

Algonquin District Committee Notes
Wednesday, February, 17 2010

In Attendance or supplied report: D. Conniff, S. Pepi, B. Langham, T. Robb, R. Mehlich, M. Mann, MJ Mason, C. Alba, P. Knudsvig, M. Farrell, M. Amico, A. Maher. Notified Absence: L. Mann, Y. Swazy-Lipton, B. Bodine, M. Caughlan, K. Vajda.

1. **2010-2011 Calendar:** (E. Mann/D. Conniff/M. Amico/B. Langham) – **Please provide your input on preliminary conclusions reached during meetings this year. It is important to hear from you!!!**
 - a. Continue District Meetings on the third Wednesday of each month. Reschedule meetings that conflict with school and religious holidays.
 - i. Hold the first meeting on the last Wednesday of August, the 25th.
 - ii. Segment the meeting into two one hour sessions. 7PM to 8PM is devoted to Committee gatherings. 8PM to 9PM is the District Meeting. Only one Committee member need attend the District Meeting as a representative. The rationale is to have a pre-established committee schedule to limit the number of nights out.
 - b. Limit district level activities to support Unit Programs – *need Unit Calendars.*
 - i. Boy Scouts - two or three activities and avoid September and early October due to conflict with Unit startup. Schedule an activity on the same weekend of the month (second or third weekend of Oct/Nov, Jan/Feb, and April/May). **Draft 2010 calendar;** Nov. 6 – (c/b a Trek), Feb. 5 (c/b a snow event/ Klondike), April 30-May 1(c/b a Camping gadgets, pioneering, orienteering event. This appears to be the optional 3rd event.). Council is developing Boy Scout Program supplements/ alternatives.
 - ii. Cub Scout - coordinated with Council's Cub Scout Calendar, include the Thunderbird Games (Fall), the Akela, (Spring) and a Pinewood Derby (Winter. This appears to be the optional 3rd event.) Council plans to offer Cub Scouts Outdoorsman & Ready Man Adventure Day, Basketball Clinics, Baseball Day, Webelos Naturalist Day, Renegades Scout Day, Fishing Workshop, Conservation Day at the Bronx Zoo, Ice Skating Day etc.
 - c. Registration, a nonrefundable deposit, and Unit Leader participation will be required by 2 weeks prior to the activity date. If sufficient unit leader participation in planning and orchestrating the event has not been committed, the event is to be cancelled!
2. **District Elections** (D. Conniff/M. Caughlan) – District Member and Committee recruitment begins this month with elections at the April Committee meeting.
 - a. All registered District at Large and Committee members to be contacted, asked if they will continue to actively serve on a committee which is defined as being engaged in planning, attending committee meetings, assuming responsibility of a deliverable, and participating in events the committee supports. If the volunteer cannot currently serve, he/she will be asked if they wish to put on the inactive list until they can actively serve. Attendance at District meetings is optional. Committee service is critical.
 - b. Unit and Community representation in district leadership is desired. Submit a nominee to D. Conniff from your community for At Large or Leadership consideration.
3. **Quality District** – 2010 District Quality Unit Goals E.Mann/D.Conniff/M.Amico/B.Langham
 - a. District's 2010 Goals (**attached**). Discussed the importance of Unit and youth growth, the need for monetary contributions to support and build program, and the necessity of training so adult leaders can deliver a quality program in a safe fashion.
 - i. 2010 Goals were created to build on actual levels during the past three years.

- ii. Creation of new units makes Scouting available to as many youth who want to be involved. Generally, units have a “manageable mass”. Association with specific institution youth ministry aids growth of youth participating in Scouting.
- iii. The Community Campaign and FOS efforts benefit facilities, programs, and support levels. Ask the charitably inclined to contribute to Scouting.
 - 1. All proceeds for calendar ad placement go to Community Campaign.
- iv. Training is key to leaders’ attitude about their own knowledge level and capability in delivering a fun experience for the youth and themselves. P. Knudsvig has brought training to Unit locations.
 - 1. BSA to mandate a minimum level of training in 2011. See www.myscouting.org for On-Line training.

4. **Committee Reports**

- a. Camping: (M. Mann) - Troop’s have confirmed intention to attend camp with normal levels of scouts except for Units with youth attending the Jamboree. For scouts attending the Jamboree. Read Camp fees are reduced by 50% for these scouts.
 - i. Cub Scout sign up for Council Day Camp remains in progress. If a Pack has not scheduled a visitation they need to contact Dan Conniff or Matt Mann ASAP.
 - b. Bowl O Ree: (M. Amico) –Little interest from Troops. Majority of Packs are attending with greater participation this year. Proceeds support scouts with disabilities. Dens can schedule a date that works for them. Please contact Mike Amico.
 - c. Advancement: (C. Alba) – Will report on the number of Eagle Projects currently under review or in progress. Advancement is youth driven with project management accomplished by the Eagle Candidate to exhibit their personal leadership skills.
 - d. Training: (P. Knudvig) – Cub Leader Specific Position training occurred at St. Augustine Church in Larchmont. Additional training is scheduled at the Rye Nature Center.
 - e. Activities: (M. Amico) – Algonquin/ Four Rivers Klondike was a success.
 - i. The next activity is the Council Camp O Ree. Volunteers are needed to assist.
 - ii. Akela: (P. Knudvig)- Akela Committee to meet on Feb. 22 for ~~xx/xx/xx~~ event.
 - iii. District’s Award BBQ: (M. Amico/E. Mann) Friday June 18th. Registration required by June 11th with payment of \$15 allowing the proper planning of nourishment and facility set up. Late registration would inhibit purchase and preparation.
 - f. FOS and Community Campaign: (E. Mann) – Need Units to contact Dan Conniff or Ed Mann to schedule a presentation.
 - g. District Award of Merit: (E. Mann/MJ Mason)- Nominations due by April 30. Selection to occur in early May. MJ Mason, T. Robb, T. White, M. Mann, & J. Graham.
 - i. Forward to the Algonquin District Award of Merit Committee care of Council.
5. **Commissioner Report:** (B. Langham/D. Conniff) – Charters have been issued to Units. Payment, registered leader forms, etc. issues are being cleared. Units not rechartered by February 28th cease to have BSA Insurance, and youth advancement.
 - a. Unit Commissioners, as Unit Key Three in a Scout Unit (**attached**), are needed.
6. **Other Announcement/ Business:** Annual Silver Beaver Dinner - May 10th. Speaker Robert Mazzuca, Chief Scout Executive;_Council Executive Fireside chat - March 1 Roundtable; FOS phone o thon - Feb. 25; Community Event Planning - March 30;_Tentative Pinewood Derby runoff - April 23rd; Boy Scouts of America on Jeopardy - February 25th; No August Extravaganza.