

Boy Scouts of America
Troop 270
Thomas Gebelin, Scoutmaster

Minutes of Committee Meeting, January 8, 2008

In attendance were Don Herweck, Tom Gebelin, Stan Dery, Jim Grace, Tony Permann, Mike McVeigh, Larry Crilly, Munir Sewani, Debbie Dighera and Robin Woolsey.

1. Treasurer's Report. We have \$6,540.11 in the checking account, plus \$326.47 in petty cash, \$607.00 in monies not deposited and a Council store credit balance of \$312.45, giving us \$7,786.03. Of that amount, \$1,228.34 is boy account money, \$954.41 is scholarship funds, and \$679.99 is in the gas account. Certain funds are also earmarked for Chawanakee and the snow campout, but all in all, we are healthy. We did discuss certain boys who are behind in their dues, including two who did not pay any dues at all last year. Those parents will be contacted to try to bring the accounts current. Jim Grace noted that collecting the \$5.00 per month dues from each scout can be difficult and very time consuming. He proposed that the Troop offer a discount from a year's worth of dues (\$60.00) down to \$50.00 if paid in full by the end of January. This unanimously passed.

2. The website is great and Stan continues to do a fine job.

3. Teri Sandoval is working on a new roster. We have 29 boys and 2 new ones that are coming in or filling out paperwork. Because of the upcoming Troop elections, the roster will be delayed until after 1/21/08 so it will be current. Hopefully Teri will be able to get the roster ready and copied to be passed out at the 1/28/08 Court of Honor.

4. Eagle Projects. Brennan is working on his, which involves Indian pump drills at the Rubidoux Nature Center. He has collected donations and will be obtaining materials in the very near future. Thereafter, his project will probably be scheduled for February. The Committee noted that there are several locations that have Eagle projects, including Hidden Valley Nature Preserve, the church where we meet, and Rubidoux Nature Center.

5. As noted above, we have \$954.41 in the scholarship account. A Scout has to be age 13 for Buckskin and 14 for Foxfire. Cedar Badge is a prerequisite to Buckskin and Buckskin a prerequisite for Foxfire. The cost is about \$300.00 for the leadership programs. One boy has written to Tom for a scholarship and the committee set March 10 as a deadline for scholarship requests to be given to Tom. From the funds we have it appears that we will be able to give three scholarships.

6. Upcoming events. The snow outing is 1/26/08, which Ray Beckwith is organizing. Death Valley is on February 16 and Tom was supposed to organize but he decided that he will not have time to stop in Death Valley on his way to Las Vegas that weekend. Obviously Glitter Gulch has more appeal than the quiet serenity of Death Valley. Tom will hopefully decide to come back and organize the Joshua Tree meet on March 28 as it is assigned to him. The shooting campout on April 25 is Stan's responsibility.

7. Hats and Neckerchiefs. No report.

8. New storage location for trailer at Mike's mother in law's – Same broken record.

9. Order of the Arrow. Two boys, William and Nino, have been elected officers. The Troop will have Order of the Arrow elections in March.

10. Court of Honor. Betty has passed out fliers and Don will confirm availability of the room. We suspect that that will not be a problem as Ben is getting his Eagle Palm and as I recall his parents have some pull at the church.

11. Summer Camp. Eight boys have started making payments. The first Troop payment to Chawanakee is due 1/15/08. The camp has reserved 25 boys and 8 adult slots for us, but that appears to be excessive. Jim will find out the drop dead date to provide a final count to the camp before we are locked in. This is important as we are charged based on the number of reservations whether we have the bodies to go with them or not.

12. CPR and First Aid. Aric and Carlo need the CPR class. Jim Grace's contact appears to be willing to do it for gas and food, hopefully not combined. The Committee decided to go with that gentleman and propose February 9, 23 or March 15 as the dates for the program if the instructor is available.

13. Foxfire and Buckskin boys are graduating February 2 at the Moreno Valley LDS Stake at 10:00 a.m. It is located on Old Lake Drive.

14. There was no popcorn report but Betty later e-mailed a summary that show and sell sales totaled \$686.00, the order total was \$2,200.00 and we have leftover popcorn of \$28.00, for a total of \$2,914.00. We had \$34.50 in donations and the popcorn money paid to Council totaled \$2,107.00, which appears to leave us with a fairly tidy profit.

15. Tim, the scout who moved to Michigan, wants to have his Eagle ceremony with us. Apparently he is very close to reaching Eagle in Michigan.

16. Street Cleanup is Saturday, January 12 at 8:00 a.m. By time you read this, if you weren't there, you missed it.

17. March 8 is tree planting. Tom has a flier and will prepare a permission slip. Tony and Munir will be in charge. Yikes!

18. Archaeology Merit Badge. Mrs. Snow is doing a fine job of getting this organized. It will take place on January 19.

19. Weed control at the Scout House will be either February 9 or 23, depending on the CPR class. More information about that later.

Next committee meeting is March 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Scout House.

Robin Woolsey, Recording Secretary

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