

Boy Scouts of America
Troop 270
Thomas Gebelin, Scoutmaster

Minutes of Committee Meeting, September 11, 2007

In attendance were Don Herweck, Tom Gebelin, Lou Leonardi, Stan Dery, Munir Sewani, Larry Crilly, Ray Beckwith, Mike McVeigh, Jim Grace, Denise Easton, Betty Smith, Doug Moore, Tony Pearmann, Debbie Dighera and Robin Woolsey.

1. Treasurer's Report. We have a total of \$3,284.57 in the checking account, plus \$204.74 in petty cash and checks not deposited. Subtracting the money allocated to the boy accounts of \$1,409.42, we have liquid assets of \$2,079.89. Of that amount, \$788.06 is allocated to the Scholarship Fund and \$606.73 to the campout gas account. We also have \$161.41 at the Council Store Account and \$300.00 has been deposited to Camp Chawanakee for 2008 summer camp. Consequently, unallocated liquid assets total \$685.10.

There is outstanding money due the Troop in the amount of \$1,235.00, which includes unpaid dues, two families who have not paid for surf camp, and funds due for the Calico campout for boys who have signed up and not yet paid. Jim Grace also provided an analysis of the cost of the campouts for 2007 and whether the Troop made or lost money once food, gasoline, ammunition (for the shooting campout) and unpaid funds owed are considered. Through the August biking campout, the net is \$146.36 in favor of the Troop. We lost money on the Death Valley campout due to the high cost of gas and the Prado Dam Camporee as a result of the additional food cost. We are still also in the red for surf camp due to money owed the Troop by the two families as noted above.

2. Troop Website. The adults seem to use the website and look at the e-mails quite regularly and the boys much less so. We need to find a way to encourage greater use of the website and Stan will probably come up with another game.

3. Thanks to Teri Sandoval for the new roster.

4. Eagle Projects. Brennan got the approval from Council for his Eagle project, which will be the Indian drills for the Rubidoux Nature Center.

5. Cedar Badge is Saturday, October 13. Louie, Doug and Matt are going to the event, which will be held in Redlands.

6. Thanks to Tom for organizing and leading a successful summer camp and to Dave Johnson for the same at the bike campout. Robin has charge of the Palomar campout and Dave Snow will take care of Calico. The boys and Tom will be going to the Annual Troop Planning Meeting on September 15, but we have planned the November campout for Afton Canyon the weekend of November 9 to 11.

7. Hats and Neckerchiefs. The hats have been picked out, which are 5 panel forest green with a tan brim. Ray is working on the embroidery, which will be the Scout logo, along with "Troop 270" and "Riverside, CA". We are still looking at neckerchiefs and a patch that can be sewn on to them.

8. Troop Trailer. Mike McVeigh will be organizing the work party to fix up his mother's place where the trailer will be stored shortly.

9. Order of the Arrow. Nino went to the August OA meeting and three boys who were elected to OA (Mark, Kieran and Will) went to the Ordeal and will be attending the monthly OA meetings. Fall Fellowship will be held from November 5 to 7 at Emerson. Who will be going?

10. Court of Honor is 9/24/07. Ben is trying to get the okay to use the church's kitchen and hall. The Troop will supply drinks, paper products and utensils. A to H are to bring main dishes, I to O desserts and P to Z side dishes.

11. Troop Merit Badge Counselors. Dave Johnson has helped some of the boys as the Cycling merit badge counselor, Lou Leonardi has been working on Personal Fitness with some of the boys, and Robin is working with boys on the Citizenship and Law merit badges. Ray Beckwith has also spoken on the Energy merit badge. It was proposed that someone volunteer to be the Collecting merit badge counselor and Stan Dery will look into the requirements and consider it. Additionally, there is a Boys Life Reading patch and the committee wonders whether any of the boys have investigated that.

12. At the recent weekly Troop meetings, none of the planned events have taken place except the Decathlon. The senior patrol leader needs to guide the boys such that they accomplish what is planned and plan what only can be accomplished.

13. Fourth of July Fundraiser. The Troop made money (a little less than \$300.00) and Becky has provided the accounting to Jim.

14. The street cleanup has been moved from September 15 to September 22 at 8:00 a.m. due to so many of the boys and Tom being gone to the planning meeting.

15. Mike McVeigh will look into possibly the second week in July, 2008 as the summer camp week at Chawanakee.

16. Don Herweck mentioned that there is apparently online advancement available with Council and progress records of the individual scouts are also available online. He will get further information and details and report to the Committee.

Next committee meeting is November 13, 2007.

Robin Woolsey, Recording Secretary