

Boy Scouts of America
Troop 270
Doug Moore, Scoutmaster

Minutes of Committee Meeting, November 11, 2008

In attendance were Tom Gebelin, Don Herweck, Stan Dery, Jim Grace, Michael McVeigh, Brian Callahan and Robin Woolsey. Noticeably absent was our fearless leader, Doug Moore.

1. Treasurer's Report. Between the checking account balance, petty cash, cash on hand and checks not deposited, as well as our balance at the Council Store, we have \$10,520.03. Of that amount, \$5,105.46 is allocated to Northern Tier, \$1,768.00 is in the Boy Accounts, the Scholarship Fund is \$842.26 and the Gas Account is \$854.21. This leaves us with non-allocated and usable funds of \$1,950.01. Once the popcorn is paid for by the Troop, usable funds will amount to approximately \$800.00. Re-registration is coming up and the fees will be \$10.00 to register, \$12.00 for insurance and \$6.00 for Boy's Life. Boys/parents may also elect to pay 2009 dues in one lump sum in the amount of \$50.00 (a \$10.00 discount) which is payable in January. The Committee also discussed that a number of boys are in arrears not only on dues, but camping fees, etc. **The Committee unanimously agreed that anyone owing money to the Troop will not be allowed to re-register for 2009 until those funds are paid in full.**

2. Website. Stan now owns the domain name Riversidescouts.com. A friend of his had originally obtained it and Stan got it transferred to him.

3. Roster. Terry Sandoval will be asked to update the roster once we have re-chartered and we hold elections in January.

4. Eagle Projects. Michael K. has his project scheduled to be finished on November 22. This will be done in shifts to ensure full participation throughout the day.

5. No one attended Cedar Badge on October 11. It is unknown when the next one is, but it is probably in Spring.

6. The Fort Tejon campout was canceled (I was really bummed) due to the Merit Badge Day siphoning off most of the boys. The Committee extends a big thank you to those that handled the campouts over the past year. They include Doug Moore, Tom Gebelin, Ray Beckwith, Stan Dery, Lou Leonardi, Michael McVeigh, Dave Johnson, Debbie Dighera, Betty Hao and Robin Woolsey. As to the upcoming campouts for 2009, some readjustment is being worked on by the committee. For the moment we have Knott's Berry Farm on December 6 and the day ski trip to Mountain High on January 10. February 13 will be the Mitchell Caverns trip. We need adults to offer to spearhead or lead and organize these campouts. Once the Troop schedule is finalized, we will ask for volunteers. There will be a Civil War re-enactment campout that Robin will take charge of, Stan will handle the shooting campout, Tom will be in charge of Joshua Tree and Michael McVeigh will lead the backpacking excursion.

7. Order of the Arrow meeting is coming up and attendance by OA members is encouraged.

8. CPR Class. Jim Grace's friend Terrance Williams has graciously agreed to provide the CPR and First Aid Class. The Troop did discuss possibly having the class on January 17 after the street clean up. Another alternative is January 24. If the program is 8 hours long as some believe, we may need to split the classes between two dates.

9. The Committee and the Treasurer still need an accounting of purchases and what was sold at the 4th of July fundraiser.

10. Merit Badge Counselors. Michael McVeigh is working on a new list of them within the Troop.

11. All Patrol flags have been made except for the Cobras Patrol. Tom Gebelin provided new flag stands, which is appreciated. There was also discussion that we need to get the patrols motivated to come up with yells, songs, etc.

12. The Christmas party will be December 15 and the next Court of Honor January 26. The last Court of Honor went quite smoothly albeit nearly later than just about ever.

13. Michael McVeigh, Ray Beckwith and Robin Woolsey are Assistant Scoutmasters. Stan Dery said he would be willing to step in that position and the committee badgered Brian Callahan pretty hard to get him to volunteer for an Assistant Scoutmaster position (see what you get for showing up?).

14. Michael McVeigh is working on the Tour Permit Car Forms in order to update them.

15. Popcorn will arrive next Monday. We will have to issue a check for about \$1,100.00 for the popcorn.

16. The food drive was a success and it appears that 245 pounds of food was donated to First Harvest Food Bank. Jim Grace delivered the food and the committee appreciated his efforts.

17. Street clean up was well attended with 23 boys and adults there. The committee agreed that whoever purchases the donuts following street clean up would be entitled to reimbursement by the Troop for those expenses.

18. Merit badge pamphlets. Louie Leonardi went through all the merit badge books and determined that we only have 12 current merit badge books. Four bags of books will probably have to be destroyed. We need many new merit badge booklets. If someone is working on a merit badge and they finish it, the committee encourages them to donate it to the Troop library for use by other boys. There was also a discussion that Curly (nyuck, nyuck...) is selling merit badge books at quite a discount because they are being updated for the covers only. In other words, what is between the covers is still good. Someone (I forget who) will look into this further to see if we can make a bulk deal.

19. The Troop paid the insurance, 66 members at \$6.00 each for a total of \$396.00.

20. The Troop committee has discussed having fundraisers in the past but it never seemed to get off the ground. The Troop does solicit committee members or adults who want to come forward and give us some ideas or suggestions for fundraising activities.

Next Committee Meeting is January 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Scout House.

Robin Woolsey, Recording Secretary



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!