

WEST VIRGINIA 4-H ALL STARS



Annual Conference Business Meeting September 22, 2007



	Jeff Yokum Chief		Sheila Westfall Scout – Central
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Barbara Teter First Lesser Chief	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Louise Donato Scout – Central
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sandy Sims Second Lesser Chief	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Rookstool Scout – Southern
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Frankenberry Medicine Man and Life Membership Treasurer		Rhonda Hager Walls Scout – Southern
	Kathy Anderson Scribe		Tessa Lind Torch Editor
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joan Toler Communications Committee Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sally Lou Darst Interstate Committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	K. J. Keys Membership Committee Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clara May Spray Interstate Committee
	Candice Henderson Scout – Eastern	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Debbie McDonald State Advisor
	Ashley Skavenski Scout – Eastern		Carl Townsend County Extension Representative
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bill Freyler Scout – Western		Carl Pruett Nomination Chair
	Justin Miller Scout – Western	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Guy Stewart Jackson's Mill Legislative Project
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sheryl Sergent – Scribe Pro-tem			
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1) Call to Order

First Lesser Chief Barb Teter called the meeting to order.

2) Pledges

Barb Teter led the Pledge to the American Flag and the 4-H Pledge.

3) State 4-H Advisor's Report

Debbie McDonald, our State 4-H Director and All Star Advisor gave her report. She reports that many new things are happening in Extension on a fast pace. There is a new West Virginia University President and a new Director of the Extension Division at WVU. These leaders are very proactive and are gathering ideas.

In the 4-H division, there were 191 weeks of day and residential camps this summer throughout the state. These camps provided service to approximately 20,000 – 22,000 WV youth. Our first “Wired and Wonderful Camp” was held in conjunction with the Alpha 1 State 4-H Camp. There were two scholarships per county available for this camp. The children involved got to build and keep their own computer to take home. This opportunity was provided by the Verizon Company. Retired Verizon employees came and served as instructors and mentors for the youth.

A 4-H Youth Technology Team was organized. This group helped plan technology events.

One of the biggest challenges of the summer camping season was the meningitis case that was identified at Older Member's Conference. The main issue with this case was the potential for disease communication and how to inform the families of the campers without creating panic. A script was written and distributed to each child. Counselors talked to the children before they called home. Each child called home and read the script to their parent/guardian. The widespread cell phone ownership of the children was an asset to this process. This planned approach to the situation allowed the camp to continue and averted panic. The child with meningitis is recovering well and the meningitis type identified was not the highly communicable form so the other campers and staff did not have to be treated with antibiotics.

Debbie McDonald reports that the surveys and evidence gathered from the youth prove that we are still great at what we do which is providing fantastic experiences for youth.

At the West Virginia State Fair, a new WVU building was dedicated by the governor and the WVU President.

In June, a Curriculum Summit was held at the National 4-H Center. It was noted that curriculum had been a difficult problem with multiple problems on a nationwide basis. Some of our state Extension Staff, county agents and youth are working with this group to make improvements.

West Virginia was represented at a National Youth Violence Summit hosted at the National 4-H Center. Debbie McDonald was a respondent speaker at the event. Several of our 4-H youth and some county Extension agents attended the summit.

In the national Americorp Volunteer Program, the 500,000th volunteer was recognized. This happened to be a West Virginia 4-H member from Mingo County, Olivia _____. She traveled to Washington, D. C. and met President Bush at a White House reception.

The Chartering Process for all 4-H groups continues. The deadline for completion is September 30, 2008. This process ensures that all groups have appropriate By-Laws, officers and program planning for each club year.

Debbie McDonald informed us that the United States Internal Revenue Service is scrutinizing 4-H groups (and all non-profit groups). New documentation will be required to meet tax guidelines.

Debbie reports that our Collegiate 4-H Program is alive and well. There are programs on 9 college campuses around the state with others organizing. At WVU, 75 students attended the collegiate club's first meeting of this school year.

Debbie McDonald reminds us of our vision: "We are here for the kids."

Regional training for volunteers continues around the state with programs at 12 different sites.

Debbie McDonald asks and recommends that the All Stars realign our Scouts with the six Extension regions defined by WVU Extension.

Debbie announced that there would be a new 4-H web site and new 4-H e-mail lists.

4) Minutes

The minutes of the May 11, 2007 Executive Committee were approved by the Executive Committee members present.

5) WVU Development Director's Update

Julie Cryser, the WVU Development Director addressed the All Stars. She thanked everyone for their support of WVU Extension and Jackson's Mill. She noted the \$25,000.00 given by the All Stars to complete one of the new upstairs guest suites in

the Mount Vernon Dining Hall at Jackson's Mill. This suite will be named for the All Stars. The Dining Hall restoration has been meticulous with beautiful results.

This fundraising year has been phenomenal. The calling campaign raised \$25,000.00 to furnish and finish the Dining Hall. This greatly exceeded the goal of \$9,000.00.

A total of \$1 million was raised for WVU Extension in 2006. In the first quarter of 2007, \$250,000.00 has already been raised.

Three WVU scholarships have now been endowed and made available for 4-H members.

Several State and County funds have reached endowment levels for camp scholarships.

Julie Cryser noted the Verizon grant that created the "Wired and Wonderful Camp."

At the Mount Vernon Dining Hall, the upstairs area has received funds:

- a. Gladys Knapp donated funds for the Conference Room which will be named for J. O. Knapp.
- b. One suite has been funded by and will be named after Dr. and Mrs. Larry Cote.
- c. One suite has been funded by and will be named for the WV 4-H All Stars.
- d. The last suite has been funded by and will be named for Jefferson County 4-H members.

WVU has published three quarterly development newsletters.

Mrs. Cryser informed us that construction costs are rising and some project estimates are 50% too low. For Jackson's Mill, the Northern Panhandle Cottage renovation will be started soon. Upshur County is still raising funds for their cottage renovation. Monongalia County has started a cottage renovation fund drive.

Julie Cryser wants to work with counties to establish county foundations. She is also working with individuals in the counties to identify donors in the counties.

6) Medicine Man Report

Medicine Man Bob Frankenberry gave the financial report. He presented printed statements to the members. Guy Stewart moved to accept the Medicine Man's report. Stewart McDonald seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7) Chief's Report

Barb Teter read a letter from Chief Jeff Yokum. Jeff thanked everyone for their support especially the Executive Committee. Jeff expressed his concern about The Torch. He had spoken with new Torch Editor, Tessa Lind, and Harless Printing. There were delays at the printers and issues with the mailing agency. These issues are addressed now. There was also a delay in getting enough articles for the Torch. The plan is to gather some timeless articles for future Torch issues. There has been positive feedback from the county Extension agents and All Star members about the nomination process and other All Star issues.

8) Jackson's Mill and Legislative Report

Guy Stewart reports that he has met with the new Extension Director. WVU Extension will request \$1.5 million from the WV Legislature for Jackson's Mill infrastructure (plumbing, wiring, water and sewer lines, etc.).

Guy Stewart asks for a newsletter to be sent to All Star members giving them talking points about Jackson's Mill's needs to use with their local legislators.

Guy wrote a letter to a foundation board for the Monongalia Cottage renovation and he received a \$270,000.00 grant. Guy Stewart went on to discuss that the Monongalia Cottage has deteriorated so badly that it may not be cost effective to renovate it.

Barby Frankenberry moved and Michele Hale seconded that the All Stars support forward motion on Jackson's Mill fundraising, renovation and construction. Projects may be renovation if possible or new unit construction as needed as long as the new construction maintains the historic integrity of Jackson's Mill. Motion carried.

Guy also discussed that we need to get the younger All Stars involved with the All Star organization. He states that we need more people, especially the younger generation involved.

8) Jackson's Mill Director's Report

Terry Patterson, Jackson's Mill Director, gave his report. He says that he is honored to be the steward of Jackson's Mill. He thanked the All Stars for their continued support of Jackson's Mill.

He gave these project updates:

Programming

He is working on getting Jackson's Mill recognized by the Elder Hostel program. Some interests of Elder Hostel visitors include bird

watching, Civil War interest in Stonewall Jackson and potentially the interest in Jackson's Mill as a historic 4-H site.

Terry is working on establishing an Environmental Education program in cooperation with WVU. This would involve elementary school children coming to learn about environmental issues.

The Stonewall Jackson Jubilee was successful this year. The number of attendees was up on Friday, Saturday and Sunday but down a little on Monday as usual.

The summer camping season was very successful. The Firefighter's Camp was back after a long hiatus. The Fire Academy is under construction.

There is potential for adding two more camps to the season.

The "History on the Road" display went to 60 events and was viewed by 150,000 people.

Physical Plant

A new construction foreman will be hired to supervise construction projects. This will help keep project costs down.

The roofs on Jackson's Mill and Blaker's Mill are receiving work.

Work is being done on the sewer plant and sewer connections.

There is work on preventive maintenance and lighting.

Terry Patterson wants to improve the lighting and the window blinds in the Assembly Hall.

At 4-H Older Members' Conference the youth participated in a "Save Jackson's Mill Day" event and provided \$70,000.00 worth of labor on various projects.

Terry referred members to the last issue of The Torch for a report on "Doris Day" (Jackson's Mill work day).

There have been many visitors to Jackson's Mill.

The accreditation from the American Camping Association is in its second year.

There is a challenge with Jackson's Mill staff retirements. This has affected staffing levels within the WVU parameters on staffing.

A plan is being formed to make fireplaces in meeting areas operational with gas logs. This is feasible.

Terry reports that many people have worked behind the scenes to help Jackson's Mill and he thanks them all.

Terry is working on new brochures and a conference marketing package to help potential users understand the services, amenities and pricing available at Jackson's Mill. He believes this will help increase conference business.

The grounds and buildings have an improved appearance.

In October, a corn maze will be open to the public.

On November 11, Jackson's Mill will host a film premiere for a History Channel documentary on General Stonewall Jackson.

This holiday season, Jackson's Mill will again host the "Winter Lights" program. Local 4-H clubs are invited to decorate cottages with white lights and historic-themed decorations. This event helps raise money for the clubs. An Arts and Crafts Fair will also be held. On December 13, there will be a "Breakfast with Santa" event and a buffet.

The first Sunday in June will be an Open House for Jackson's Mill.

Terry Patterson thanked his wife for continuing her work with the landscaping.

Terry also noted that many visitors comment on the "special feeling" that they can sense at Jackson's Mill.

Officer and Committee Reports

a. Officers

Barb Teter gave her report on Annual Conference. She thanked everyone that helped with this conference. She gave special thanks to Jeff Yokum, Sandy Sims, Bob Frankenberry and the Historic Area staff. She thanks Robert Hartley for coming to share his memories

of Charlie Hartley. Thanks also go to Jeanne Carter for portraying Laura Jackson.

b. Life Membership

K. J. Keys reports that 82 Life Memberships were paid as of July 30, 2007. There are 4962 paid Life Members. There were 317 nominations approved in May 2007. So far, 92 of these have been initiated.

Bob Frankenberry reports that over 4800 Torches were sent with the last mailing and only 81 came back.

c. Communications

Joan Toler reports that she has been sending e-mail news. She asks that members give her e-mail addresses to update her list.

d. 2007 Interstate Conference Report

Pam Boggs reported on the Interstate All Star Conference held in Williamsburg and Jamestown, Virginia. West Virginia had 18 attendees at the conference. They went on several tours of historic sites and monuments. The conference was very enjoyable.

e. 2009 Interstate Conference Committee

Clara Mae Spray explained to the group that the Interstate All Star Conference is held every year with rotating hosts between the 4 active chapters. Clara Mae says that the Interstate group is suggesting that the conferences be moved to every 2 years so that each group would only have to host it once in 8 years. Clara Mae moved that our WV Alpha Chapter support the continuation of the Interstate All Star Conference annually with WV hosting the event once every 4 years. Stuart McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was denied with 9 aye votes and 13 nay votes.

Sally Lou Darst reported on the 2009 Interstate All Star Conference that the WV Alpha Chapter will be hosting in Huntington. The committee is looking for ideas for interesting activities for the group. The date will be July 30 – August 2, 2009. Please contact K. J. Keys, Sally Lou or Clara Mae if anyone has any ideas or suggestions.

f. Service

Becca Fint Clark sent a Service report that during the “Doris Day” work event that the Jackson’s Mill Amphitheater was power washed with great results.

g. Extension Agents Representative Report

Carl Townsend was not present to give an Extension Agent’s report.

Also, Gina Taylor of West Virginia State University’s Extension Program was not present to give a report.

h. Past Chiefs Project

Immediate Past Chief Barby Frankenberry reported that the Past Chiefs are working on a history collection project. They are compiling a list of all the Past Chiefs and their Executive Committees of the Alpha Chapter for our organization’s records.

i. Torch and Website

Jeff Ryman reported that the web site has been operating for 2 years now. He states that more articles and information are needed for both the Torch and the web site. He would like to have articles reporting All Star activities in the counties that he can post on the web site. Jeff will also post pictures.

8) Scout Reports

j. Central

Louise Donato reported that she has helped with address corrections for the All Star records and Torch mailings.

k. Eastern

Ashley Skavenski sent a report that she had been helping her counties.

l. Southern

There were no reports from the Southern scouts.

m. Western

Bill Freyler reported that the Ohio County All Stars had a display at their Fall Fest. He said that the Ohio County All Stars also helped with selecting All Star nominees from the county.

9) Old Business

Barb Teter introduced the proposed Amendment to our Constitution to change the number of Scouts from 4 to 6 to reflect the current

Extension regions. Bob Frankenberry so moved to pass this amendment with a second by Michele Hale. Bob Frankenberry withdrew his motion and Michele Hale withdrew her second when it was noted that we could not vote on this motion since the Amendment was not published in the Torch 20 days prior to the Annual Meeting. This publication is required by our Constitution.

Paul Davis moved to suspend the 20 days publication rule to allow the election of 6 Scouts. This motion died for lack of a second.

Aubrey Wilson moved to table this discussion until the Amendment can be published for 20 days and then voted upon at the next Annual Meeting. Michele Hale seconded the motion.

Paul Davis withdrew his motion.

Aubrey Wilson withdrew his motion.

Clara Mae Spray moved that we allow the Chief with the help of the Executive Committee to appoint 2 more Scouts in addition to the 4 elected today. Marilyn Dague seconded this motion and the motion carried.

In regards to the Jackson's Mill Dining Hall Suite, Jeff Yokum wrote a letter to the WVU Foundation office to release the funds for this project. A reply letter was sent, thanking the All Stars for the "named" suite funds. Dr. Cote also included a letter of thanks to the All Stars for their commitment and loyalty. Aubrey Wilson suggested that we file the letters for our records.

A report on the "Outspoken for 4-H Bike Ride" was given by James Grantham. This year had the most riders. They had great stopovers at 4-H Camps in the Eastern Panhandle. They raised \$6,000.00 to help finish and furnish the Mt. Vernon Dining Hall.

Next year's ride will be the 5th Annual Ride. They will be traveling the same route but are looking at expansion. A picture of the riders was presented to the All Stars.

10) New Business

Next year's Annual Conference will be September 26 – 28, 2008.

Thank you post cards from 4-H members were displayed on a table for All Stars to read.

Barb Teter gave a report from Dean Hardman who manages the store at the Historical Area. It has been suggested that All Star items be offered in the store. Dean Hardman was willing to stock 1 or 2 All Star pins in the safe but there would be a price increase over our direct price to members. Mr. Hardman would not carry the Life Bars. Clara Mae Spray moved and Barby Frankenberry seconds that the Executive Committee decides about this issue of stocking All Star items in the Historic Area store. The motion carried.

Sandy Sims gave the Nominating Committee Report. The following slate of officers was selected:

Chief	Jeff Yokum
First Lesser Chief	Barb Teter
Second Lesser Chief	Sandy Sims
Scribe	Kathy Anderson
Medicine Man and Life Membership Treasurer	Robert Frankenberry
Communications Chair	Joan Toler
Membership Chair	K. J. Keys
Service Chair	Becca Fint Clark

Pam Boggs moved to accept this slate of officers by acclimation as presented. Nera Cox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Clara Mae Spray moved that the Chief can appoint all Scouts for the next year (as allowed by the Constitution). Marilyn Dague seconded this motion. The motion carried.

11) Other

The Mercer County All Stars are selling antique dinner plates from their 4-H camp (identical to the Jackson's Mill plates that were used in the Mt. Vernon Dining Hall).

Doug Hovatter of Berkley County sent a letter asking the All Stars for a donation to Heifer Project International. Barby Frankenberry moved that we send \$100.00 to this charitable cause. Louise Donato seconded the motion. The motion carried.

James Grantham moved to adjourn. Marilyn Dague seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Sergent
Scribe Pro-tem