

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
April 20, 2021
Zoom Videoconference

Executive Board Attendance

Greg Allen	Mark Field	Craig Nowell
Fr. Steven Arisman	Jack Freiburg	Bill Paxton
Rick Buller	Brady Frericks	Doug Peters
Donna Buss	Dennis Gorman	Matt Rinker
Lois Campbell	CJ Heuvelmann	Patrick Rogers
Jason Costigan	Barbara Holthaus	Josh Schier
Robert Dickson	David Janus	Ben Schmidgall
John T. Dozier	Gina Lanning	Nathan Smith
Will Duryea	Karen Mayville	Jeff Terry
Greg Ellingson	John McKillip	Christine Tracy
Denise Embree	James Mehaffy	Marcel Wagner
Kent Embree	Kevin Mineart	

Other Attendance

Ricci Dula	Joe Henning	Rosanna Voss
Jack Sharkey	Jeff Melton	Michelle Meyer

Excused Absence

Brent Babyak	Greg Humphrey
Mark Crooks	Keith Klusmeyer

Council Commissioner, Ben Schmidgall, called the meeting to order at 5:37p.m. A quorum was declared. Ben introduced the two new Mississippi Valley Council Staff members and asked them to share some information about themselves to the board. Michelle Meyer started as the new Executive Assistant on April 12, 2021. She will train with Rosanna Voss until the end of April, when Rosanna will retire from her 28 years with the Council. Matthew Ghirarda is our new Senior District Executive for Eagle Valley. He joined our Council this year on March 15, 2021.

Action Items:

- ◆ MOTION (by Dennis Gorman, seconded by Jeff Terry) TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF KATIE AWERKAMP. Motion carried.
- ◆ MOTION (by John McKillip, seconded by David Janus) TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 16, 2021 EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES AS PRESENTED. Motion carried.
- ◆ MOTION (by Rick Buller, seconded by Jeff Terry) TO ACCEPT THE MARCH 16, 2021 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. Motion carried.
- ◆ MOTION (by Kevin Mineart, seconded by Greg Ellingson) TO APPROVE THE MARCH 2021 FINANCIALS AND TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. Motion carried.
- ◆ MOTION (by Dennis Gorman, seconded by Fr. Steven Arisman) TO APPROVE THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY COUNCIL SMART GOALS AS PRESENTED. Motion carried.

stated that this effort is ongoing and will encompass a one to two-year plan to recover membership numbers. We can do it!

- Program (Jim Mehaffy): Jim enthusiastically announced that per State of Illinois Health Department regulations, the Council can start in person programs again and OVERNIGHT camping! He talked about the programs we have just completed such as the Yukon Cub day camp, and he also praised our merit badge counselors for being able to offer online opportunities during this past year. J. David Gilbert and Heather Huebner are this year's Camp Directors and are currently at Camp School in West Virginia. Jim also invited the Board to the Council Recognition Reception on May 15, 2021 at 2:00p.m. at Camp Eastman to recognize our Silver Beaver recipients this year.

◆ Additional Reports:

- Tribe of the Silver Tomahawk (CJ Heuvelmann): CJ spoke of project completions, an upcoming ceremony dinner, Brave Day, and the Fall Conclave set for August 28, 2021 at Camp Eastman.

Council Commissioner Remarks (Ben Schmidgall): Ben reviewed our SMART Goals and confirmed that the Envision Plan is complete and approved.

SMART Goals were created from the Council's 2020-2025 strategic plan: 1) Envision – Envision Plan is done and approved; 2) Maximize use of facilities – have Saukenauk Scout Reservation and Camp Eastman used year-round by outside groups for events, weddings, hunting, etc.; 3) Expand legacy endowment giving – create opportunities for donors to consider supporting the council's endowment; 4) Increase trained leaders – greatly increase the number of trained leaders to help deliver a robust program to our youth which will greatly improve youth retention and the growth of Scouting in the Mississippi Valley Council; 5) Serve more families/increase community visibility – have the council rebound from the loss of membership due to the pandemic and national bankruptcy with the objective to give every youth multiple opportunities to join the Scouting program; and, 6) Build on community partnerships – increase visibility in the community that will help develop and strengthen relationships with other organizations which will help in the future with school access, new unit opportunities, and community relationships.

- ◆ Scout Executive Remarks (Ricci Dula): Ricci reiterated how exciting it is that we have approval from the State of Illinois to allow overnight camping. Having the restrictions lifted will allow our members to have an awesome summer camp experience. Ricci is also motivated that we have a Board that is devoted to addressing our membership and recruitment concerns. He also addressed that the Council is financially secure and with additional PPP funds we were able to hire a Senior District Executive for Eagle Valley District, Matthew Ghirarda, and a part-time Marketing and Membership staff member, Thomas Gunsten.
- ◆ Council President Remarks (Will Duryea): Will remarked on the BSA bankruptcy status. There were no new updates but in the future there may be a need for a special board meeting to be held and a quorum vote needed. He also enjoyed thanking Rosanna Voss on her upcoming retirement and for her 28 years of service. Rosanna's first day with the Council was on September 1, 1993. She has been a den leader for both her boys and has also worked for the Council as a Registrar, Office Manager, and an Executive Assistant under five different Scout Executives. "We can't thank her enough for her service", Will stated to the Board. He also reminded everyone to come to her retirement reception next Thursday, April 29, 2021 from 4:00-8:00p.m. at Native Grill & Wings in Quincy. He thanked everyone for their time.