

# Tidewater Council Wood Badge Association

## Officers Meeting Minutes

21 April 2020

Present: Wayne Page (Scoutmaster), James Carroll (Assistant Scoutmaster), Brittany Szkaradnik (Senior Patrol Leader), Mark Clemente (Quartermaster), Kate Sklat (Scribe), John Donat (Council representative)  
Not present: Thad Cloer (Council representative)

Next meeting: TBD

### 1. Objectives

Primary goals are to have all officers read the Association charter and ask questions if necessary, to concur on how registration should be conducted and to then lead and encourage registration, and to collaborate on a shared vision for what the Association should look like at the end of our term (February 2021).

### 2. Charter

Wayne will send via email a copy of the WBA charter for each of us to review.

### 3. Registration

Consensus is that Association registration should be conducted online using Black Pug. Discussion was that it was the more user-friendly and intuitive option, and that an online system would be the most convenient method for the majority.

### 4. Visions

James – to support Wayne’s vision and goals

Brittany – to encourage WB alumni, to visit units, to collaborate with unit commissioners, to conduct training if needed, and to assist with course scholarships

Mark – looking forward to the logistics and planning, organization of events

Kate –to put focus on units and leaders who we don’t already see, and find out why they have stepped away from volunteering past their units or why they have not yet attended WB, and get them involved

Wayne – to get people motivated to want to get involved and stay involved; to foster culture, organization, and contacts. Wayne will send out his ideas on a vision and then have each of us create one goal, as a collaborative ticket, for the Association.

John – Council sees the Association as a way for Wbers to fill vacant jobs in Districts and at Council, to have a “what’s next” after leaders have finished their Scout’s time in a unit, to

increase memberships on committees that are manned only by one person, and to share their passion for Scouting as a youth development program rather than as a club. The WBA should be a method of showing Wbers how to continue working their ticket.

## **5. Next Meeting**

The goal will be to hold a virtual meeting within the next two months. Between previous course directors and Rick McIlrath (current WB Coordinator), we can reach out to past participants to encourage membership in the Association. Almost all previous CD's are those who demonstrate going beyond their beads, so we will want to ensure their involvement.

We will want to be able to provide a list of what the needs actually are, rather than just list positions that need to be filled. A good place to start would be the ticket box that is being developed by the 2020 WB course, as staff has already started reaching out to district chairs for their suggestions. We want the districts to tell us, if they had unlimited people what jobs would they want to see happen.

## **6. Action Items**

- Wayne will get with council to set up registration for WBA on Black Pug. All officers will register and then encourage others to do the same.
- Wayne will send out the charter to all officers.
- All officers will read the charter and ask questions.
- Wayne will send to officers his vision for the WBA.
- All officers will offer input to the vision and will create one goal for a collaborative ticket.
- Kate will send out meeting minutes to the officers.
- All will discuss via email a tentative date for the next Association meeting.