

**Samoset Council, BSA
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 18, 2007 / 6:30 P.M.**

Samoset Council President, Roger Lucas Presiding

In attendance: Mark Campbell, Kevin Crooks, Joe Fritzsche, Dave Grassl, Mike Lawton, Roger Lucas, Dave Meyer, Jerry Peura, Marcia Tepp, Bud Vandenberg, Tim Vocke, Dennis Wald, Eric Wangen, Rick Helm, Emery Babcock, Fred Prehn, Dick Judy, Jodi Sweeney, Bob Jordan, and staff Jeff Lato and Bruce Mikkelson.

- I. Roger Lucas called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A successful annual charter review was held before the meeting and he shared the Samoset Council Charter and Learning for Life certificate. He invited District Chairs to give their reports.

Ahdawagam – Eric Wangen

Eric indicated the Friends of Scouting Campaign is going well and the community campaign is starting to come along. The District Committee is currently seeking a replacement for their District Commissioner. Their former District Commissioner may serve as interim Commissioner until a replacement is found. The Awards banquet was held this past weekend and went well. The rechartering process is going well but the district is losing one Pack.

Mushkodany – Emery Babcock

Emery reported for the Mushkodany District. He noted the District is doing well. A spring camporee is being held on May 12th & 13th and will have an aviation theme. FOS is doing great and should exceed the goal for family and community. 100% of units have rechartered and Venturing is up by approximately 12 members. An awards banquet was held and attendance was doubled by placing personal calls to units. Plans are underway for the fall joint recruitment night with the Girl Scouts. Units are involved in park clean ups and Scouting for Food bags have been distributed.

Ojibwa – Dave Meyer

Dave reported FOS is falling about \$7,000 short and a phonathon night is being planned to make personal calls to those who have not renewed their gifts. 100% of units have rechartered and Ojibwa has added one Venture Crew. A spring camporee is being held at the Marshfield School Forest and the OA chapter is expecting a good turnout.

Rib Mountain – No report given.

Northwoods – Jerry Peura

Jerry reported FOS is a little behind in the community campaign. An Iditarod was held in February and attendance was excellent. Because of the close proximity to the Crystal Lake Scout Reservation, and most units camping, the district is looking at new ideas in place of camporees. Some ideas are a trip to the Mall of America or a day long hike. 100% of units will be rechartering. An awards ceremony will take place at next month's roundtable/cookout. Northwoods District is sponsoring two merit badge clinics.

Crystal Lake – Tim Vocke

Tim indicated the meeting time has been changed for District Committee to accommodate the schedule of more volunteers and the Key 4 will continue to meet throughout the summer. A Fall Program Kick Off will feature a pot luck dinner. Scouting for Food bags have been distributed. Tim noted that progress continues on Friends of Scouting and is not as bad as it looks on the weekly chart. The community campaign has run into some business closings and is now trying to obtain gifts from large corporations. A thank you letter from Camp American Legion was shared for craft donations from the district to the camp. The district is losing one Troop as all members have obtained Eagle rank.

II. Endowment and Feasibility Study – Fred Prehn/Dick Judy

Fred Prehn shared that a sub-committee of the Trustees has been formed. This sub-committee will be working with the Sweeney Group, the consulting group hired by Samoset to conduct an Endowment Feasibility Study. Fred indicated the Sweeney Group will be forming a solid plan to raise \$5 million in cash and another \$2 million in estate gifts. The committee met to go over a list of names and questions that can be asked of prospective donors. Jodi Sweeney was introduced. She indicated the current case statement for the Preserving the Legacy campaign will be used. The Sweeney group will be presenting a 50-60 page report that will outline strategies, prospects, volunteers and a blueprint by which to run the campaign. As discussed in the charter review, the future of Scouting rests in developing strong endowments. Jodi indicated there will be a broad list of names to contact and they will be contacting those who do not have previous ties to Scouting.

III. Opening Ceremony – Tom Kita Chara Order of the Arrow Lodge

Rick Helm, III led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Tom Kita Chara Lodge Report

Rick reported for the OA and indicated the lodge is working on a merchandise plan for Fall Conference and is getting ready for camp. Emery Babcock indicated he does not receive OA dues notices. Rick indicated a mailing has been sent out the past few years to members. Bruce indicated he will check into why some members are not receiving those dues notices.

V. Acceptance of February Board Meeting Minutes

The February Board Meeting minutes were accepted as given.

VI. Treasurer's Report and Motion to Accept

Bruce Mikkelson reported on the Statement of Operations ending 3/31/07. He indicated the first quarter is tracking favorably. Revenue is slightly behind budget but this is due to FOS being slightly behind and the timing of donations received. Camping and Scout Shop sales are looking good. Expenses are tracking lower than budget and are in part due to the benefits statement from national not being received in time for the report. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as given.

VII. Council Commissioner's Report – Dave Grassl

Dave reported that Internet Rechartering is going well and thanked District Chairs for their work with units to get charters in on time. He indicated commissioner staff is looking at the possibility of rechartering all units, council-wide, in a one month period. The Healthy Unit reviews (membership reviews) are in the process of being done. The Commissioner staff is also looking at facilitating unit self assessments to improve service.

VIII. Vice President of Administration Report – Marcia Tepp

Marcia reviewed the procedures for tornado safety and recommended that District Chairs bring it up at meetings. She distributed materials from a website "tornadoproject.com" which has several activities on tornado safety. The Risk Management Committee will be holding two meetings to review safety plans. One will be held during the National camp visitation. The committee is interested in how the camps plan for a lock down or evacuation.

IX. Vice President of Properties Report – Dennis Wald

Dennis reported that Dr. Fred Prehn helped secure exhaust fans for Rotary Lodge and funding was secured for their installation. The Health Office will be done on time. Funds are available to complete flooring in the Tesomas Program Center as well as landscaping. The Welcome Log Cabin will be constructed this summer. The work on the installation of several new latrines continues and will be completed by the time camp opens. Dennis indicated an Eagle Scout recently completed a project at Rib Mountain Elementary and he has several other schools in the Wausau School district interested in helping Eagles with their projects.

X. Vice President of Financial Development Report – Mark Campbell (gave report for Tom Knudsen)

Mark reported on the FOS campaign. He noted overall it is tracking a little behind this time last year. There are 4 more weeks to go and phonathons are being conducted to secure gifts. May 16th is the FOS Victory Celebration. Mark asked the board's assistance in securing golf sponsors and dinner guests for the banquet with Green Bay Packer Paul Hornung on July 23rd. Jeff Anderson's business card and five golf brochures were given to each board member.

XI. Scout Executive's Minute – Bruce

Bruce read a press release regarding the tragedy at Virginia Tech. The article highlighted shooting victim, Kevin Sterne an Eagle Scout. Kevin fashioned a tourniquet from electrical cord around his leg which had been shot. Bruce noted that if we look for good we see that skills learned in Scouting used in life is rewarding.

XII. President's Closing Comments – Roger

Roger indicated he and Bruce met with Mary Radke of the Birch Trails Girl Scout Council. Mary shared the national changes taking place within the Girl Scout organization. Roger indicated they are massive changes that will affect the processes and the way Girl Scouts are doing business. The restructuring will create new, larger councils. Roger asked everyone to support to Birch Trials Girl Scout Council and dispel rumors about decisions that have yet to be made.

XIII. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next Key Meeting
May 16, 2007 – Samoset Council Officers Group Meeting,
Wausau Homes Scout Center – Eagle Room, 6:00 Dinner/6:30 Meeting