

Boy Scouts of America
Troop 270
Doug Moore, Scoutmaster

Minutes of Committee Meeting, January 13, 2009

In attendance were Doug Moore, Donald Herweck, Sondra Callahan, Stan Dery, Munir Sewani, Jim Grace, Tom Gebelin, Debbie Dighera and Robin Woolsey.

1. Treasurer's Report. Between the checking account, petty cash, cash and checks not deposited and the Council Store balance, we have \$12,684.34. Of that amount, \$1,894.18 is earmarked for the boy accounts, \$150.00 is allocated to Summer Camp 2009, \$6,873.46 is funds collected in unpaid for Northern Tier, \$842.26 is in the scholarship account and \$854.21 in the gas account. This leaves usable funds of \$2,070.23, of which \$790.88 is the balance at the Council Store. Consequently, actual cash available to the Troop that is not otherwise allocated is \$1,279.35. The Committee did discuss the dues arrearages as well as money owed for past campouts. Some progress has been made in collecting these funds but we need to re-double our efforts.

2. Troop Website. Stan had nothing new to report but of course the website continues to function quite nicely.

3. Rosters. With elections coming up, the Committee agreed that the Jolly Roger and Scorpion Patrols need to be combined into one patrol and the boys will determine what name to select for the combined patrol. Additionally, we will be obtaining four new boys who will be put in a patrol of their own and we will hopefully be able to add to that patrol shortly. With the elections one week after the Committee meeting, we will have enough in the way of changes for Teri Sandoval to print out new rosters.

4. Eagle Projects. There are no approved Eagle projects at this point. Michael finished his and Aric has all of his merit badges done for Eagle. After some discussion, Tom was volunteered by the rest of the committee to be the Eagle Mentor to prod those scouts who are close to reaching Eagle, particularly in age.

5. Cedar Badge will be in October some time but no one has an exact date.

6. The Knott's Berry Farm December outing was a success, as was Mtn. High, thanks to Ray. The next campout is Mitchell Caverns and Michael McVeigh is deep in charge. The rocket launch is scheduled for March and will be commanded by Teri Sandoval, Stan Dery will certainly be on target for the April shooting campout, and Robin Woolsey will lead the charge for the Civil War reenactment at Fort Tejon in May. As to June, the whitewater rafting trip that was to be organized by Lou Leonardi ended up swamping and the Committee decided that Lou would be better off with some training wheels for a bicycle campout at O'Neill Regional Park. Lou was not there to gripe about the change so the Committee decided they would tell him to like it or lump it. The goal will be to try to find a bicycle path that will take us down to the beach but there is some question as to whether there is a path that goes all the way from O'Neill to the beach. It will be up to Lou to figure out something.

7. Order of the Arrow. Elections will be scheduled in the near future.

8. The CPR Class was scheduled for Saturday the 17th after street clean-up, but it ended up being a bust. It is now rescheduled for Saturday, January 31 at 2:00 p.m. at the Scout House. Cost will be \$23.00.

9. This agenda item was essentially a complaint about yours truly and so I have chosen to ignore it.

10. Michael McVeigh is still working on getting us a current Merit Badge Counselor list of those within the Troop. He was not at the meeting so we could not rag on him.

11. All the patrols now have flags but the patrols need yells, a song or skit for future use, particularly at the upcoming Court of Honor.

12. The upcoming Court of Honor was discussed. The new Senior Patrol Leader will run the program. Friends of Scouting will make their presentation for contributions.

13. Popcorn commissions go into the store account and we will need to know the numbers so that the money can be allocated into the individual boys and their accounts within the Troop. Someone (I forget who) was to get this information.

14. Ray Beckwith was working on new hats and neckerchiefs, as well as the jackets. We discussed the colors for the new hats and neckerchiefs. The new uniforms no longer have the red epaulets and it was decided that the new hat and neckerchief colors would be dark forest green with a tan print. The hat will have the scout emblem, as well as "T-270, Riverside, CA". The neckerchief will have the peace bridge on it and Ray will take care of all of this. We also discussed having a uniform inspection with a raffle for the winner. The uniform inspection will be announced at Court of Honor and we will do it the following week at the regular Troop meeting.

15. We have a lot of leftover Troop numerals in red and once those are gone we will produce new ones in khaki green to match the uniforms.

16. The Quality Unit patches for 2008 have been earned, Don will buy them and pass them out at Court of Honor.

17. The physical examinations must now be done yearly. The question was whether there is a physician in the troop or known to someone in the troop that could come each spring and do an assembly line type sign-off. It was discussed that this was doubtful given the requirements of the physical examination form, but we could look into it.

Next Committee Meeting is March 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Scout House.

Robin Woolsey, Recording Secretary