

Boy Scouts of America
Troop 270
Thomas Gebelin, Scoutmaster

Minutes of Committee Meeting, November 13, 2007

In attendance were Don Herweck, Tom Gebelin, Jim Grace, Stan Dery, Larry Crilly, Tony Permann, Betty Smith, Debbie Dighera, Lou Leonardi and Robin Woolsey.

1. Treasurer's Report. We have \$1,380.59 in boy account money, \$938.41 in the scholarship fund, \$622.95 in the gas account, and \$112.76 on account at the Council store. The Troop has already paid for the popcorn and has collected part of the money, but \$1,189.00 is still due the Troop for popcorn, which will be added to the unallocated funds of \$938.84 we have in cash, meaning when that money is all collected the Troop will have funds not designated for anything else that will total \$2,127.84. The end result is that we are pretty healthy. Nevertheless, we do have outstanding funds owed of \$676.82. This includes outstanding dues and unpaid Surf Camp money dating from last June totaling \$252.00 as between two boys. The committee discussed this problem and outstanding dues will be deducted from boy account money to the extent possible if it is not paid. Also, no boy will be allowed to go on an outing without payment up front as we now have been waiting many months for payment on Surf Camp. Efforts will be made to collect the dues and the outstanding Surf Camp money.

2. Stan continues to do a fabulous job on the website. The Where's Waldo? game is going a bit slow and we need to think of something to get the boys to look at the site more and play the game. It was suggested that the specific prize for the winner of the Where's Waldo? game be revealed to help spur on interest, and Stan will consider this.

3. A new roster will be due after elections on 1/21/08. It was noted that we only have three more meetings plus the Christmas party left this year.

4. Eagle Projects. Brennan's project looks like it will get underway in January or February. Aric's Eagle Project appears to be a ways off yet.

5. Cedar Badge. Louie, Doug and Matt went to Cedar Badge. If boys want to attend Buckskin (scheduled June 15 – 21, 2008) or Foxfire (June 14 – 21, 2008) they need to write to Tom for consideration and approval of partial scholarships.

6. Thanks to the dads for their efforts on organizing recent campouts, even though they have been somewhat lightly attended by the boys. The archery outing is on 12/1/07 and Doug Moore is organizing it. The snow outing is on 1/12/08 and we have no one in charge, but since Ray Beckwith did such a great job last year, the pressure is on him to step forward. The Committee then discussed the remaining campouts scheduled for the coming year. Tom Gebelin will organize February's Death Valley campout and March's Joshua Tree excursion. Stan Dery will take care of the April shooting campout and Lou Leonardi will try to bumble his way to the Sequoia trek in May. Since Mike McVeigh was the moving force behind the Dollar Lake backpacking campout in June, in his absence (and inability to protest), he was nominated and unanimously approved to take care of that campout. July is summer camp and the biking campout in August will be organized by Dave Johnson. The September Fiesta Island campout will have a feminine touch and be taken care of by Debbie Dighera and Betty Smith will be in charge of the Silverwood event in October. Like the Cavalry coming to the rescue, Robin Woolsey will lead the charge to Fort Tejon in November.

7. Hats and neckerchiefs are still pending and since Ray Beckwith was not present there was really nothing new to discuss.

8. The Troop has a new trailer thanks to Tom Gebelin's purchase and donation of it. He has refused any consideration of reimbursement by the Troop or individuals. We will probably sell the old trailer to another Troop and it will be shopped around. Mike McVeigh's work party for the permanent storage location of the trailer is still up in the air.

9. Order of the Arrow. Nino and Will are now officers in the OA and participation is up. Kieran went to Fall Fellowship. The committee is pleased.

10. Next Court of Honor is 1/28/07 and Betty Smith will prepare a flyer and assign the food. The Christmas party is being organized by Stan Dery who will get a flyer out. There will be a \$15.00 gift limit for those who wish to participate.

11. Merit Badge Counselors. Doug Moore, trying to show up just about everyone else, has signed up as Merit Badge Counselor for Family Life, Environmental Science, First Aid and Emergency Preparedness, all Eagle required merit badges.

12. There has been a better variety recently on the games and consideration was given to whether there should be two games simultaneously when we have large groups or games that require strength, which may unfairly give the older and larger boys advantage over the smaller and younger ones.

13. Summer Camp. As you are probably aware, it is Chawanakee in late July and a flyer will be prepared so we can start collecting payments from the parents. The Committee also discussed the Summer of 2009 Northern Tier trip and the time has come to putting your name on a list, boys and adults. Tom has started and list and we already have a number of sign ups. For the boys, by the time we go to Northern Tier they need to be age 13 and First Class and have the Canoeing, Life Saving, Swimming and First Aid merit badges. For the geezer adults, they have to promise not to croak on the trip and ruin it for everyone else.

14. A CPR class is needed for Aric and Carlo so they can finish BSA Lifeguard. Also, we need to have a number of CPR certified adults for the 2009 Northern Tier trip. As the certifications are good for two years, the thought is to hold the class in the Spring of next year. Jim Grace and Betty Smith both have people they know that could possibly hold the class for the certification at little or reduced costs.

15. Popcorn Results. Betty did not have a final report available and we will probably have it next time. We do have a few items left that can be sold and people should see Betty. The committee was disappointed that the participation by the boys was not extensive and they missed an opportunity to fatten up their boy accounts and save their parents money for summer camp and the like.

16. The time has come to re-charter and money is due by December 3. The cost is \$10.00 per person, plus \$6.00 for insurance, and \$12.00 for Boys Life subscriptions (this is optional). This includes boys and adult leaders.

17. Food Collection. We do not have a report as Mike McVeigh was not in attendance.

Next committee meeting is January 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Scout House.



Happy Thanksgiving to all!!!!

Robin Woolsey, Recording Secretary