

# **Polaris District Committee Meeting**

## **3 June 2009**

### **Minutes**

#### **1.0 Location**

Meeting was held at the Brenner Group, 19200 Stevens Creek Boulevard, Cupertino.

#### **2.0 Attendees**

In attendance at the meeting were: Mark Ellson, Wendy Glasser, Larry Grace, Dylan Hendrickson, Debbie Jancis, Paul Jancis, Jonathan Leder, Kathi Lucas, Don Pannel, Les Schreiber, Debbie Ward, and Bob Wedig. Chuck Erickson was a guest to make a presentation.

#### **3.0 Discussion**

Meeting was called to order at 8:06 PM by Kathi Lucas.

#### **3.1 Council/District News**

Kathi Lucas led a discussion of promotional material for the district committee suitable for use at the June Roundtable. Chuck Erickson volunteered that he has a large format printer suitable for printing posters and banners. He's willing to help with a limited amount of printing with prior coordination.

Chuck Erickson made a few remarks prior to awarding James E. West Awards to John Lucas and Kathi Lucas. Chuck discussed how the Western Region has been a pioneer in establishing endowments for the councils. The Western Region was the first to crack the \$1B barrier for total endowment across all the councils in the region.

#### **3.2 Finance**

Our FOS campaign has pledges totaling \$137,311 or 76% of our goal. This is below the equivalent point last year. Pledges are going to have to step up significantly in June in order to meet our district goal. A phone-a-thon is planned for 17 June at 6:30 PM to see if we can generate the remaining pledges needed. It was pointed out that this is the same night as Andrew Erickson's Eagle Court of Honor. Due to the number of district committee members that are attending the Eagle Court, the phone-a-thon may move to a different night.

On 19 June, a party is planned for the people that worked on the FoS campaign to celebrate the campaign winding down. Details are available through Dylan or Debbie Jancis.

The kickoff for the Popcorn Campaign is planned for 16 June. This training event is intended for the unit popcorn chairmen. The kickoff is being held at the Villa Ragusa restaurant. Trails End personnel are conducting the kickoff.

### 3.3 Public Relations

Mark Ellson discussed the Polaris Star reminders that he had sent out earlier that day. Inputs for the June Polaris Star are due this weekend. He also mentioned that inputs to the Santa Clarion will be due later this month.

### 3.4 Membership

Dylan reported for Steve Nguyen. School Nights are now scheduled at 35 of the 45 schools at which Polaris District recruits. We are currently at 1964 youth members which is slightly shy of our goal of 2035 youth members. Seven additional applications were submitted to Dylan at the Committee meeting. We are also at 64 units right now versus an end of June goal of 66 units.

### 3.5 Program

**Camping.** Of the three Cub Camps sponsored by Polaris, the two day camps have good enrollment. Enrollment for the twilight camp is still low. We're continuing to recruit Program Directors for the Cub Camps. The expectation is that most of the people that we're recruiting this year will be back to staff Cub camps in 2010.

It was reported that our Camp Hi-Sierra promotion booth at camporee directly contributed to T463 deciding to attend Camp Hi-Sierra this summer.

**Activity.** Jonathan Leder reported that Scout-O-Rama was a big success. Polaris District had a total of 23 booths which is up from last year though short of our goal. Ticket sales were at least \$14,460 which betters our goal of \$14,000.

**Advancement.** Wendy Glasser reported that we have had 14 Eagles completed so far this year. The Eagles are well distributed across the the various troops in the district indicating that all of the units have advancement programs that are working.

**Order of the Arrow.** About 70 candidates completed the Spring Ordeal at Camp Hi-Sierra over the weekend of 29-31 May. This year, advancement to Brotherhood is being offered every week at Camp Hi-Sierra.

**Training.** Don Pannel reported that Spring Wood Badge had completed successfully. Sign-ups are light for the Fall Wood Badge. The group discussed the Chinese-language Outdoor Leadership Skills class that was held 29-31 May. Attendance was high and the participants had a good time.

Upcoming training classes:

- Outdoor Leadership Skills – 5-7 June
- Cubmaster Specifics – 11 July, 29 July
- Scoutmaster Specifics – 12 September, 25-27 September

A Powder Horn course is also coming up this summer on 6-11 July.

### 3.6 Roundtable

We had no report on Cub Scout Roundtable.

Larry Grace reminded the group that the Boy Scout Roundtable for June is the annual outdoor cooking demonstration.

At the July Venturing Roundtable, a guest speaker is going to discuss the special summer camp that is offered for public safety (police and fire) Explorers.

### **3.7 Commissioner**

Les Scriber is sitting in for Bob Wedig at this month's commissioners meeting.

### **3.8 District Executive**

Dylan reminded everyone that the council planning calendar for the next year is planned to be in softcopy only.

Dylan needs volunteers to help with the FoS Phoneathon.

His report ended with a rousing round of "Happy Birthday" and cupcakes for Mark Ellson.

### **3.9 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM. Next meeting is 1 July at 8:00 PM at the Brenner Group.

### **4.0 Agreements and Actions**

Agreements and actions are as documented above.