

*Boy Scouts of America*  
*Troop 270*  
*Doug Moore, Scoutmaster*

Minutes of Committee Meeting, November 10, 2009

In attendance were Doug Moore, Jim Grace, Doug Herweck, Brian and Sondra Callahan, Randy Hughes, Carlos and Mary Valdez, Stan Dery, David Whittlesey, Ray Beckwith, Rick Pfadt, Betty Hao, Munir Sewani, Tom Gebelin, Michael McVeigh. Last and probably least (but that wouldn't have happened if Lou had shown up), Robin Woolsey.

1. Treasurer's Report. Between the checking account, petty cash, cash, checks not deposited and the Council store balance we have \$6,913.66. Of that amount, boy accounts amount to \$2,123.23, the scholarship account is \$1,315.96 and the gas fund is \$347.39. Additionally, the troop is holding \$175.40 collected towards summer camp in funds collected. This leaves us with \$2,951.68 in useable funds. Additionally, the troop purchased ammunition for this year's shooting campout that was not used and is valued at \$168.24. That ammunition will be used for next year's shooting campout. Also, the troop has scout books credit of \$181.80. The troop is owed about \$334.00 in dues and fees for past campouts that need to be collected before re-registration.

2. Doug Moore suggested that assistant scoutmasters who are in charge of individual campouts must be authorized to determine what if any prerequisites there are for boys or adults attending that particular campout and the assistant scoutmaster has authority to enforce the rules during the course of the trip. Safety of the boys and the adults is the top priority and the assistant scoutmaster in charge should be open to suggestions and opinions by those adults on the outing when issues crop up. The Committee agreed with the proposal and it will now be enforced.

3. Roster: Betty has prepared an updated roster and it will be re-worked again in January following re-registration. It will be emailed but printed copies will also be available for those who want them.

4. Eagles Projects: Tom has been working with the boys who are close to Eagle. Derrick A. has until 5/19/2010 to complete his project. It has been delayed by the difficulty in getting the plaques made up but it is believed this will be taken care of shortly and we can complete his project. Joshua S. completed his project and Mark D. is getting ready for his.

5. Upcoming Outings: Rose Bowl Parade float decorating will not happen as the participants have already been selected and no one under 14 could work on the scout float. Instead, the troop is contemplating a day trip to the Mid-Way Aircraft Carrier in San Diego and Stan will look into this. The proposed date is Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. We will have a day trip to San Diego on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting Adventure Base. More information on this will be provided later. The tentative calendar for the rest of 2010 along with those adults in charge is as follows: February 12-14 Death Valley (Whittlesey and Pfadt), March 26-28 Maywood Gun Club shooting campout (Diaz and Callahan), April 16-18 Civil War re-enactment campout at Prado (Woolsey), May 28-31 Sequoia campout (Leonardi), June 25-27 surf camp (Hao), July 16-18 bicycle trip to Huntington Beach (Hughes). Summer camp at Camp Whitsett will be from August 1 through August 7, September 24-26 Sheriff's rodeo and/or Council (camporee) (McVeigh), October 15-17 Big Bear Lake fishing (Leonardi and Permann), November 12-14 Anza Borrego (Gebelin), December 4 day outing to Knott's Berry Farm (Valdez). Please note some of these dates are subject to change as the persons in charge investigate camping availability, etc.

Additional day outings were discussed as possible replacements as needed or fill-ins. Santa Rosa Plateau (Woolsey and Pfadt), Mt. San Jacinto, Johns Meadows, Whale Watching (Dery), Hanger 18 indoor climbing (Mary Valdez), Aviation Merit Badge on April 10 (Mary Valdez). On February 13, Victoria Forever

will be planting trees and they are looking for a \$200.00 donation for a 25-gallon tree and Randy Hughes generously agreed to take care of this.

6. The Committee also discussed a 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary program called "Lets Get This Party Started". Apparently, there are five ribbons that can be earned by performing certain activities. The Committee reviewed them and noted that they were more geared toward Cub Scouts so we decided to skip it. Nevertheless, individual scouts can earn these ribbons and Stan will e-mail and put information up on the website.

7. Kieran M. made a find presentation regarding the Troop going to the Florida Sea Base in 2012. He has investigated this quite a bit. Sea Base is in the Florida Keys and Bahamas. It involves 13 different adventures of which our contingent would choose three and as a result of a lottery conducted by the Sea Base we would be assigned one of those adventures. The one Kieran was most interested in was the Bahamas Adventure which is 8 days on a sailboat and includes snorkeling and fishing. The approximate cost including airfare would be about \$1,350.00. By comparison, Northern Tier was only slightly less at about \$1,100.00. For boys to participate they must be 14 before the date of the trip. Kieran will get together a committee of boys to determine interest and we will have an adult guide from the Troop to help with the planning. Kieran will set up a Saturday date for the initial meeting. To send a contingent, we must have a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 12 although it does seem we could send multiple contingents. Robin has agreed to take care of the transportation involved in this trip out of the goodness of his heart.

8. As you know, we had a problem with the last Court of Honor where we lost out on the church's auditorium/multipurpose room. Stan will arrange for the Court of Honor dates with the church office so we don't have another problem. The next Court of Honor is scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup>.

9. Summer camp 2010 will be at Camp Whitsett. The Camp must have our deposit by January 25<sup>th</sup> and we must have an accurate count or the penalty to drop a boy or adult is \$100.00 per person after January 25<sup>th</sup> and \$200.00 per person if dropped after May. In other words, if you want to go, you must sign up and pay your deposit before January 25<sup>th</sup> and you must not drop out. If you do drop out, you must pay the penalty or find a paying replacement.

10. All five patrol boxes will be utilized at the upcoming Joshua Tree campout. If anyone notices any problems with them please let Robin know.

11. Our Troop trailer is plain white and we have discussed trying to apply graphics, decals, paint, etc., to signify that this is Troop 270's trailer. Apparently, Peggy Sewani indicated she could paint the trailer, but some concern was expressed that it would deteriorate due to the smooth nature of the current finish on the trailer. The Committee and Michael McVeigh in particular will continue to explore using vinyl emblems and Rick Pfadt indicated he could put them on and has some experience in that regard. We did discuss painting on the names of our Eagle Scouts and putting the official Boy Scout emblem on the trailer as well.

12. Stan will update the 2010 calendar and email it to everyone.

13. Some discussion was had regarding passing out flyers for campouts several weeks in advance of the event as some adults and boys claimed to not know anything about a campout even the Monday before. It was pointed out that these items are discussed at the troop meetings and the boys should be paying attention and further, it is all posted on the website. Nevertheless, it might help improve attendance at campouts if we did have some flyers that could be passed out. It would be up to the individual assistant scoutmaster in charge of a particular campout to take care of this.

14. Jill and Michael DeMatteo want to be Merit Badge Counselors and Rick Pfadt is signing on as an assistant scoutmaster. We need to get Dave Weise's signature on this paperwork since he is our chartered organization representative.

15. Boys wanting to attend Buckskin and Fox Fire may submit scholarship applications. Doug Moore will find out the deadline to submit the applications to attend each of these events and set the deadline

for the scholarship applications to the Troop Committee accordingly. These events will be held next summer and it is anticipated that we will need the scholarship applications to the Committee before March 1.

16. The Committee discussed whether to initiate additional fundraisers to earn money for the Troop. Mary Valdez had a flyer from Virginia Diner involving nut sales, which could be done in the Spring. Mary will also investigate the Albertson's Community Partners Program, which does generate money for participating organizations. Betty will look into a scrip-type program that could be done perhaps totally online without having to purchase scrip. A carwash with pre-sale tickets was also discussed by the Committee. We will look further into this in January.

17. Kieran and Betty are preparing a list of all boys and adults in the troop so we can present Service Stars at the next Court of Honor.

18. Order of the Arrow: Ray Beckwith has indicated he will be getting more involved at those meetings.

19. Re-registration deadline is 12/7/09. The cost is \$15.00 for registration, \$2.00 for insurance, \$10.00 for Boys Life (this is optional) and therefore each troop member will have to pay either \$17.00 or \$27.00 to register. All boys and adults must have their fees by then to Jim Grace. If annual dues are paid in one installment by 1/25/10, the cost will be \$50.00 as opposed to \$60.00 over the course of the year.

20. As always, Stan is doing a great job on the website and Doug Moore noted that he gets many compliments.

21. Next Committee meeting is January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Robin Woolsey, Recording Secretary



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