

**Soaring Eagle District  
District Committee Meeting, LDS Church, 10055 West Road  
Nov. 2, 2014**

**Attending were Neal Farmer, Bob Steubing, Bob Dunn, Robert Ausmus, Tony Hensdill, Becca Franco, Lillian Gartner, Eric Petty, Bob Weenig, and Vickie Oehring.**

Opening: American Pledge of Allegiance by Vickie Oehring.

Prayer by: Bob Weenig.

### **FINANCE**

Our goal is to sell \$105,418 of popcorn after selling about \$96,000 last year.

We plan on having a fourth Patron's Dinner this February or March. The idea is to invite area businesses to buy tables, which will allow us to raise less money from families in the District. Klaus Oehring is working on this project and could use some volunteers.

A speaker has been asked to headline the event, but there has not yet been confirmation. The goal is to sell 8-10 tables at \$2,000 each to area businesses, and sell seats to Scouters who want to attend the dinner near cost. We are hoping to have the event again at Gyrodata, off of U.S. 290 near Cy-Fair High School. We also will recognize a Business Partner of the Year for Soaring Eagle District at the gala.

Klaus is looking for volunteers to host and sponsor tables for the Patron's Dinner.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership vice chairman Griff Danheim is working to get **adult volunteers** to assist with recruiting on the Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing levels. Please let him know if you can serve on a membership committee.

We currently have 1,463 youths in the District; this time last year when we had 1,329. We have 71 units, which is down from 72 last year at this time.

The best way to recruit for Scouts is to replace yourself each year with a friend, relative or neighbor.

### **COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioners will meet at 7 p.m., Thurs., Nov. 14, at the LDS Chapel at 10055 West Road and Wheatland.

Please enter your commissioner visits on the UVTS section of [scouting.org](http://scouting.org).

Commissioners must be trained, or they will be removed as a commissioner by year's end. They will not be removed from Boy Scouts. Check with Vickie Oehring at [vickieoehring@yahoo.com](mailto:vickieoehring@yahoo.com) for more information.

Commissioners are asked to check with their units to make sure that the units have started recording Journey to Excellence points now. As of Friday, Nov. 7, only 10 Soaring Eagle units had signed on to begin the re-chartering process.

There will be a **re-charter turn-in practice session** at the Nov. 13 Roundtable. Even if you have not yet finished your re-chartering, please come to the session. There will be stations that committee chairmen go to, including one for computer assistance, turning in money, Friends of Scouting, Upcoming events, etc. The session is modeled after a turn-in session in Atlanta that has been a vast improvement on getting people in-and-out quickly.

The last turn-in for re-charters through the district is at the Roundtable on Dec. 11. The streamlined set-up also will be in place for the Dec. 11 Roundtable.

## **PROGRAMS**

### **TRAINING**

The **Webelos to Scout Expo** was a success for the attending Troops and Packs. Thanks to "Bobcat" Steubing for putting the event on. A new crop of **merit badge counselors** was trained by SueAnn Wake at WTSE.

Thanks to Steve Ware, who helped coordinate the District's part of the **Fun with Son** event last month at Camp Strake. More than 600 Scouts and their families participated.

There will be **Classroom Youth Protection Training** at the November and December Roundtables. All Cubmasters and Scoutmasters must be YPT trained within the last two years in order for the unit to re-charter.

**Enterprise Risk Management** will be a major part of the November Roundtable, and we have the national BSA representative to put on that seminar. Mike Narvaez and is the head of BSA National Health and Safety Committee and will speak. He will be aided by Dr. David Krusleksi, the SHAC First Aid Meet Director. All Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, assistant Cub and Scoutmasters, Senior Patrol Leaders, Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, emergency management leaders, etc., and requested to attend.

There was a question about **tour permits**. Yes, all units need tour permits in order to be covered by the BSA insurance. If your unit is planning to host an event that requires **certification** – such as shooting, boating, swimming, climbing, etc. – then you must provide certification information on each tour permit. You also need a copy of the certification to present to the ranger or campmaster at your activity.

The **District First Aid Meet** has been moved to Sat., Jan. 10. The venue will be announced later. Two patrols from the District First Aid Meet will advance to the **Council First Aid Meet**, which is Sat., Feb. 14. There also will be **First Aid and CPR certification classes** at the Council meet.

Please let Mike Walker – the District’s risk management person -- know if you will participate so we can plan for the event. Contact Mike at [mikekim001@aol.com](mailto:mikekim001@aol.com).

**Pushmobile** has been moved to Sat., Dec. 13, at the LDS Church on Mills Road. If you register before Dec. 11, cost is \$7 per kid or \$42 per team. If you register on race day, then costs are \$10 per participant and \$60 per team.

The easiest way to register is to attend the Dec. 11 Roundtable. Event coordinator Tammy Koenig will be able to take registrations. Make checks payable to SHAC.

Forms are available at the Nov. 13 Roundtable, and on the District’s website at [www.soaringeagledistrict.net](http://www.soaringeagledistrict.net). Each racer must have a copy of his health form attached to the registration form. Only one form is needed per race team.

Check in is 9 a.m., with the opening ceremony at 9:45 a.m. Racing begins at 10 a.m. You can contact Tammy at [tkoenig.scouting@gmail.com](mailto:tkoenig.scouting@gmail.com).

Units are asked to commit at the November Roundtable to bring food to the December Roundtable for the **Cheer Basket** project. The Cheer Baskets are given to needy families in the area, as selected by the nurses in Cy-Fair ISD.

District Awards will be given at the annual **District Dinner**, which tentatively is set for Jan. 24 at the LDS Chapel on Eldridge Road. Ticket sales will be at the December and January Roundtables.

The **District calendar** through 2016 is under construction and is scheduled to be given to the Council at the end of November.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The required **district election** took place on Nov. 4. Steve Hargis was election chairman, and gave the meeting a form with the instruction to follow. Names of the District Committee are at the bottom of these minutes.

Also, Neal Farmer was elected as District Chairman, and the District voted to recommend to the Council that Vickie Oehring remain as the District Commissioner.

Anyone can be on the SED Committee. Nov. 4 was just the formal election as required by the BSA.

Many thanks to Bobby “The Bobber” Ausmus, who will be the chairman of **Cub Scout Day Camp** for summer, 2015.

WEBSITE – The new Soaring Eagle District website is up and running. Go to [www.soaringeagledistrict.net](http://www.soaringeagledistrict.net). Judy Lizarraga is the **website coordinator**.

Please send all updates for the website to the vice chair of your area. Those vice chairs are -- **Programs:** Becca Franco at [francob@sbcglobal.net](mailto:francob@sbcglobal.net); **Finance:** Klaus Oehring at [klaussoeh@gmail.com](mailto:klaussoeh@gmail.com); and **Membership** to Griff Danheim at [griff.danheim@sbcglobal.net](mailto:griff.danheim@sbcglobal.net).

FACEBOOK – The district has a **Facebook page, called “Soaring Eagle District.”** On Facebook, go to that site and ask to be friends, and you will be friended. Immediate information can be found on the Facebook page. Hundreds of pictures of recent events around the district are being posted on the page.

The SHAC **Day of Service** is Sat., Nov. 15, which is for a patch in the star that goes on the Scout uniform. The theme is working on the land. Bane Park has projects that need to be done, as well as others parks in the area. John Brogan has information for those who want to work Cypresswood Mountain Biking Trail. Contact John at [jtbrogan001@gmail.com](mailto:jtbrogan001@gmail.com).

**Commissioner College** is 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sat., Dec. 6, at the Cockrell Center. This is where commissioners can receive training.

**Scouting For Food** is in January, and we need to get a District chair for that event. Putting hangers with instructions on how to donate to the food bank on doors in the area is scheduled for Sat., Jan. 24, and the date to go around and pick up the bags of food requested from the door hangers is Sat., Jan. 31.

MINUTES – We also are looking for a new person to attend SED Committee Meetings each month to be **scribe** and take the minutes. We will double the current scribe’s pay.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE’S MINUTE – Tony Hensdill has secured Chick-fil-A gift cards for a free sandwich for boys who join the District, who have never been in Scouting. The first 50 new Cub Scouts will receive the gift cards, and the first 25 Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts, Explorers, Venturers, etc. will receive the cards. See Tony at the Nov. 14 Roundtable, or call him at 713-689-9607.

Soaring Eagle District Committee. As elected on Nov. 7:

Paul	Anderson
Jonathan	Anderson
Jim	Anderson
Amber	Anderson
Robert	Ausmus
Karla	Bell
Wade	Bitter
John	Brogan
Caitlin	Calder

Brad	Canady
Jim	Cash
Ajey	Chandra
Lisa	Clark
Melissa	Crumley
Griff	Danheim
Mark	Danheim
Chris	Dennis
Robert	Dunn
Rhonda	Elsner
Susan	Flores
Rebecca	Franco
Tony	Franco
Lillian	Gaertner
Tim	Girgenti
Jessica	Gottfredson
Steve	Hargis
Bobby	Hale
Daniel	Haymond
Bob	Hohne
Mark	Hoffart
Ed	Joyner
Beth	Kasper
Mike	Kasper
Kelly	Kenney
Dave	Kingdon
Cindy	Korenek
Karen	Lade
Alex	Lamar
Brent	Lane
Judy	Lizarraga
Greg	Lueb
Daniel	Lawton
Haley	Mackenzie
Laban	Marsh
Frank	McLane
Kevin	Meier

Richard	Merz
Jon	Metcalf
Cheryl	Moyers
Klaus	Oehring
Vickie	Oehring
Bill	O'Reilly
Eric	Petty
Jen	Petty
Wanda	Pinson
Alma	Pope
Linda	Porras- Purtle
Roger	Pruitt
Holly	Rice
Ame	Richards
Teri	Schweiss
McCall	Sessions
Marty	Stakes
Bob	Steubing
Rich	Stonely
Karen	Thomas
Randy	Thomas
Julia	Thorman
Laurie	Tipley
Roger	Tipley
Thien	Tran
Sue Ann	Wake
Michael	Walker
Steve	Ware
Bob	Weenig
Diana	Wright

This Soaring Eagle District Committee will meet the first Tuesday of each month, except for July. The only district event in July is the annual picnic. Please let me know of any changes, additions or corrections to these minutes, no matter how small or trivial. We also are looking for a new scribe to take these minutes for the district.

Sincerely,

- Neal Farmer

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