

**MCC Executive Committee Minutes
April 7, 2016
Chaired by: Wayman Britt, PF President**

Executive Board Members:

Brad Arbuckle
Roy More
Brad Simmons
Ron Blaisdell
Todd Plotner

Charles Truza
Michael Weber
Greg Dunn
Wayman Britt

Steve Harris
Lonnie Herrington
Jim VanderRoest
Jim Smithwick

Staff:

Matt Thornton
Whitney Rann
Melissa Stricherz

Gary Gilger
Deb Hartman

Frank Reigelman
Brian Nastase

Guest:

Bob Buzzard

Wayman Britt, PF President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Acronyms:

MCC-Michigan Crossroads Council

USE- Unit Service Executive

FSC-Field Service Council

DE-District Executive- (Position replaced
by USE)

VP- Vice President

FOS- Friends of Scouting

YPT- Youth Protection Training

HOS- Hooked on Scouting

Executive Board Approved Actions:

1. A motion to approve the Executive Committee Meeting minutes, from January 30, 2016
Motion: Ron Blaisdell Second: Roy More
Motion Approved Unanimously

2. A motion to approve the Treasurers report from February
Accepted by: Roy More Second: Ron Blaisdell
Motion Approved Unanimously

3. A motion to approve the purchase of two new copiers (Lansing \$7,371.72 and Flint is \$10,999.80)
Motion: Steve Harris Second: Roy More
Motion Approved Unanimously

4. A motion to authorizing MCC to file a “Notice of Intent” with FEMA to apply for an application for a “Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant” for D-bar-A and Gerber.
Motion: Lonnie Herrington Second: Brad Simmons
Motion Approved Unanimously

5. A motion to approve the National Camp Accreditation Program “Authorization to Operate” for the Great Lakes Sailing Adventure.
Motion: Michael Weber Second: Lonnie Herrington
Motion Approved Unanimously

6. A motion to release funds (\$17K) to purchase two bulldozes acquired through the government surplus screening program and funded by a designated gift.
Motion: Lonnie Herrington Second: Ron Blaisdell
Motion Approved Unanimously

7. A motion to approve to release the funds (\$30K) provided by the Saginaw Rotary Club to replace the Camp Rotary foot bridge.
Motion: Ron Blaisdell Second: Lonnie Herrington
Motion Approved Unanimously

8. **Declared meeting adjourn at 6:24.**

Discussion Items:

Welcome

Wayman Britt, PF President opened the meeting in place of Ray Davis, MCC President.

Approval of minutes

Wayman Britt, PF President, announced the approval needed for the Executive board meeting minutes from January 30, 2016.

Commissioner's Report

Steve Harris, MCC Commissioner gave the Commissioner's report. Currently at 91% with YPT. This is the first time the MCC has had over 90% of staff and volunteers YPT trained. Exploring is low in its youth protection training. Luann Martinez is working to resolve this issue. District 365 kicked off a few weeks ago. The kickoff had a strong district key 3 representation. One person has already recruited 15 new volunteers in the past few weeks. It was less effective in reaching the FSC V.P.'s. Steve encouraged that the V.P's start to have a better representation at these types of meetings moving forward.

Budget

Gene Dillenbeck, incoming treasurer, was not able to give the budget report. Deb Hartman gave the budget report. Deb attended the call requesting approval of the February financial report. FOS is running behind. WW has their 60% this month. SS is at 27%. PF and GL is behind but working a plan. Wayman discussed the action that must be taken in June if we do not hit our FOS goal. Direct Support is down about 21% over budget- including not only FOS but other contributions. Special Events are not counted into this. Salaries are under budget currently. In February, we had 57 days of cash available and short term receivable. Currently we are just short of two months of cash available. The line of credit is currently at \$2.6 million. We still have \$1.3 million on our credit limit. Matt Thornton stated that we will be paying down \$500,000 by the end of the year.

FSC Reports

GL- Brad Simmons, GL President gave the report. FOS is currently at 2/3 of goal by the end of March. This is across the board with districts. Special events are coming up and will help with May goal. Distinguished citizen dinner is coming up in May. Brad discussed in brief the Golden Eagle Club- Donors. It is for \$1,500 donors and up. Hopes are that it will help raise currently gifts given.

PF- Wayman Britt. PF President gave the report. Currently above goal for the month of April in traditional cub scouts, boy scouts and venturing. Exploring is doing well. Capital campaign is over \$4.3 million right now. Currently scheduling a May 17th public

announcement at the DeVos center. Hoping to be at the \$6 million mark by then. Camp attendance is currently 49 registrations made to attend resident camp and 84 signed up to attend day camp. Goal is to be at least at Bronze. 1,500 boy scouts are signed up to attend resident camp. FOS is at the 50% mark. Board campaign sits at 39%. Wayman is pressing that FOS is still a top focus.

WW- Michael Weber, WW President gave the report. Currently one district is over in FOS. Dr. Gates spoke at a breakfast fundraiser. 500 people attended and raised \$65,000. Mark Dantonio will be speaking on May 19th in Port Huron. Boy Scout camp- only 32 units signed up this year, which is down from last year. Only 5 units are signed up for day camp. FOS is at 54% of target. Michael is holding monthly meetings with the staff to plan for success. Looking to be about \$50,000-\$60,000 short in FOS this year. Working with new grant money and new donors to cover that shortage-90% is the goal to cover.

SS- Jim VanderRoest, SS President gave the report. Recently recruited Rob Coleman as the VP of relationships. SS new Scout Executive is personally setting meetings with all of the schools in her district. The hope is to gain access to the schools where they have not had access to for a long time. Currently SS has 1,140 registered for Boy Scout camp, Cub Scout is currently 593. May will be the month to tell how they will do. FOS- Budgeted Jackson to get only \$18,000 and are not even 20% of the way there. SS East and West teams are at 45% of goal.

Outdoor Adventure

Lonnie Herrington, VP of Properties gave the report. Fire side chats are going better. The team has learned how to tailor the talks to the audience. A huge thanks was given to Brad Arbuckle for working out the deed issues with camp Holaka. Working on using FEMA grants to improve our camps. We currently have two camps (Gerber and D-bar-A) that can apply for a FEMA grant to install a storm shelter. The estimated cost is about \$2.2 million. We have a 25% share that we are responsible for. Does not need to be cash, can be a gift in kind. Lonnie asked for a motion on the floor to help start this process. Once approved they can apply for the grant. Lonnie discussed the five properties that will be closing by the end of August. At 3 of them we have hopes that they will stay open for the public use.

Jim Smithwick reported on camp attendance. He reported that 2016 utilizes a new system and a direct comparison to 2015 is not accurate. Boy Scouts are currently: 6292, Units: 449, and 33 out of council campers. Cub Scouts are currently: 780, and Units: 166. This is 10-12% behind last year in Boy Scouts. In about two weeks we will know a more accurate number. The Cub Scout registration system will lag until May 2nd when the payment is due, the unit will be required to enter each Cub who will be attending. Jim moved on to discuss the NCAP schedule and invited members of the board to attend a camp assessment this summer.

He also discussed the application process needed for the Great Lakes Sailing Adventure program to operate. Jim requested that the MCC approve their motion to file a “National Camp Accreditation Program Application for Authorization to Operate”

Jim then called for a motion to release funds (\$17K) to purchase two bulldozes acquired through the government surplus screening program and funded by a designated gift. The Board was then asked to approve to release the funds (\$30K) provided by the Saginaw Rotary Club to replace the Camp Rotary foot bridge. All motions carried.

Financial Report

Gary Gilger gave the financial report on behalf of Ron Reeves. A development meeting will be held tomorrow at the 137 S. Marketplace office. Gary is expecting about 20 people from around the state to attend this meeting. The development proposal was discussed. Currently looking for input on the grant writer proposal. Gary is updating the document.

Progress Goals

Using these goals to build a more functional organization. Each of the FSC's should be reporting on. This involves meeting with each of the FSC's VP's. More about these goals will be discussed at the retreat. Working to increase the communications is a needed. Wayman Britt discussed the advancement score card that everyone should have and be using to stay on track. This will be presented at the Board Retreat. It is very important that we work better and make things smoother moving forward. President Ray Davis is still looking for goals from Investment, Innovation, Program Impact, Membership, Properties, Outdoor Adventure, and District Operations. Matt Thornton, CEO discussed Ray's desire for a monthly meeting to keep us on the same page. One vision, working as one team towards the same goal.

Steve Harris, MCC Commissioner discussed the Bi-Monthly report in regards to progress goals. These reports will be submitted by all of the operating committees. Steve has requested all of these reports are due June 10th so they can be ready for the June 18th Board meeting.

Scout Executives Report

Matt Thornton, CEO discussed the Board Retreat. The agenda will have only 3 items. The #1 is Revenue generation, Properties, and Strategic Plan. If all topics are not covered, they will be rolled into the next meeting. Matt acknowledged how the sales of our camps are having an effect on the surrounding districts. However, it is what we need to move forward though. If you are planning to attend the National meeting, please let Matt know. You should receive an e-mail confirmation. A group dinner will be held on Thursday night. On the agenda you will see the next 90 day section. Hopefully this will help keep the calendar in order.

Next Board meeting is June 18th.

Adjournment

Wayman Britt, without objection declared the meeting adjourn at 6:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Whitney Rann

Approved by: _____ on _____
Matthew Thornton Date
Interim Scout Executive/CEO

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Ray Davis Date
President