

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2012
KEOKUK COUNTRY CLUB

Executive Board Attendance

Donna Andrews	Bill Ell	John McKillip
Charlie Bach	Dennis Gorman	Kevin Mineart
Donna Buss	Mike Hausch	Steve Morey
Janet Cameron	Joe Henning	Ron Teater
Todd Chelf	Greg Humphrey	Carolyn Weyer
Bill Daniels	Reed Hutchcraft	Stephen Weyer
Bob Dickson	Pat Jackson	Dennis Wilson
Lonnie Dunn	Jeff Kennedy	Rod Wittkamp

Other Attendance

Mike Bernhardt	Gary Mertz	Scott Teater
Austin Cloke	Ed Mitchell	Scott Thiessen
Brent Costigan	Chuck Porter	Fran Thompson
Tony Costigan	Matt Smith	Jim Thompson
Bill Dorrell	Nick Smith	Rosanna Voss
Jack Freiburg	Rev. Mark Spring	Charlie Walsh
Shelly Hudnut	Brett Stewart	
Mike McCarthy	Dennis Stewart	

John McKillip opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Father Spring was asked to lead an invocation. A quorum was present. John introduced our new Area 3 Director, Mike McCarthy. John called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Action Items:

- ◆ MOTION (by Kevin Mineart, seconded by Donna Andrews) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 17, 2012 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING. Motion carried. Bill Daniels made one correction: The Audit motion should have been accepted not approved.
- ◆ MOTION (by Janet Cameron, seconded by Greg Humphrey) TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF APPOINTING TABATHA CASSIDAY AS RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER. Motion carried.
- ◆ MOTION (by Dennis Wilson, seconded by Rod Wittkamp) TO TABLE THE DECISION ON A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AS PRESENTED BY HARTSOOK FOR SIX (6) MONTHS AND TO APPOINT A TASK FORCE TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF OUR CAMP PROPERTIES/OUTDOOR PROGRAMMING. THE TASK FORCE TO INCLUDE OUTSIDE RESOURCES INCLUDING NATIONAL'S SECOND CENTURY CAMPING TASK FORCE AND NO SCOUT OR SCOUTER WHO HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY COUNCIL OR THE PRIOR COUNCILS BEFORE 1995. Motion fails with a vote of 10 yes to 15 no.

- ◆ MOTION (by Todd Chelf, seconded by Dennis Gorman) TO TABLE THE CONSIDERATION OF A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR SEVEN MONTHS UNTIL APRIL, 2013 BOARD MEETING. Motion carried with a vote of 23 yes to 2 no.
- ◆ MOTION (by Todd Chelf, seconded by Greg Humphrey) TO CREATE A SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO FIND ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCES AND UTILIZATION FOR CAMP EASTMAN AND SAUKENAU SCOUT RESERVATION TO ENSURE LONG-TERM USAGE OF BOTH CAMPS FOR THE FUTURE. Motion withdrawn by Todd Chelf.
- ◆ MOTION (by Joe Henning, seconded by Jeff Kennedy) THE BOARD OF THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA RESOLVES TO MAINTAIN TWO CAMP PROPERTIES, CAMP EASTMAN AND SAUKENAU SCOUT RESERVATION. Motion carried with a vote of 22 yes to 3 no.
- ◆ MOTION (by Bill Ell, seconded by Bill Daniels) COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO APPOINT A TASK FORCE TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF OUR CAMP PROPERTIES AND OUTDOOR PROGRAMMING. THE TASK FORCE IS TO INCLUDE OUTSIDE RESOURCES TO POSSIBLY INCLUDE NATIONAL'S SECOND CENTURY CAMPING TASK FORCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF EVALUATION THE NEEDS OF A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN. Motion carried with a vote of 21 yes to 3 no to 1 abstain.
- ◆ MOTION (by Ron Teater, seconded by Dennis Wilson) TO CREATE A TASK FORCE APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO DETERMINE THE PHYSICAL NEEDS OF THE COUNCIL FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS FOR DELIVERING THE PROGRAM ACROSS THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF THE COUNCIL. Motion carried with a unanimous vote of 25 yes to 0 no.
- ◆ MOTION (by Charlie Bach, seconded by Todd Chelf) TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:45 P.M.

Discussion

- ◆ Dennis Wilson made a motion to table the decision on a capital campaign as presented by Hartsook for six (6) months and to appoint a task force to conduct a study of our camp properties/outdoor programming. The task force to include outside resources including National's Second Century Camping Task Force and no Scout or Scouter who has been a member of the Mississippi Valley Council or the prior Councils before 1995. The motion was seconded by Rod Wittkamp. Discussion ensued. Mike McCarthy stated National's Second Century Camping Task Force will look at the physical assets/facilities/buildings and number of Scouts at camp each summer, along with the Council's fiscal stability and some demographics of the area. Dennis Wilson stated in order to have an objective study, the Council's Task Force needs to consist of people who did not grow up in either Council or as a Scout or Scouter prior to 1995. Todd Chelf and Dennis Wilson both stated the Council needs to look forward, don't look at what we did in the past. Rod Wittkamp stated, having grown up at Camp Eastman, he would never vote to sell Camp Eastman over Saukenau Scout Reservation and submits that Saukenau Scout Reservation people would vote the same way Saukenau Scout Reservation over Camp Eastman. Dennis Gorman agrees to the study; doesn't agree to refer to the outside to study. Dennis Gorman stated we have an obligation to our predecessors to keep both camps. In the long term, this will be in the best interest of Scouting. John McKillip stated the motion says *to include* outside resources.

Greg Humphrey stated, "Let's quell the notion of selling either camp." Carolyn Weyer agrees there is a need to keep both camps and sees a problem with limiting members of the Task Force to those in the Mississippi Valley Council for under seventeen (17) years). Bill Ell agrees with pieces of everything and disagrees with pieces. He stated it doesn't make sense to think about selling either camp. He agrees with the first part of Dennis Wilson's motion to set aside for six months. Bill Ell states we need to separate the two issues of Camps and Capital Campaign. Pat Jackson stated we have two great camps. We love both camps. We have a Capital Campaign. He suggested two Capital Campaigns and split half-and-half. Donna Andrews stated we need to address one camp, two locations. We need to show a united front and we need to repair the damage to move forward. Bill Daniels stated he was on the team of people that put the two Councils together. In the nineteen years since, he has seen one Council with two camps. Over the last number of years, he is seeing people loyal to the camp they attended and are competing with the other. BSA needs to be first, the Council second with two great camps which should not be "my camp, your camp". We need to come as a single united group. Bill agrees with postponing the campaign because the issue needs to be resolved. We are the body that will make the final decision. The third-party report will educate us. Donna Buss stated we can't set a Capital Campaign until we know where we are going. A roll call vote was taken. The motion failed with a vote of 15 no to 10 yes votes.

- ◆ Todd Chelf made a motion to table the consideration of a Capital Campaign for seven months until the April 2013 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Dennis Wilson. Discussion ensued. Joe Henning proposed we address the camp issue first. Steve Morey stated we need to leave here today with keeping two camps for the foreseeable future. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried with a vote of 23 yes to 2 no votes.
- ◆ Todd Chelf made a motion to create a subcommittee to be appointed by the Council President to find alternative funding sources and utilization for Camp Eastman and Saukenauk Scout Reservation to ensure long-term usage of both camps for the future. The motion was seconded by Greg Humphrey. Motion was withdrawn by Todd Chelf.
- ◆ Joe Henning made a motion the Board of the Mississippi Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America resolves to maintain two camp properties, Camp Eastman and Saukenauk Scout Reservation. The motion was seconded by Jeff Kennedy. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried with a vote of 22 yes to 3 no votes. The Council President will appoint a Task Force and try to have a recommendation by the April 2013 Board Meeting.
- ◆ Bill Ell made a motion to have the Council President appoint a task force to conduct a study of our camp properties and outdoor programming. The Task Force to include outside resources to possibly include National's Second Century Camping Task Force for the purpose of evaluating the needs of a Capital Campaign. The motion was seconded by Bill Daniels. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried with a vote of 21 yes votes, 3 no votes, and 1 abstention.
- ◆ Ron Teater made a motion to create a Task Force to be appointed by the Council President to determine the physical needs of the Council for administrative aspects for delivering the

program across the geographic area of the Council. Motion was seconded by Dennis Wilson. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 25 yes votes.

- ◆ Charlie Bach made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Todd Chelf.

John McKillip thanked the guests for coming. He also thanked everyone for the comments before and during the meeting. He suggested everyone who wrote a letter to others, to now let them know we voted to keep both camps.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary S. Mertz
Scout Executive

Attest: _____
John McKillip, Council President

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