



# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

## DENVER AREA COUNCIL

In attendance: Mike S, Greg O, Dave R, Hyiam R, Shawn C

Opening

Pledge of Allegiance

Dvar Torah – Hyiam – What’s inside.

Review June meeting minutes. – Approved as posted.

Old Business

Existing unit status? No updates; haven’t started school yet.

Potential new units – Status of effort to reactivate P1613? Parents coordinating w/school and DAC. Trying to co-locate with the Girl Scouts meeting at BMH-BJ at the same time.

Eagle Scout candidates –progress / status updates?

- Gavriel Asher Reiffman – No progress
- Sam Ostravich – done w/project; need to do paperwork; 4 or 5 merit badges.
- Mayer Reynolds – More motivated; wants driver’s license, need Eagle for that. Two merit badges and a project to do. Jim Newell is his new Eagle Mentor. Hopefully done by the end of the year. Mayer is staying in town.

Other – updates? No.

Programs – Next Kinus – Oct 8, 2017 –

Denver Jewish Day School farmette Service day (harvest) - Halachic Issues – Mike awaiting response from DJDS Halachic review. Haven’t heard back yet. Mike will talk to them. If we can’t get the venue maybe do a Chanukah thing?

What about a shooting outing instead? Maybe over Winter Break? See new business below.

Publicity: No marketing until we hear back and firm up our programs.

Religious awards

Etz Chaim - Aaron Levin T645, (Laverne Poturalski Unit Chaplain) –

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Status update – Haven't heard from Aaron.

Ner Tamid (?) Mike will reach out to CJ Mays after we nail down our Kinus program,

To determine if her Scout is ready to start.

Succession Planning – Greg to assume Chair in Winter. Any updates? Continue as planned.

Jamboree - review – status feedback?

Mayer had a **great** time. Loved NY and did great on the contingent. Told all the leaders it went well. Mayer didn't starve so that's good.

Mileage an issue; either better prep or less mileage during pre-tour. Participants were not prepared/conditioned for all the walking.

Campership – Discussion – Greg? – We didn't do that because Aaron wasn't going and there weren't funds from Council.

Western Region Silver Chai Award -

As currently planned – Mike will receive it at our Council's Duty to God Breakfast at the National Western Complex in November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

New Business –

Frontier District Camporee – Odom Farm, Oct 6-8. Camporee staff can make space available for a “chapel” wherein we may conduct religious services. Do we want to take advantage of that opportunity? No.

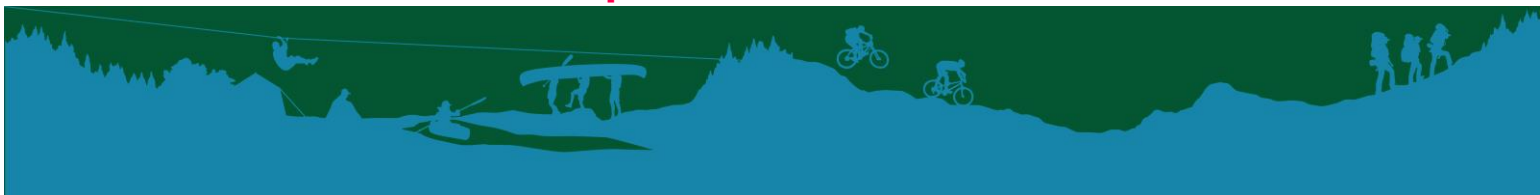
**Mike will tell them it conflicts with Sukkot.**

New “opportunities” to expand Scouting to female youth – discussion (Shawn, Mike) – A way to have girls involved in scouting before venturing; and they can plug into outdoor activities. Not co-ed. Asking for discussion at the National Level. Top 3 from every council (Top Hands) / Key 3 plus the cabinet discussing this. Trying to figure out the mechanics and not compete with other organizations. Path to Eagle for girls/young women? “Separate but equal” historically has not worked. Much to be discussed/decided.

Other new Business

BDSR Shooting Activity – Committee interested; will follow-up on potential dates. Not Columbus Day (Sukkot) Maybe PV if we do MLK weekend. Or Spring Break? Across from Staff Huts? They're close to the dining hall. Maybe camp at Gilwell Field. We need a range master; maybe Larry could do it here. Also Johnny? Conrad Spickza. Talk to Shooting Sports Committee. Maybe Tahosa? Spring Break (Passover

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issues?); DAT Spring Break: are the Pesach restrictions including that? Holiday falls on Friday night March 30<sup>th</sup>. Sunday's a holiday. What if we go Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday? Come back Thursday early? Cooking gear needs to be Kosher for Pesach. Or new gear? Walmart has new inexpensive Dutch ovens.

Next Meeting? – September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at DAT

Closing (Scoutmasters Minute) – Greg. - Story of Chinese emperor who loved his gardens. Gave sons sterile seeds. Time passed and all but one came back with gorgeous plants. One said he could not get the seeds to sprout. Emperor rewarded him for his honesty and named him as successor.

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