

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING TELECONFERENCE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2011

Executive Board Attendance:

Quincy, Illinois
Donna Andrews
Bill Daniels
Lonnie Dunn
Brett Gorman
Dennis Gorman
Joe Henning
Jeff Kennedy
Ben Kuhn
Jack Sharkey

Burlington, Iowa
Richard Buller
Donna Buss
Todd Chelf
Pat Jackson
Ron Teater
Carolyn Weyer
Stephen Weyer
Dennis Wilson
Rod Wittkamp

West Point, Iowa
Lonnie Kinkeade
John McKillip
Steve Morey

Others in Attendance:

Fred Cory	Luke Hansen
Gary Mertz	Scott Thiessen
Rosanna Voss	Jim Thompson

The meeting was opened by Council President John McKillip with a roll call from each site. A quorum was declared.

Action Items:

- ◆ MOTION (by Pat Jackson, second by Carolyn Weyer) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 18, 2011 EXECUTIVE BOARD. Motion carried.
- ◆ MOTION (by Ron Teater, second by Rick Buller) TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 15, 2011 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. Motion carried.
- ◆ MOTION (by Dennis Gorman, second by Lonnie Kinkeade) TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. Motion carried.
- ◆ MOTION (by Bill Daniels, second by Lonnie Dunn) TO ACCEPT THE AUDIT LETTER OF AGREEMENT. Motion carried.
- ◆ MOTION (by Dennis Gorman, second by Donna Andrews) TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS UPTO \$30,000 TO CAPITAL FUND ACCOUNT NUMBER 2-3901-000-00 IF THE COUNCIL ENDS THE YEAR WITH A STRONG POSITIVE BOTTOM LINE. Motion carried.
- ◆ MOTION (by Bill Daniels, second by Todd Chelf) TO APPROVE UNITED WAY AGREEMENTS FOR BOTH BURLINGTON/WEST BURLINGTON AND ADAMS COUNTY. Motion carried.
- ◆ MOTION (by Bill Daniels, second by Joe Henning) TO APPROVE THE 2012 BUDGET AS PROPOSED. Motion carried.
- ◆ MOTION (by Steve Weyer, second by Rod Wittkamp) TO APPROVE ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE (ATV) AND PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (PWC) PROGRAMS TO BE USED AT MISSISSIPPI VALLEY COUNCIL CAMPS. Motion carried.

Report Items:

- ◆ Black Hawk Lodge: (Ben Kuhn) Ben introduced himself. He is registered with Troop 59 in Payson, IL. He held the Senior Patrol Leader position at both World Jamboree in Sweden and National Jamboree. He has also attended NLS and two National OA Conferences (NOAC). The OA Winter Banquet was held on December 10, 2011 where they made approximately \$800.00 in the silent auction.
- ◆ Commissioner Report: (Donna Buss) Donna reported over 90% of the units have rechartered. John McKillip reported we are still in Gold Level on Journey to Excellence. All indicators are very good. Key 3 commitment was to achieve at least Silver Level.
- ◆ Nominating Report: (Pat Jackson) The committee has met several times. The list is still subject to change and will be voted on at the annual meeting.
- ◆ Friends of Scouting: (Brett Gorman) The Council is \$30,000 behind goal, but ahead of last year by \$10,000. Each District is behind. The 2012 Campaign Kick-off was held in Keokuk on Thursday. Trying to get on-track. The FOS Breakfast hosted by Jeff Spear was a success. There is another FOS Breakfast scheduled for March in Shoquoquon District with the same speaker, 1985 Chicago Bears Mark Bortz. Brett then asked all Board Members for their 2012 pledge. In the past, Board Members have been asked to give \$500. Last year, they were asked to give at the Guardian Level (\$1,000), if able. This year, we ask the same, or at least increase if they are able.
- ◆ Administration: (Joe Henning) Joe reported on a Scout Shop survey that was conducted in both Council Scout Shops by analyzing sales in August, September and October. Findings held true at both locations that 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. time frame is not used much. Recommend to the Board that hours be shifted from 9:00 – 5:00 to 11:00 – 7:00. John McKillip and Bill Daniels stated this is more of a management decision.
- ◆ Program: (Kevin Mineart) All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and Personal Watercraft (PWC) programs need approval by the Executive Board. Preliminary plans are in place to use PWC for Extreme Scouts at Summer Camp. There will be an extra cost for Scouts to use this program.
- ◆ District Chair Reports:
 - Eagle Ridge: (Lonnie Dunn) Already have chairs for 2012 FOS. District Committee co-chairs and largest District Committee. Dinner will be held on January 12, 2012 at Madison Park Christian Church. Polar Bear plans are going well. More emphasis on Family FOS in 2012.
 - Shoquoquon: (Todd Chelf) Excited about next year. Carol Hinkle will be District Commissioner and Reed Hutchcraft will be Finance Chair. Membership is over last year. Close to reaching higher this year. FOS is knocking on 90% door. Looking forward to next year.
- ◆ Scout Executive Report: (Gary Mertz) Shoquoquon District is Gold JTE and has 5% growth in 2011 membership. Eagle Ridge District is Silver JTE and has 1.2% growth in 2011 membership. Council surpassed 2010 membership. We have balanced growth by +3 over last year. We had a great year. This comes from not only the professionals, but also John McKillip, Donna Buss and the Executive Board. Gary thanked everyone. Forest Management is moving forward. Gary thanked Rod Wittkamp, Jack Freiburg and Bob Dickson. We are on track. The forester is sending out bids this week for Camp Eastman. A lot happened in 2011. New challenges in 2012 include a capital campaign kick-off. We

will be looking to the expertise of the Executive Board. Gary thanked everyone for their support.

- ◆ Council President’s Report: (John McKillip) In 2011, we adopted the Strategic Plan. We have hit several goals, others were close, and still others were missed. Talked about how to implement 2012 plans. Journey to Excellence is Gold Level. The 2012 JTE has an additional voluntary category – “Voice of the Scout” – our Council has committed to it. Emails will be sent twice a year asking for feedback from both parents and volunteers. We will expand on the 2011 Board Self-Assessment and Board Training. John’s goal is to take the “I don’t know” answers and evaluate them. We will hold a four-hour Board Retreat with the thought to hold it on the same day as we have the summer Board Meeting, scheduled for July 17, 2012 at Camp Eastman. It will be in the afternoon before the Board Meeting. He hopes to have an “in-service” on Dutch Oven Cooking (for supper for the Executive Board). Shoquoquon and Eagle Ridge Dinners are coming up. Encouraged Executive Board members to attend either or both. Annual Meeting/Dinner will be at the Comfort Inn located in Fort Madison on February 11, 2012. John thanked everyone for all they have done for the youth of our Council. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Gary S. Mertz

/s/ John McKillip

Gary S. Mertz
Scout Executive

Attest: _____
John McKillip, Council President

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