

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 19, 2023
Quincy Scout Office/Zoom Videoconference

Attendance:

Brent Babyak
Rick Buller

Will Duryea
Karen Mayville

Doug Peters
Jeff Terry

Others:

Ricci Dula

Michelle Meyer

Council Treasurer Will Duryea called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Action Items:

- MOTION (By Karen Mayville, seconded by Jeff Terry) TO APPROVE THE MAY 16, 2023 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES. Motion carried.
- MOTION (By Jeff Terry, seconded by Brent Babyak) TO ACCEPT THE JULY 11, 2023 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES. Motion carried.
- MOTION (by Karen Mayville, seconded by Rick Buller) TO ACCEPT THE JULY and AUGUST 2023 FINANCIALS AND TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Will Duryea): Will explained that the budget for the year is at break-even right now. However, the Council is expecting a loss. The 2023 budget review is being tabled until October 4, 2023, when there will be a special Executive Committee meeting to review the budget in depth.

Discussion & Report Items:

- Administration (Jeff Terry): Jeff is looking to find a time to meet with attorney Tom Pavlik to discuss asset protection of our properties for our Council.
- Endowment (Barb Holthaus): Barb was unable to attend. Ricci Dula stated that there are two gatherings planned this fall for social networking. One is with NESAs which includes Eagle Scout alumni from our council.
- Properties (Cory Johnson): Cory was unable to attend. Ricci Dula stated that Cory is meeting with the Properties committee and discussing the Envision plan with them. He also is reaching out to the Risk Management committee since it concerns the properties and keeping everyone safe on them.
- Fund Development (Rick Buller):
 - Deliver the Promise (DTP) – The 2023 campaign goal is \$175,000. As of August 31, 2023, we are at \$148,103. We need to expand our number of volunteers to see continued growth. Planning for 2024 has begun.
 - We had a very successful Shooting Sports fundraiser this year and are short \$2500 year to date of our budgeted income for special events. The next event is the Camp Point Golf

Tournament on September 29, 2023. The 2023 Adventure Race and Burlington Distinguished Citizen Dinner are coming up this fall.

- Marketing/Membership: (Karen Mayville): Karen reported recruitment efforts are ongoing. Currently we are down 5.8% on membership growth. We need manpower to do kid talks during the day to the schools. We held a Scouting Expo and have several recruitments planned for current packs. The visibility is good with radio and tv ads. However, packs need to hit their target recruitment.
- Program (Doug Peters): Doug mentioned that we had a successful summer camp attendance. There are fall and winter events for both Scouts BSA coming up and Cub Scouts. Doug is working with the risk management committee to update our policies.

Commissioner's Report (Craig Nowell): Craig was unable to attend but Ricci reported that Craig is planning to have a training for commissioners soon.

Scout Executive Report (Ricci Dula): Ricci reported on three areas:

1. Popcorn is in full swing. The offices are stocked for those selling and needing more inventory.
2. Ricci announced that we are going to have more in person Board meetings starting in October. We will hold it on zoom for those unable to attend the meeting at John Wood Community College in Quincy or at our Burlington Scout Office.
3. Ricci reminded the Board that the Council has a shortened staff and response times may be slower than normal.

Council President Report (Jason Costigan): Jason was unable to attend however he sent the committee an email update. He recently met for new president orientation with our territory manager, Mike McCarthy. He is having weekly touch points with Scout Executive, Ricci Dula. He is planning to implement an engagement committee to network with others. The board is encouraged to meet in person for future meetings and to help with upcoming events. Jason thanked everyone for all they do for Scouting.

Council Treasurer Remarks (Will Duryea): Will wanted to have the Executive Committee think about what is causing our losses to occur before we meet for the special meeting on October 4, 2023. He would like the Board to help develop solutions to help our Council raise money and have membership growth. Doug mentioned how our culture as a society has changed and presented many challenges for families.

Ricci encouraged everyone to come up with some creative solutions. We need more people to open doors and get support to keep the council moving forward. Brent Babyak said the interest in Scouting is there in the public and maybe we can reach out to those past scouts as endowment prospectives. Ricci thanked everyone for their input.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 6:51 p.m. by Will Duryea.

Respectfully submitted,


Ricci Dula
Scout Executive

Attest: 
Jason Costigan, Council President

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