

## Round Table Minutes Sept 17, 2020(Virtual) (Purple-All) (Green – Troops) (Blue-Packs)

1. Introduction – John Walton, District Commissioner
  - a. Welcome address from John Walton, District Commissioner
  - b. Pledge
  - c. Oath
  - d. Law
  - e. Agenda
2. Why Virtual Round Table? – John Walton
  - a. Purpose:
    - i. Provide information: give advice, guidelines, information
    - ii. Capture Information: hear opinions, see guidance
    - iii. Inform current program training
    - iv. Provide network opportunities
  - b. These can be through a virtual Round Table
    - i. Saves time getting to an meeting location
    - ii. Saves energy
    - iii. Don't have to wear a complete uniform
3. Safety Moment – David Grundler
  - a. The plan has been embedded
  - b. Solano County has been lenient; Yolo is more conservative
  - c. Solano County has passed the buck to ignore the plan
  - d. Yolo County is very particular on the mind set of being conservative
  - e. Any information you may hear regarding social gatherings, please forward the information to the District Chair who will provide District Guidelines on how the event should be.
  - f. We can adjust the State and local guidelines; so keep in mind, we are still in the shelter-in-place guidelines.
  - g. Liability:
    - i. If a scout/adult gets sick and families end up suing; we have no additional guidelines.
    - ii. We will provide/be responsible for liability, but not for medical.
    - iii. Risk is not 'Zero' when meeting in person
  - h. District wide activities
    - i. Twilight Camp was allowed to take place
    - ii. We followed the guidelines at the time the event happened
4. News from BSA and GEC – Tyler Bonino
  - a. GEC is here to support District activities
  - b. Journey to Excellence: Social Gatherings
    - i. National Office has amended the JTE qualifications to include Virtual meetings and doing away with Council and District JTE.
  - c. Council Events:
    - i. Spook-a-Reee:
      1. Saturday, October 24
      2. Nor Cal Scout Camp
      3. Shooting sports: BB guns, Archery
      4. GEC will organize the day event
      5. District/groups are encouraged to come
      6. Families bring their own bag lunch
    - ii. University of Scouting: Virtual
      1. Saturday, November 14; 9am – 3:40pm
      2. From the comfort of your home
      3. Great classes about virtual scouting
      4. Online Registrations are being accepted
        - a. Early: Sept 1-30; \$5
        - b. Regular: Oct 1-31; \$10
    - iii. Winter Camping 2020: Nor Cal Arctic Adventure
      1. November 21-24 (before Thanksgiving)
      2. In person: until otherwise advised
      3. Nor Cal Scout Camp
      4. Earn Merit Badges
      5. Registration opens October 15

5. Membership/Retention – Tyler Bonino
  - a. Activities: GEC/Yolano District are:
    - i. Promoting sign-up nights
    - ii. Promoting virtual sign-up nights
      1. In Vacaville, GEC is in contact with elementary school principals
      2. Davis/West Sac uses ‘Peachjar’
  - b. Packs are virtual
    - i. Encourage Packs to get the ‘word’ out and post as much as possible
    - ii. Yard signs with websites and contact info
6. Finances – Tyler Bonino
  - a. ‘Friends of Scouting’ to reboot
  - b. The Yolano District has donated the highest amount this year compared to Roseville and Elk Grove
  - c. GEC is making follow-up calls
  - d. Please mention the benefits of “Friends of Scouting” in your meetings and Court of Honors, Pack Meetings...
7. Centennial Celebration:
  - a. We had all these great plans; then, the Covid 19 came.
  - b. What can we do with 100 Years of Scouting? Focus on the Scouting part and set the community involvement off to the side.
  - c. Centennial Quest: 15 items/events that you can do in ways that will help the Scout reconnect with the community.
  - d. 9 items/events = a orange border patch; 15 items/events = a gold border patch
  - e. Events are things that you can do that are Scout related that are within your community or Council.
    - i. Take a hike
    - ii. Visit a point of interest
    - iii. Connect with historical sites
  - f. Time Capsule: asking for contributions to add to the time capsule (later on that)
8. Yolano District
  - a. We are looking forward to in-person meetings but for now, we’re going virtual
  - b. Thank you for continuing with scouting
  - c. We need scouting values to help us cope during these different times
    - i. A scout is cheerful to put a positive spin to 2020.
    - ii. A scout is helpful. Help your neighbors who are alone.
    - iii. A scout is ...
  - d. Not a lot of fundraising/achievements/advancements
  - e. Our district is leading the Council in in-person meetings
  - f. Cheers to Twilight Camp.
    - i. We were one of two districts that held a camp for our Packs
    - ii. Northern River (Redding) was the other
  - g. If you come across other guidelines that allows more leniency; please contact David Grundler. The County will redirect you to the agency/organization that you are working with (BSA).
9. Final Thoughts – John Walton
  - a. District Chair position – David Grundler
    - i. Sept 2018 talks began between Trailblazer and Yolo Districts to combine the two.
    - ii. Yolano was born 01/01/2019
    - iii. Term: Positions are traditionally 3 years
    - iv. David has taken a work position in Whitefish, Montana and has turned over the District Chair responsibility to Christina Yeung
    - v. Christina Yeung will be interim District Chair as of tonight until the end of May
    - vi. Christina Yeung thanked David for his years of service
  - b. Advancement – Linda Paumer
    - i. Deadline for Advancement Extensions (Eagle/Quartermaster) is Sept 30.
    - ii. GEC has received 40; 2 are from Yolano
    - iii. Extensions are 3 months from the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday for Eagles/21<sup>st</sup> birthday for Quartermaster.

- iv. A letter/online letter goes to David Kimball
  - 1. [www.https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-007.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-007.pdf)
  - 2. Google: Eagle Rank extensions
- c. Recharter – Tyler Bonino
  - i. \$75 Unit Liability Fee
  - ii. \$66 Scouts
  - iii. \$42 Adults
  - iv. Council is working on Recharter packets
  - v. So, far, no change to registration/recharter procedures or website
- d. Help/advise/what are other units doing?
  - i. Webelos: Brian Meux, Scoutmaster, Troop 1625:
    - 1. Make meetings 30 minutes rather than 1 hr. during normal times
    - 2. Do weekly check-ins to see if there are any questions or problems with completing a merit badge or getting sign-offs
    - 3. Using Google Docs for the merit badges and fill in the items of what is required.
    - 4. Court of Honor:
      - a. Virtual CoH to a presentation
      - b. Prepare patches before the CoH
        - i. Have parents pick them up
        - ii. Hand deliver them to the scout's house
      - c. The scout can be rewarded during the ceremony
    - 5. Activity – Court Case
      - a. Set up Prosecutor, defendant, judge, jury, witnesses
      - b. State the case; lay out all the evidence; make a decision, talk about the case.
      - c. Practice public speaking, gathering data, research, organization skills
    - 6. Activity – Walk/hike
      - a. Get the scouts moving
      - b. Talk to the den leaders and discuss ways to .....
      - c. Amanda McNicholas, Pack 75
        - i. Using Scoutbook to enter the completions
      - d. Brenda Washington, Committee Chair 191
        - i. Dens give a little time at the end of the meetings to draw.
        - ii. It worked for groups of 7-8 Webelo girls
    - 7. Cross over – Rod Nishikawa, Troop 139
      - a. It was a challenge to cross over 12 boys
      - b. Right away, we went virtual and used Discord and Minecraft
      - c. Senior scouts became a mentor to the brand new scouts to get them engaged
      - d. Senior scouts cannot sign off on Scoutbook for the new scouts, but contacts the ASM or SM to do the sign-offs
      - e. Rod says that he does less in the virtual environment because the attention is more focused and not spending time controlling a room full of 40-50 boys.
      - f. Boys use trivia stuff (Kahoot), virtual scavenger hunt thru Goose chase.
      - g. Gimkit is popular too (ASM - Mark Eschbach & CM – Tiffany Eschbach)
    - 8. Eagle Advancement – Kevin Hein
      - a. Scouts are wondering what is acceptable in an Eagle Project. The question goes back to the Scout: What types of projects have you thought of doing?
      - b. Less than 17 year-olds are eager to pursue Eagle.
        - i. As an Adult leader, you don't want to discourage them from trying/working
        - ii. During the Covid pandemic, it's ok to wait until things get settled
      - c. Projects:
        - i. Getting help to build kits
        - ii. Giving instructions; then, passing the project to the next team (assembly style).
        - iii. Ok to recruit family members if social distancing cannot be avoided
      - d. Life to Eagle Seminar: last week in Sept/1<sup>st</sup> week in Oct
      - e. Certificates:
        - i. Some Eagles that completed in March/April may have not received their certificates; while, June + have.
        - ii. Please be patient; National office is in a disarray