

MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
JULY 15, 2014  
CAMP EASTMAN – EASTMAN LODGE

Executive Board Attendance

Brent Babyak	Sarah Fernandez	Bill Paxton
Charlie Bach	Cecil Haskins	Jim Sholl
Donna Buss	Mike Hausch	Rev. Mark Spring
Bill Daniels	Greg Humphrey	Ron Teater
Bob Dickson	John McKillip	Jeff Terry
Will Duryea	Jon Manley	Carolyn Weyer
Bill Ell	Kevin Mineart	Stephen Weyer

Other Attendance

Bill Dorrell	Bob Kauffman	Bruce Moechnig
Dallas Howard	David Lane	Rosanna Voss
	Gary Mertz	

Board Members were invited to eat dinner in the dining hall with Scouts and Scouters. Board Members then moved to Eastman Lodge for the Executive Board Meeting. Council President Bob Dickson called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Quorum was established.

Action Items:

- ◆ MOTION (by Bill Daniels, seconded by Steve Weyer) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 15, 2014 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AS WRITTEN. Motion carried.
- ◆ MOTION (by Bill Daniels, seconded by Kevin Mineart) TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 10, 2014 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AS WRITTEN. Motion carried.
- ◆ MOTION (by John McKillip, seconded by Rev. Mark Spring) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 17, 2014 SPECIAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AS WRITTEN. Motion carried.
- ◆ MOTION (by Kevin Mineart, seconded by Bill Ell) TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. Motion carried.

Report Items:

- ◆ Bob Dickson welcomed everyone and stated there was a great turn out. Bob asked everyone to introduce ourselves since there were several new faces.
- ◆ Gary introduced three Professionals in attendance: Dallas Howard, River Valley District Executive and Business Manager for Summer Camp; Bob Kauffman, new today as Shoquoquon District Executive and has worked summer camp staff the last three years; and, David Lane, just promoted to Program Director, will work with Bob Kauffman.
- ◆ David Lane welcomed everyone to the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Boy Scout Summer Camp. Attendance has been 300 at SSR 1 & 2, 150 at CE 1, 140 at CE2, and anticipate 130 at CE 3. David mentioned some of the programs at this year's summer camp are the new STEM Center which includes robotics, etc., and ATV's for the second year. If anyone has any questions, they should ask David.

- ◆ Bob Kauffman stated he is a recent graduate of the University of Illinois with a major in Communications. Today is his first official day.
- ◆ Dallas Howard started in December as the River Valley District Executive. He is a graduate of Purdue University, and he is trying to rebuild his District Committee.
- ◆ Bob Dickson introduced Cecil Haskins as the new Council Commissioner
- ◆ Treasurer's Report (Bill Daniels): Statement of Operations/Income Statement: Net FOS is still trailing budget by about \$34,000. United Ways are above budget. Net Sale of Supplies deals with Scout Shops. They are even with the budget, down from last year due to Jamboree. Net Product Sales – Camp Cards/Popcorn are doing well. Camp Cards about \$65,000 up from last year. On track with Investment Income. Camp Revenue – some expenses haven't occurred yet. Activities are a little behind in a couple categories. Expense Side: Salaries and Benefits – one of the biggest categories for the Council. Salaries a little below budget. Accounting Services – audit hasn't been billed yet. Occupancy is down. Travel is down. Overall, our expenses are down. \$96,000 positive bottom line; above last year. Statement of Financial Position/Balance Sheet: We have almost \$619,000 in cash. Contributions Receivable – Current is principally due to FOS. Contributions Receivable – Future \$13,585 is Burlington United Way. Liabilities: Custodial Accounts is up. Deferred Camp Revenue due to timing. Deferred Activity Revenue – Jamboree was about \$150,000 last year.
- ◆ Commissioner Report (Cecil Haskins): One thing very noticeable is we do a terrible job of reporting Unit Visits. We are #11 with 141% of data being recorded. Commissioner-to-Unit Ratio was 1.9 last year and is 2.3 this year. There is a light at the end of the tunnel.
- ◆ Strategic Plan (Steve Weyer): Steve Weyer reported the Strategic Plan is the Council's "life blood" and "Our Plan". We need to implement it financially and sound management to our youth.
- ◆ District Chair Reports:
  - Brent Babyak reported for Eagle Ridge District. FOS is behind last year. As of July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Eagle Ridge is at 59% of budget. Need to focus on this area. Lost Community FOS Chair due to spouse's health issues. District Commissioner has resigned due to personal reasons. Visited units during first two weeks at camp and received superb feedback. Coming up: NYLT Extreme! And Council Fall Camporee. Very large Webelos 2 crossing over in January/February. Need to concentrate on getting them into Boy Scouts. Have some reporting disconnects when it comes to trained leaders. Now up to 30%. OLS/OWL/BALOO scheduled at Saukenauk Scout Reservation this fall. Rick Atwood, Assistant District Chairman, added to District Key 4 to transition to District Chair.
  - Mike Hausch reported for River Valley District. Found new District Advancement Chair and trained. Trying to visit all units and Cub and Boy Scout Camps and recording UVTS.
  - Jon Manley reported for Shoquoquon District. Looking forward to bringing Bob Kauffman on board. 766 youth, down 110 from last year; FOS at 68%, struggling on the Community side; first Wine Event was held on May 16<sup>th</sup> in Mount Pleasant, raised about \$3,000. Good time. April 26<sup>th</sup> was the first Merit Badge day at the Burlington Hospital. Very successful. Cubmobile about 60-70 kids participated. Cub Scout advancement is up because numbers are down. Boy Scout advancement is dead even. Service hours are up.
- ◆ Order of the Arrow (Bruce Moechnig): Brotherhood weekend was in May. 21 completed the weekend. Unit elections and callouts have been occurring with 40 callouts at SSR and 21 callouts the first two weeks at Camp Eastman. Steep learning curve.
- ◆ Scout Executive's Report (Gary Mertz): Feasibility study was done a few years ago regarding Capital Campaign. Need to get a committee together to view the Council Service Centers and another to view the Camps; Jack Freiburg has been appointed the chairman for the Camps with

only one meeting so far. Scout Shop and Service Center trying to evaluate. In that process, felt it was important that since Scott Thiessen left, there was some separation with some of the Professionals in Quincy and some in Burlington. Took the opportunity where staff will all report out of Quincy beginning October 1, 2014. David Lane will spend most of his time in Quincy. Bob Kauffman and Dallas Howard will be in Quincy a couple times a week maintaining offices in each of their Districts. In that process, Gary Mertz and Rosanna Voss met with Crystal Kaulbars and Teresa Hardin. Teresa will run the Burlington Scout Shop, Crystal will move to Quincy and run the Shop there. Dona Coultas will still oversee the Scout Shops along with continuing her duties as Fundraising Secretary. Dona will also work with David Lane on Program. Burlington upstairs will be open for meetings, etc. Will need to evaluate how this works as well as the hours in the Burlington Shop.

Ron Teater sees this as a major policy change at how we are looking at the concentration of staff. Donna Buss agreed. Ron feels the Board should pass a resolution. Will Duryea – still public perception having office in Burlington. John McKillip asked what do our by-laws say.

Ron Teater stated this is something to study/discuss at least with the Executive Committee saying this is/is not the direction we want to go. We always had someone second in command in Burlington, whether it was Assistant Scout Executive or Program Director.

Sarah Fernandez stated a lot of organizations are centralizing locations for team-building as well as financial reasons. Need to be flexible with the trends and roll with the flow.

Table to Executive Committee Meeting in September, then full Board in October.

Gary also reported the need for a chapel at Camp Eastman. There is no place whatsoever to hold services. Part of the Scout Oath is “Duty to God”. Currently, services are being held under the Trading Post. Possibly build an A-Frame near Pete’s Pond, similar to the chapel at Saukenauk Scout Reservation for about \$9,000. Some money has been donated over the years. Need to evaluate. Mike Hausch mentioned he has a degree in Mechanical Engineering. It was suggested utilizing Troops to build the pews and to possibly display war shields in the chapel. Father Spring asked what direction should be taken for the chapel and what the timeline is. He would like to be on the committee.

- ◆ Council President’s Report (Bob Dickson): Bob received copies of letters from the Camp Visitation Team Leaders. Camps are in great shape. Passed with flying colors. Bob attended the National Annual Meeting. One of the sessions he attended as Youth Protection. Donna Buss has agreed to work with Bob Dickson to go after the remaining adults to be sure they are Youth Protection trained.

Meeting declared adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary S. Mertz  
Scout Executive

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bob Dickson, Council President