

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
October 18, 2022
Videoconference

Executive Board Attendance

Fr. Steven Arisman	Brady Frericks	Craig Nowell
Brent Babyak	Dennis Gorman	Doug Peters
Gina Clarke	Barb Holthaus	Matt Rinker
Robert Dickson	Cory Johnson	Ben Schmidgall
John T. Dozier	Rachel Lindeen	Nathan Smith
Mark Field	Karen Mayville	Jeff Terry
Jack Frieburg	Landon Melvin	

Other Attendance

Ryan Barnes	Mimi McKinney	Kristal Pitzer
Ricci Dula	Michelle Meyer	

Excused Absence

Greg Allen	Mark Crooks	Greg Humphrey
Donna Buss	Dakota Dietsch	Amanda Johnson
Lois Campbell	Will Duryea	Keith Klusmeyer
Jason Costigan	Greg Ellingson	Tony Leuschen

Council Commissioner, Craig Nowell, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Will Duryea, Council President, was unable to attend. A quorum was declared.

Craig welcomed our new staff members of Mississippi Valley Council. Kristal Pitzer, new Development Director is from Missouri and now lives in Quincy. She has experience with grant writing and fund development having worked for a nonprofit organization previously in Louisiana, MO. Mimi McKinney, our new District Executive comes with 10 years of personal Scout experience. She has held management positions with other employers and is devoted to the Scouting program. Her family has four boys in Scouting. Ricci commented on the energy and dynamic positivity these two have brought to the Council. They are in the process of becoming trained as a commissioned Scouting professional.

Action Items:

- ◆ MOTION (by Dennis Gorman, seconded by Jeff Terry) TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JEFFERY SPEAR, EXECUTIVE BOARD. Motion carried.
- ◆ MOTION (by Jeff Terry, seconded by Karen Mayville) TO APPROVE THE JUNE 21, 2022 EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES AS PRESENTED. Motion carried.

- ◆ MOTION (by Jeff Terry, seconded by Karen Mayville) TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 12, 2022 EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES -ELECTRONIC VOTE ON INFLATION SALARY INCREASE AS PRESENTED. Motion carried.
- ◆ MOTION (by Jeff Terry, seconded Karen Mayville) TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 29, 2022 EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES -SPECIAL BANKRUPTCY MOTIONS AS PRESENTED. Motion carried.
- ◆ MOTION (by Jeff Terry, seconded by Karen Mayville) TO ACCEPT THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. Motion carried.
- ◆ MOTION (by Karen Mayville, seconded by Dennis Gorman) TO ACCEPT THE SEPTEMBER 2022 FINANCIALS AND TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. Motion carried.
- ◆ MOTION (by Bob Dickson, seconded by Cory Johnson) TO ACCEPT THE VICE PRESIDENT REPORTS AS PRESENTED. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Ricci for Jason Costigan): Ricci stated that we are slightly behind on our budget for the Deliver the Promise campaign. The Council is working on attaining more gifted financial assets. We have a few more fundraising events scheduled in 2022. Our Scout Shop sales are above budget and we are managing overall expenses. We had lower revenue from summer camp and propane costs have gone up. Our budget shortfall should not exceed \$70k for the year. Our net assets are lower due to the victims trust transfer we made for our bankruptcy settlement payment.

Discussion & Report Items:

- Administration (Jeff Terry): Regarding the bankruptcy settlement, the BSA local Council committee stated that 86% of the escrow account is funded with 89% that will be funded by their October 31, 2022 deadline. No appeal will be made by the trustee and our Council portion has been sent and is waiting in their escrow account.
- Endowment (Barb Holthaus): Barb and the endowment committee met this morning. Kristal Pitzer also was in attendance, and they had a great discussion over long term planning for financial benefit to the Council. Mississippi Valley Council camp properties as protected assets are on their agenda.
- Enterprise (Keith Klusmeyer): Keith was unable to attend however, Nathan Smith reported on the Camp Eastman pool and represented a committee working with the pool's restoration process. A brief update of the pool's current structure was given. The pool (originally built around 1965 was expected to have 30-year functionality. For the past 20 years maintenance has continued in order to use the pool at summer camp. The pool was not used in 2020 or 2021. The main drain line and pump was modified to work in 2022 with a continued leak in the sand filters. The committee (including Mike Kelly and some members of CEDA) have worked to present solutions to repair the pool to function again for 20-30 years. The committee has asked to present three items to the Board for consideration.
 1. To purchase a shut-off valve to the pool so when there is no electricity the pool will not drain. \$1700 is the estimated cost of the valve and \$2000 for Illinois permitting and an electric contractor drawing. The committee is requesting \$2000 from the Council to cover these costs and CEDA is wanting to pay for the rest.
 2. CEDA is wanting permission to fully fund a repair and restoration project of the sand filter system. The estimated cost is \$21,000 to patch, repair the concrete boxes, replace

the laterals and filters, and then replacing it with new filter sand. CEDA would fund all repairs between now and next summer. Volunteers would also be utilized.

3. The small pool committee has developed a plan of pipe replacement and other work including concrete decking to extend the life of the pool another 30 years. This plan is bid at approximately \$120,000 to start with a project proposal of \$200,000. The committee is looking for permission to independently fundraise this project. The committee would not tap into the DTP campaign prospect list and would only specify those who want their funds donated to the Camp Eastman pool restoration. The committee would give regular updates of progress to the Board.

Comments, Questions, Concerns:

Cory Johnson wanted clarification of pipe lines currently working. 12 of 15 are currently working and the concrete can be fixed sections at a time. The committee is confident the pipe work (as described in #2) would have 2-3 years of efficiency when replaced. Ricci commented that the Board is in full support of CEDA and the committee working towards a solution. We currently have about \$40k for capital improvements of all 4 properties. A recommendation was made to postpone any motions and defer them to the next Executive Committee meeting which is December 20, 2022. This will also include postponing a possible motion to using some of the insurance reimbursement recently received towards the valve.

- Fund Development (Rick Buller): Rick was not able to attend but Ricci gave a short report.
 - Deliver the Promise (DTP) – The 2022 campaign goal is \$178,500. We are currently at \$137,636 (77.1% of our 2022 goal). The Eagle Valley Family campaign, led by Denise Embree continues to lead at 114% of goal! Unworked donors are being called and the committee is starting the 2023 campaign.
 - The upcoming fundraising events will need to be promoted and supported. This includes the Quincy Dueling Pianos and Burlington Distinguished Citizen Dinner.
- Marketing/Membership: (Karen Mayville): Karen Mayville presented MVC recruitment information. Membership is falling short of the goal but the Council still has opportunity this upcoming month with a recruitment incentive program to Packs and Troops. This includes paying for advancement recognitions and a pizza party. We have 3 units so far that reached this goal. Some are close. We also have a Trunk or Treat recruitment event coming up in Quincy on October 24, 2022, which was advertised to all local youth. This is a community recruitment event. Several Packs and Troops are attending also. Quincy units will also march in the upcoming Veterans Day Parade. The committee is also looking ahead to a spring recruitment campaign.
- Program (Doug Peters): Doug reiterated that a major focus is to increase participants for summer camp in 2023. Dates are already planned, and information will be out shortly to the Scout units. Planning is also in process for all 2023 programs which include NYLT, Wood Badge, and Jamboree. One focus is that the Council needs to provide more training and volunteer recruitment. We need new leaders to step up and volunteer for our program events.
- Order of the Arrow (Landon Melvin): Landon is the newly elected Lodge Chief. New Lodge officers were elected at the Fall Reunion held in September 2022. There were 96

Order of the Arrow in attendance and 40 inducted. A lodge officer training was recently held and another one is planned.

- Tribe of the Silver Tomahawk (Dakota Dietsch): Dakota or Aric Creelman were not able to attend but a report was given to add in the packet. It highlighted the recent Fall Conclave that was held. There is also a winter banquet on January 7, 2023. The Tribe is fundraising to repair the roof on Silvertip. They also completed new roofing on the scoutcraft building.

Commissioner's Report (Craig Nowell): Craig commented on three items

1. The Commissioner staff is working with Laura at the Scout office on the rechartering process. They will work together weekly during this year's recharter process.
2. Five new commissioners have been trained for Eagle Valley District. We still need more so please look for new people that would be a good asset as a commissioner for our units.
3. There is a commissioner college course coming up.

Scout Executive Report (Ricci Dula): Ricci reported on the following items:

1. SMART Goal review:
 - We are still progressing towards a 40 pack Council.
 - We have 2 new girl Scout BSA Troops established.
 - Our Council has the 11th best of 249 Councils for # of youth enrolled in Scouting of the # of eligible youth available in the Council. This shows we are reaching our potential market with information about the program.
 - Training of our leaders still needs to be a priority. Only 4 units are 100% trained in their leadership roles.
2. New volunteers and retaining volunteers is a nationwide issue. Our District Executives are working with the nominating committee to help find new volunteers for our program.
3. Ricci is looking to the nominating committee to fill a new Community Relations VP Board member. Please email Ricci or Kevin with any prospects that would be good to make connections and new friendships in our communities. We are also prospecting for five new board member nominees.

Council President Report (Will Duryea): Will was unable to attend and Craig closed the meeting with mentioning to everyone that they keep in mind our next fundraising events. This also included the upcoming Burlington Distinguished Citizen Dinner on October 27, 2022 honoring Matthew Shinn.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 6:55 p.m. by Craig Nowell.

Respectfully submitted,


Ricci Dula
Scout Executive

Attest: 

Will Duryea, Council President

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