy will decide if they want to schedule a lock-in to start later that same evening.

Program - Upcoming Klondike Derby (Feb 4)

Rich Habick discussed the upcoming Klondike Derby, with Cathy Sgarella offering many suggestions. The event will take place at Alpine Scout Camp on Route 9W, owned by the Greater NY Councils (GNYC).

- o **Communications:** A problem! Volunteers are not responding to Rich's calls and e-mails and are not attending his planning meetings. Only Ken, Lee Wallin, and Gerry Beatty have attended.
- o **Opening at Shelter Building:** Rich has Mayors for 5 stations, but his Mayor for Shelter Building had to decline. Cathy volunteered one of the Troop 64 adults who is planning to attend anyway. Later in the meeting, Rich added Team Building as a second station to be finalized.

- o **Postings:** Rich said that the event flyer was posted and Kate verified that the Leaders Guide had also been posted. Rich said that the Leaders Guide contained the best information he had at the time, possibly omitting information that might have come from non-responsive Mayors. He was pretty sure that the given equipment list will suffice for both Team Building and Shelter Building.
- o **Missed opportunity:** Rich complained that he attended the last District Roundtable intending to publicize the Klondike, but never had an opportunity to speak. Barry promised Rich a time slot at the January Roundtable provided he showed-up early.
- o **Hot lunches:** Rich was insistent that troops provide a hot lunch for their Scouts, saying that a cold lunch will slow a boy down and cause him to lose focus.
- o **8 Scouts per sled:** Cathy was concerned about the limit of 8 Scouts per sled, certain that the limit in the past was 10. She said that more than 16 boys from Troop 64 will attend, but the troop only has two sleds. Ed Quinn solved the problem by offering her the Troop 114 sled, not being used this year. *[Editor's note: Cathy was correct. The 2016 Leader's Guide specified a minimum of 4, maximum of 10, and 6 as "most effective."]*
- o **The per-sled charge:** Cathy questioned why Rich was charging troops for each sled entered. He responded by listing all the places where he had been hit by price increases, such as patches, trophies, signage, and this year's fee at Alpine.
- o **Council guidelines:** Ken took the opportunity to talk about how the Council directs the districts to never lose money with an event. As a result, we have to add some kind of "fudge factor" in case turnout is unexpectedly low. Ken also pointed out that past Klondikes took place at Bergen County's Campgaw Mountain Reservation, which was free but now charges. The move to Alpine Scout Camp was made because that camp is cheaper than Campgaw.
- o **More about previously free Campgaw:** Mark said that a new County Exec decided, "Nothing will be free -- we'll evaluate it later." Ken related how he met with Bergen County Freeholders twice, but they would not make any exceptions for any group.
- o **This year's date change:** Ed Quinn said that his troop planned to attend the Klondike when it was scheduled for January 28, but ran into a calendar conflict when the date was postponed to February 4. Rich explained that in July he and one of our DEs had worked out a firm January 28 date with Camp Ranger Tom Hamer, only to have it overridden later by Hedy DeBonet at the GNYC camping department. He will ensure that the 2018 Klondike will not suffer the same date change. Mark warned that GNYC will always give preference to their own districts over ours, and that they might have second thoughts about letting two or more Klondikes go on at the same time.
- o **Extra staffing by adult volunteers (1):** Rich said that each Troop is required to provide an adult volunteer to handle things like registration, parking, etc. Kate said she will provide Rich with the name and number of each "contact leader," entered as part of the online registration process. Cathy immediately volunteered to man the registration desk by the parking lot. Mark suggested that Rich contact Warren Dressler and ask for help from Order of the Arrow members.

- o **Extra staffing by adult volunteers (2):** Mark said that each year he typically names himself as an adult volunteer, but has never been asked to do anything. Instead of waiting for adults to arrive at the event, he proposed that Rich should contact adults in advance, assign each a task, and ask them to arrive 30 minutes early. Ken agreed that was a very good idea. Cathy volunteered to handle that communication.
- o **Extra staffing by adult volunteers (3):** Rich said that station Mayors are expected to contact their staff and get back to Rich if they need additional help. Rich will then draw on his list of adult volunteers to fill in.
- o **Extra staffing by adult volunteers (4):** Rich will also need adult volunteers to man the two "overflow" stations (see below).
- o **Two stations at a time:** Rich liked a procedure implemented a couple of years ago, where the Patrol Leader is instructed to go to one station, then another, then have the whole sled team return back to headquarters to find out what the next two will be. He said that it prevents jam-ups, gives the Scouts a chance to warm up, and gives the EMS staff a chance to verify that the patrol is okay.
- o **Two extra overflow stations:** Rich will create two extra stations where Scouts can be sent in case of a jam-up elsewhere: Ax Throwing and Stringing a Clothesline. The latter needs an adult volunteer to run it now that the original volunteer had to drop out. The clothesline is a Cub-level event that requires tying three knots; Rich rejected Norman's suggestion to increase to five to make it more of a challenge.
- o **A second warming hut:** Rich is hoping to get use of the camp's Pavilion to use as a second warming hut at the far end of the Klondike's stations.
- o **Other concerns:** Rich delegated creation of topographical maps, and said that Lee Wallin will fill in as the EMT. Ken was surprised about Lee, since his wedding anniversary was expected to conflict. To show our appreciation for his attending, Rich plans to give Lee and his wife a restaurant gift card. Everyone agreed.
- o **Road Signs:** Rich will arrange for trophies and to have road signs printed at Staples, discounted thanks to a former Scout who works there. The signs will be needed because Rich intends to have stations spread out, and he will go to the camp a day prior to post as many signs as he can. Mark said that Ron Geschwinder has fancy wooden signs that each Mayor can post on a tree.
- o **Food:** Rich will buy food on the day prior (hot dogs, soup, cocoa). Rich said that Chuck Mason had agreed to cook, and that he expected Leslie Sonkin to assist.
- o **Confusion with "Alpine":** Rich is hoping to avoid confusion resulting from our event taking place at "Alpine Scout Camp," versus nearby "Camp Alpine." The flyer specifies that Alpine Scout Camp is owned by the Greater New York Councils, and that its street address is 441 Route 9W. Barry Goldman recalled that several attendees at the Council's October 2014 ScoutFest ran into that same confusion.

Program - Upcoming Tiger Tumble (Jan 21)

Mark made the following points about the upcoming Tiger Tumble:

- o Mark was surprised that there were so few signups at this point as compared with previous years. He said that Kate will adjust online registration to give a few extra days for early-bird registrations along with a broadcast reminder.
- o All arrangements have been made to use the Palisades Park High School gym.
- o Mark will shortly ask for adult staffers to confirm, but he was confident that the "same cast of characters" will be there.
- o The events will be the same as in prior years.
- o Mark received a call from a parent worried about food allergies, and another call asking if Cubs will actually do gymnast tumbling.
- o Norman reminded Mark that a new Scouter had volunteered during the November Fireside Chat to attend and bring his indoor archery range. Mark said that he didn't have a name or contact information, but said that the Scouter promised to contact Mark, which so far has not happened. Barry said he will contact all the Chat attendees in order to find out who it was. Ken suggested wording, "We're interested in continuing the conversation..." [*Editor's note: The Scouter turned out to be Steve Fox of Weehawken Pack 223. His setup turned out to be very popular.*]
- o Ed Quinn questioned having archery at all, and told of a near-miss at an Arrow of Light ceremony he attended, where a ricochet came very close to hitting someone's arm. Mark assured Ed that the arrows he uses are simply small 18" dowels with rubber tips.
- o Asked by Ken what was being planned for in the way of camp promotions, Mark said that he will contact Barry Messner to verify that he will show videos. He also expects other Scouters to come and promote, such as Eric Makar and Henry Hahn. Ken added Jay Hansen.
- o Oliris said she will bring lots of the new camp flyers. Barry proposed handing them to people at the door as they leave.

District Scouters - Youth Protection Certification

Ken said that he had just received a list of everyone connected with the Three Rivers District in some way, including merit badge counselors. A fair number of people had either never taken Youth Protection Training (YPT) or were due for renewal. Ken said, "No one in this room is affected, but some are very close to expiration."

Barry urged everyone to carry a YPT card with him, saying, "Think of this as your Scout driver's license. It's like a Scout who should carry his Totin' Chip card." Mark was skeptical and doubted that any adult had ever been at any event where he had to produce a card.

Upcoming State Police Camporee (May 19-21)

Although the State Police Camporee is run by the Jersey Shore Council, Mark explained that our Northern NJ Council has a sub-camp, and that we will be responsible for running one of the event areas, such as Shelter Building. Mark said that registration has been open for some time. Ken said that he will add the topic to next month's agenda.

Barry said that District Director Steve Leonardi is the NNJC liaison, but Cathy offered to contact her cousin who is one of the event organizers, in case a question arises that Steve can't answer. For example, Dave Tarantino asked if there will be a separate sub-camp for Sea Scouts and Venturing, to which Cathy offered to pursue if Steve did not know.

Caution! District Camporee Scheduling and Finances

Ken said that he had received guidance from the Council Executive Board about district camporees in 2017 and 2018. As for 2018: None! There will be some kind of council-wide event, such as a ScoutFest, and they don't want any competition from the three districts.

As for 2017, the council insisted on caution; that is, a district may go ahead and schedule a fall camporee, but low turnout and a financial loss is a strong possibility. This prediction was made based on 2017 being a Jamboree year, plus the council has a 2017 Philmont contingent, plus looking at the low turnout for traditional Scout summer camps in 2016. The assumption is that families simply may not have the financial resources needed to attend a fall camporee in 2017 given everything else already planned.

In addition to the caution, Ken related another requirement: The district should have all its fall camporee planning firmly in place by April. He said, "By then we'll need a site and a budget -- it's their way of saying that we really need to be careful. It's not a 'No,' at least not yet." On the other hand, later in the meeting, Ken pointed out that a Three Rivers fall camporee that actually made money would be looked on quite favorably.

Finances and Summer Camp Attendance in 2017

As a follow up to the above camporee discussion, Ken said that the council summarized by urging all three districts, "You've got to be fiscally prudent!" Ken predicted that districts will be especially told to work on promoting summer camp and Floodwood attendance. He said, "It's always been the case that summer camp attendance goes down in a Jamboree year. It's never not happened. We've got to get back to good numbers, especially at No-Be." Paul Adams pointed out that No-Be's 90th Anniversary celebration may help raise the numbers. Cathy thought that people being laid off from their jobs was a large contributing factor.

Ken was also unhappy with our popcorn sales, in which our large and high-income district was outperformed by two smaller districts. Luckily our FOS performance this year was very good thanks in large part to efforts by Paul Adams on Community FOS.

Mark and Ken both had some ideas for increasing camp attendance by way of financial incentives, which Mark called, "Making a little less per Scout but making up for it with volume." Cathy was convinced that units could make far better use of the Trail's End online sales system if they were briefed better. They could then use that money to subsidize camp fees.

Finance Committee Report - Training for FOS Presenters

Paul Adams said that he attended a session for Family Friends of Scouting (FOS) presenters where a new video was shown, and said, "It wasn't received too well. We thought last year's was better." He guessed that it will go back for a revision. Also present was Jeff DeVries, who did a sample presentation. Paul said, "He's like the grandfather of FOS presentations." A bit of advice was to reach out later to parents who were not present at the presentation, either by the Scoutmaster, or possibly by the District Finance Committee. Pledge cards and other handouts should be given to parents by the cutest Cub in the room. Several people at Paul's session remarked at low donations given in high income areas with "6-figure cars in the parking lot."

Later in the meeting Paul asked for more volunteer presenters, saying, "Everyone on the District Committee should make at least one presentation." Ken said, "A general appeal won't work. You'll have to start button-holing people if you want that to happen."

Finance Committee Report - Community and Leadership FOS

Paul said that he heard that new Scout Exec Rebecca Fields "has a good specialty in working with Community FOS," and so he is looking forward to working with her. He said that this year the council had reached 93% of its target, with our district reaching 96%. Paul is still pursuing a possible grant from Valley National Bank where he met yet another former Scout who appears ready to assist.

Ken thanked Paul and praised the work he did. Paul in turn praised Bob Lilley for his success in 2016 with Leadership FOS, reaching 105% of the target. Bob said that the target for 2017 was upped to \$17,500. So far about two thirds of the district members have responded for a total of \$10,765.

Finance Committee Report - Council Fund-Raiser Dinner (Apr 27)

In response to a question, Ken told Paul that he was "almost certain" that the keynote speaker at the upcoming "Prepared for Life" fund-raiser dinner will be Victor Cruz, a star wide receiver for the NY Giants football team.

Rechartering the District for 2017

Bob Lilley reviewed his district roster to ensure that people from 2016 were correctly renewed, either with the district or with their home units. Still to verify are the Unit Commissioners.

Upcoming District Election and Two New Members-at-Large (Feb 2)

Tony and Cathy Sgarella asked Bob to add them as Members-at-Large. He explained for their benefit that the election during next month's Annual Meeting will vote on a District Chair presented by the Nominating Committee, and also a slate of Members-at-Large, which Bob is currently compiling. The final vote will be for the District Commissioner, which Bob described as a "recommendation" that will have to be approved by the Council Executive Board. Bob then asked Tony and Cathy to review the list of district operating committees and to select one or more to volunteer to serve on.

Upcoming Order of the Arrow Trade-o-Ree (Mar 18)

Ed Quinn encouraged everyone to attend the OA Trade-o-Ree, which is a source of funds for the council's campership program, sometimes raising as much as \$5,000. Ed said that organizer John Cebak had recently died, and so he was not sure about the Trade-o-Ree's current status.

Upcoming Scouter of the Year Dinner (Apr 1)

Ed Quinn said he had changed the date of the dinner to April 1. The Boy Scout honoree will be Dr. Phil Mollica, and the Girl Scout honoree will be Martha DeYoung.

A New Version of the Council's Printed Calendar for 2016-17 plus 2018

Ken said that the council's printed calendar booklet for 2016-17, distributed last summer, contained enough errors and changes to warrant republication. These points were made:

- o The council decided to do calendar planning all the way through 2018, and so each district will have to do likewise.
- o Events include training sessions, and so Joel Lieberman had to miss tonight's meeting in order to work with the Council Training Committee as it prepares its calendar.
- o We will start by concentrating on events through December 2017 and ensuring that they are all absolutely correct. This must be done in time for the republication, and Ken set our deadline for the end of February.
- o Bill Metts will be our single point of contact working with Joel. More precisely, there should not be anyone "walking into the council office or e-mailing someone there" with extra information. The council thinks that such occurrences in the past contributed to the errors found in the current booklet.
- o As an aside, Mark said that he was the single point of contact for the current booklet. Ken agreed and guessed that the other two districts may have been less precise than we were.
- o Mark said he had several concerns, especially about camporees, but first Ken reminded him that 2018 will not be a problem, since the council reserved all of 2018 for its own camporee.
- o Mark continued by saying that booking Scout campsites far in advance can't be done, because the owning councils don't accept reservations far in advance. As a result, he will simply have to make a best guess about date and location with the understanding that it may have to change later.

- o Ken agreed with Mark and said that he will have the same problem with scheduling Scoutmaster training sessions far in advance.
- o Bill pointed out that "the council has the final say." Thus we might specify an event with a given date and location, only to have the council tell us that they need that date or that location for their own event.
- o Mark had one more concern, selecting the District Gold Rush as an example. Such an event will be turned over to a (yet unknown) volunteer organizer, but that organizer will surely want a say in when it will happen. Ken agreed, calling it "a practical reality."

Activities - Window Display Competition (Feb 5-11)

Bob Lilley said that Unit Commissioners were talking up the window display competition to their units. The window should promote the unit and definitely have a poster with contact information that a passer-by can use. Troops typically display camping and trophies, and packs typically display Pinewood Derby cars. He said, "My recommendation is to find a storefront that's empty and make a deal with a landlord or agent, put the display in during Scout Week, and leave it until they rent the store." Bob had one story about a storefront that kept a display going for 14 months until it was rented.

In response to Cathy's question, the best is to e-mail a photo to Bob during Scout Week, since his committee will judge the winner during the next week and will present gift card prizes at the February Roundtable.

Activities - Upcoming Council-wide Scouting for Food (March 2017)

Ken apologized to Mark for not yet contacting Lisa Dell Antonia about Scouting for Food, but will do so later tonight and will tell her that the district is still interested in participating. *[Editor's note: March 11 was later confirmed as the day for the Council-wide Scouting for Food drive.]*

Activities - Upcoming District Pinewood Derby (Apr 1)

Mark said, "The Pinewood will soon be upon us." Ken said that he asked Leslie Sonkin to attend next month's District Committee meeting and give a report.

Advancement - "Trail to Eagle" Session (Feb 7)

Anthony Catalano said that his committee is all ready to give a "Trail to Eagle" briefing at the February Roundtable.

Merit Badge Counselors - Time to Renew

Bill Metts reminded everyone that the council's database of merit badge counselors is now set up to drop people off if they do not specifically renew each January. He suggested contacting Kathy Wassel at the council office. Rich Habick said that Kathy will send an e-mail to every name on the database reminding them to renew. Bill proposed that each Scout troop could designate a single person to handle all the troop's renewals. *[Editor's note: Kathy.Wassel@scouting.org or 201-677-1000 x21]*

District Exec's Minute

There were two DEs present tonight. They covered:

- o Kate said that all Scout units must recharter in January. Normally paperwork is due by January 15, but Martin Luther King's birthday delayed that to January 17. This gives Council Registrar Tyrone Manning enough time to process everything prior to each unit's January 31 expiration date.
- o Oliris said that DEs will set up tables at the back of the upcoming Roundtable to let units complete their rechartering. She said, "If you are able to make it on that Tuesday, please do so."
- o Kate said that the Venturing Officers' Association (VOA) will meet at the New Jersey Rock Gym in Fairfield on Jan 31.
- o The final Jamboree promotion and sign-up will be held at the Gravity Vault in Upper Saddle River on Jan 26. There is still room in the provisional troops for last-minute sign-ups .

Closing

Ken thanked everyone for coming and wished them a Happy New Year.

**District Committee Meeting
January 5, 2017
One Bergen County Plaza
Hackensack, NJ,**

Attendance

Paul Adams
Barbara Bruno
Anthony Catalano
Rich Curran
Ken Dutcher
Barry Goldman
Rich Habick
Norman Kasser
Bob Lilley
Katelyn Merritt
Bill Metts
Dennis Ng
Ed Quinn
Oliris Ramos
Cathy Sgarella
Tony Sgarella
Dave Tarantino
Marc Tarantino
Mark Wrightington



AGENDA
FOR THE
DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE
THREE RIVERS DISTRICT
JANUARY 5, 2017

1. Call to Order of the Committee Meeting made by Ken Dutcher (7:30pm).
2. Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath, Scout Law – Norman Kasser (7:30 – 7:35pm).
3. Welcome/Opening Remarks – Ken Dutcher (7:35 – 7:40pm).

as in the past, all Operating Committee heads are requested to solicit input from their members for our monthly meetings. Please pass that input along to Ken so it can be included on the Agenda for the month's meeting.

the agenda is drafted *the Sunday before our Thursday meeting.*

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

4. Issues/Matters deserving of the District Committee's Attention – Ken will ask each Attendee to share their list of **What is "Top of Mind"?** (7:40 – 7:50pm).
 - (i) this is also the time for Attendees to suggest topics/matters to be included on the Agenda for our **February** District Committee meeting
5. Report by District Commissioner regarding the last Commissioner's meeting
 - (i) and a reminder about Commissioner Training later this month – Barry Goldman (7:50 – 7:55pm).
6. Report on the Success of the Bowl-A-Thon – Mark Wrightington (7:55 – 8:00pm).
7. Status Report regarding Preparations for the Klondike on February 4: Is the Leader's Guide available on-line? What Still Needs to be Done in order for the event to be a Success? What Are the Open Issues that Need to be Resolved? Are EMS/EMT personnel confirmed? Is a Camp Promotion planned? – Rich Habick (8:00 – 8:10pm).
8. Mark Wrightington to provide a similar Status Report for the Tiger Tumble on January 21 (has Matt Dalzell agreed to set-up a Camp Promotion video?) (8:10 – 8:15pm).

9. Update regarding registered scouters whose YPT is missing or has expired (**refer to attached list**) – Joel Lieberman & Ken Dutcher (8:15 – 8:20pm).
10. Update regarding the State Police Camporee May 19 -21 – Mark Wrightington (8:20 – 8:30pm).
 - (i) **how best to communicate that the early bird pricing ends this month?**
 - (ii) this probably will serve as our District Camporee in 2017

<https://www.jerseyshorescouts.org/njspngcamporee>

and

<http://www.gardenstatescouting.org/news/new-jersey-state-police-national-guard-camporee-2017>
11. Rechartering the District Committee **by the January 12th Roundtable** – Bob Lilley (8:30 – 8:35pm).

There will now be a 10-minute break to allow Bob Lilley to update his registration paperwork and take payments from those rechartering; and to collect 2017 FOS pledges from the District Leadership. This is the last opportunity to register with the District Committee.

During this brief break, anyone interested in joining an Operating Committee should speak with that committee's Chairperson (their names are listed in #12 immediately below).

12. ***Action Plans and Other Updates*** from the Head of each Operating Committee or Activity Chairperson (8:45 – 9:00pm).
 - (i) Scout Week in February/Window Display Contest – Mark Wrightington & Bob Lilley
 - (ii) Camp Promotion/Outdoors – Jay Hansen & George Christman; or Barry Messner
 - (iii) Finance/ Community FOS – Paul Adams
 - (iv) Family FOS – Sal Bellomo & Paul Adams
 - (v) Training – Sal Bellomo
 - (vi) Activities & Civic Service ***including Scouting for Food in March*** – Mark Wrightington
 - (vii) Advancement & Recognition – Ed Ference & Rich Curran
 - (viii) Nominating Committee – Bob Lilley
 - (vii) Membership Committee – Biff Van Kleef
13. the NNJC Planning Conference is later this month, we need to develop and provide a calendar of activities and events out to December 2018. **Route all info to Bill Metts who will coordinate with Joel Lieberman** – Mark Wrightington & Bill Metts (9:00 – 9:10pm).
 - (i) **changes and corrections to the current calendar, and**
 - (ii) **all new information to be included on the updated calendar**

14. Commissioner's Minute – Barry Goldman (9:10 – 9:11pm).
15. Other Urgent Matters as necessary or advisable, including the **deadline by which Units are to recharter – Joel Lieberman** (9:11 – 9:15pm).
16. Recap of Action Plans/ Assignments & Next Steps coming out of tonight's meeting – Norman Kasser & Barry Goldman (9:15 – 9:20pm).
17. The District Executive's Minute – Joel Lieberman (9:20 – 9:21pm).
18. Closing Remarks/ Adjournment – Ken Dutcher (9:21 – 9:25pm).

A PEAK AHEAD TO OUR FEBRUARY MEETING:

- 2016 Accomplishments by the TRD: each Operating Committee head will review the year just past
- Journey to Excellence in 2017
- our District's Annual Meeting & Elections
- plans for our District's annual Service to Scouting Award
- our District's pinewood derby (on April 1st)
- and more.....!