

October 27, 2008
Century Bank
Boston Minuteman and Yankee Clipper Council

In Attendance:

BMC

James Barbieri
Peter Brennan
Anthony DeProspero
Thomas Ford
David Gardner
Vincent Gratch
John Halsey
Michael Jeans
Elmer Lupton
Richard Rudduck
Jonathan Sloane
Daniel Strasshofer

YCC

Timothy Felter
James Hazlett
Lawrence Healey
Michael Jewell
Timothy Madigan
Robert McLaughlin
Charles Nickerson
Alan Rieper
Michael Tager

Region/Area

Jay Pease
Robert Sirhal

Staff

Daniel Hogan
Kathleen Kenny
Matt Thornton

Staff

Thomas Bringle
Randy Larson
Charles Marvin
Craig MacPherson

Staff

Dave Borchard
Dick Trier

Not in Attendance

Jack Klinck
Scott Sanborn

James Higgs
James Ray
John Skelton
David Wadman
Tom Kehoe

Staff

Harold Pinkham

Welcome Bob Sirhal

Called meeting to order at 5:08 pm thanked Jonathan Sloane for the use of the facility and for providing the meal and drinks. Committee then introduced themselves.

Review Ground rules – Bob Sirhal

Questions

Tim Madigan-Why should properties not be discussed?

Answer: Bob Sirhal- If this group would prefer to discuss properties, that is fine, however if this is going to be a barrier to discussions, then it should be tabled to a later date.

Comment Larry Healey

The properties sub group has all the properties and issues on the table. No one understands better than I the emotions of discussion related to properties. Further, and this is a personal issue, we should shoulder the responsibility for completing a full review and not expect some future group to clean up after us.

Action taken:

The Boston Minuteman Council and Yankee Clipper Council websites should be linked during this process. We are in favor of the ground rules.

All in Favor. None opposed.

Packets David Borchard

- The first three documents are boiler plates for consolidation talks – Attachments 2,3&4
 - Merger/Consolidation Timetable
 - Agenda
 - Council territories & Camps
- Committees should have at least 3 meetings
- There should be a 90 day timetable
- Due Diligence check list

Question – Dave Borchard what is Strategic Alliances?

Comment Matt Thornton

We need to look at how companies would view us as a larger Council, serving more youth if we were combined into one. How would this impact us positively or negatively?

This would include the UnitedWay, Foundations and other funders

Comment Jim Hazlett

Are there any lessons learned from other Councils who have gone through this process? Are there any written documents?

Answer: Bob Sirhal- Don't ignore any of it. There aren't any written documents, however I can recommend from the last merger I was a part of that: properties is a tough issue, restrictions on trusts need to be discussed as well as any encumbrances on any/all properties. The real lessons come through discussion.

Dick Trier- Others have failed because of transparency issues.

Jim Hazlett- I still believe that we need a history from all mergers so that we don't repeat mistakes.

Bob McLaughlin- I echo what Jim feels. We need to be cautious about what may seem to be a good idea and talk it through.

Bob Sirhal- The youth are going to join something and we want them to join The Boy Scouts of America. We need to have a strong Council for them to join. Properties are always a hot button and we have to make an effort to look at properties that are not being utilized to their fullest extent.

Rich Rudduck- Why don't we commit ourselves to becoming the start of "the history" and commit ourselves to recording our lessons learned. Perhaps others who have been through this can give guidance to our Scout Executives and Council Presidents.

Action Taken:

Jonathan Sloane – See Attachment #5

I would like to reaffirm the last two sentences of our mission which states, "We have faith that this process will lead us to our ultimate goal of more effectively delivering the Scouting mission. We look forward to working together on this project to provide an even better program to the youth of greater Eastern Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire."

The words "legal" and "governance" need to be added to the mission as well.

Bob McLaughlin- first

Jim Barbieri-second

All in favor. None opposed.

Closing John Halsey

- We need year end financial statements for both councils. We also need a physical map of areas each of us cover. Ray Theberge will email the maps to Matt Thornton.

Committee Breakouts

Return from Breakouts:

Comment Ray Theberge

We should list committee members on the website incase anyone would like to express suggestions/comments.

Committee Reports (Meetings to be attended by committee members only)

Human Resources- next meeting will be on 11/10, lunch

Properties- next meeting will be in Waltham on 11/10. They need a list of all properties

Fundraising- next meeting will be a conference call on 11/11 or 11/12. We need to swap finances.

Program/Membership- they will have a meeting date by the end of the evening. They are looking to identify best practices between the two councils and identify the potential positive/negatives of relationships

Governance- next meeting 11/10 at Tony DeProspero's office located at 101 Federal Street. They need to look at by-laws in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. They need to conduct Title Searches and look at leases.

Strategic Alliances- next meeting will be mid November. They need to compare and contrast best practices as well as positives and negatives in regard to Endowment.

Comment Matt Thornton

Can we get the minutes from the other Council merge that you were apart of?

Question John Halsey – Shouldn't we make our OA Chiefs part of this discussion??

Comment

Bob McLaughlin- We would welcome OA to be part of the process under Program.

Next Meetings: December 8th Century Bank
 February 2nd Century Bank

Meeting Adjourned at 7:08 pm