

Boy Scouts of America
Troop 270
Thomas Gebelin, Scoutmaster

Minutes of Committee Meeting, May 13, 2008

In attendance were Don Herweck, Tom Gebelin, Michael McVeigh, Debbie Dighera, Betty Smith, Jim Grace, Stan Dery, Michael Sandoval and the Right Honorable Robin Woolsey.

1. Treasurer Report. Between the checking account, petty cash, cash and checks not deposited, we have \$5,137.74. Of that amount, \$2,599.59 is earmarked for boy accounts, leaving \$2,738.15 in liquid assets. We also have a Council Store balance / credit of \$136.84. Of the liquid assets, \$1,279.92 is earmarked for the scholarship fund and \$1,177.93 for the gas account. The gas account should be substantially reduced with the upcoming Sequoia trip. This leaves us with only \$280.30 outside of the scholarship fund and gas account. The problem is that we have paid Camp Chawanakee \$4,600.00 for summer camp but have only collected \$3,250.03. We have used \$1,349.97 in Troop funds to cover the summer camp payment. It is absolutely necessary that summer camp funds be collected as many boys are quite behind, owing large amounts and time is short. Once that money is collected, we will be over \$1,600.00 in un-earmarked cash in the Troop account. The Committee also discussed the fact that we have three boys who have not paid for prior campouts and a fourth boy owes \$84.00 from surf camp nearly a year ago. Efforts will be made to collect these funds and the Committee voted in a rule that boys who have not paid for prior campouts will not be allowed to go on subsequent ones until the arrearages are paid.

2. Website. Nothing new other than Stan's great job. Stan states he may remove the Where's Waldo game because there has been essentially no response.

3. Rosters. Since we have elections on 6/2/08, new rosters will be prepared thereafter, hopefully in time for the 6/9/08 Court of Honor.

4. Eagle Projects. Brennan finished his and only needs a Board of Review. Michael K. is working on developing an Eagle project. Several boys are four or fewer merit badges away from Eagle and need to be encouraged to the finish line.

5. Buckskin and Foxfire. Joshua and Nino will be going to Foxfire in June, while Kieran, Adam and Nick S. will be attending Buckskin in August.

6. The Joshua Tree campout didn't work out as expected, but we still had a good time. Stan's shooting campout was a success and Lou's Sequoia outing is supposedly on track but we have not seen hide nor hair of him in a couple of weeks. We will see if he comes through at the last minute. Michael McVeigh's backpacking campout will involve a day hike on Saturday but we will be spending two nights in Barton Flats. Summer camp at Chawanakee is in July and Doug Moore has made the long range arrangements for the August bike trip. We will be camping at Featherly Park. Debbie Dighera has Fiesta Island in September and will reserve five canoes, two sailboats and some kayaks. Betty will work on the fishing outing in October and the crowning achievement of Troop 270 camping in 2008 will be Robin's masterful execution of the Fort Tejon campout in November (Becky's comment as she types this:..."Oh my Lord...").

7. Order of the Arrow. Three boys, Nick S., Doug P. and Louie L. have been elected along with one adult (Stan). Hopefully they will all be able to get to the Ordeal this summer.

8. Summer camp is only two months away. The boys need their merit badge sign up packets and all attending will need their medicals.

9. CPR class has been deferred to near the end of the year but Jim Grace will take care of it then.

10. Street cleanup is July 5.

11. Mrs. Snow is arranging for a tour of a federal institution (the Post Office Regional Center) to satisfy the Citizen in the Nation requirement.

12. The next scout house clean up and weed abatement will be on May 31 at 8:00 a.m. The July 4 fundraiser will be held on...July 4 (Duh...), and someone is needed to chair that event. We will try to get some of the new parents to step up for this and they should have a good amount of help from Becky's information from last year (Becky: I know it will be hard to fill my shoes after the wonderful job I did last year [Thank you, thank you, thank you very much...], but I guess you'll have to try! I'm here to help if you feel too lost without me!).

13. All merit badge counselor re-certifications are done except for one or two, and Michael McVeigh will get those and turn them all in to Curley (Becky: Or Moe, or Larry? Or maybe Shemp...).

14. The Patrols need flags and yells, particularly for summer camp. A meeting will be devoted to making the flags and developing yells. (Becky: My yell is well developed, thank you).

15. Court of Honor is June 9 and Betty will be coordinating. She has a flyer ready. It was agreed that we need more food as the last couple of Court of Honors have run short. Betty will increase the number of people that need to be covered by a food contribution and will so note it in the flyer. Ben W. will be asking his mother about getting the church multipurpose room.

16. Upcoming summer camps are Northern Tier and Holcomb Valley in 2009, and Cherry Valley in 2011. The possibility of going to Lost Valley (down towards San Diego in the Eastern Mountains) in 2010 was discussed.

Next committee meeting is July 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Scout House. All adults are hereby ordered to attend under penalty of death.

Robin Woolsey, Recording Secretary