

NORTHERN LIGHTS DISTRICT MEETING NOTES
February 27, 2007

Opening

Welcome Tim Hammelman as the Spring Cub Scout Recruiting Chair

UPCOMING EVENTS & DISTRICT TASKS

District email activity. We have no policy. Task force formed to investigate if there is a need for a policy, and what that might look like.

Doug Farmer, Steve Graham, Dave Braun, Kyle Wetzel

SPRING RECRUITING PLANS

Roundtable Thurs as the kickoff for Cub Scout Recruiting Extravaganza.

Osseo and Robbinsdale School Districts will cooperate as far as providing lists of Kindergarteners.

Also looking at recruiting non-Cub Scouts into Boy Scouts.

Current membership will graduate approx 200 boys into Boy Scouts. We hope to recruit an additional 47 new non-Cub Scout boys.

We are relying on YOUTH to recruit youth

There is a new website youth can access that will allow them to send personalized email to a friend/friends showing a little of what scouting is all about

OPERATING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES – Dave Braun

Council Dinner = March 31. Two Silver Beaver recipients are from our District.

Ripley Rendezvous – replaces Spring Camporee

District Steak Fry will be at Oak Grove Park, as it was last year.

Will have a District Expo in 2008. It will be a huge undertaking and we will want to do it right.

ADVANCEMENT – Joyce Wilson

Eagle Preview 27 attended. Next one will be in October.

Merit Badge Madness is on for March 31.

CAMPING – Randy and Steve

BOY SCOUTS – Randy Reverman

Council Camping Committee Meeting - Mar 17th, 9 – 11:30, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Robbinsdale

“All Things Aquatic” will be held at Many Point the week of July 15 – 21. This is a phenomenal opportunity for boys to earn several of the water-related merit badges.

Eight troops have yet to report their summer long term camping plans to the Camping Committee.

MPSC looking to open up to new opportunities, such as an extended week just for high adventure, boys 14 and older.

CUB SCOUTS – Steve Graham

35% of Packs registered for summer camping so far. District Day Camp Dates are: June 15 & 18 and Aug 10 & 18. July will host Council level camps. Cub Camping info this Thursday's Roundtable.

OA – Doug Farmer

The new Lodge Chief of Totanhan Nakaha Lodge (3400 members strong) was installed last month at the Winter Banquet. He is Joe Henry, from our own District. Congratulations Joe!

OA Elections are 50% complete.

Chapter Dinner March 18 – MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDARS!

MEMBERSHIP – Kyle Wetzel

Webelos Crossover Event will be March 11. New Boy Scouts will have an opportunity to make several steps toward their first few ranks of Boy Scouts. Will have table at District Pinewood Derby with information and applications. ANY TIME WE ARE IN THE PUBLIC IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RECRUITMENT! Looking for people with connections at any of the elementary schools!! Please contact Kyle if you have ideas.

TRAINING – Bea Murphy

Boy Scout Leader Training will be held Tuesdays March 20, 27, April 10, with Committee Training April 17. The Outdoor Weekend will be April 21-22, BALOO and OWLS will be Regional this year, and on April 21-22.

Cub Leader Training will be April 19.

University of Scouting will be March 24.

Trainer Development Conference will be March 31

Wood Badge Spring Course the third weekends of April and of May.

UNIT COMMISSIONERS – John Olson

Approx 90% of units rechartered on time.

UC meetings will be held on Thursdays prior to Round Table meetings. This will allow more opportunities for the UC to meet with their unit membership.

Still have 14 Centennial Quality Unit Award Applications to get out to units. We need the responses back by mid March.

NOTE DATES OF DISTRICT AND ROUND TABLE MEETINGS
District Meeting April 10, Round Table April 14.