

Boy Scouts of America
Troop 270
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Minutes of Committee Meeting, January 9, 2007

In attendance were Don Herweck, Tom Gebelin, Ray Beckwith, Mike McVeigh, David Snow, Jim Grace, Betty Smith and Robin Woolsey.

1. Treasurer's report. David Snow formally announced that he is stepping down as Treasurer and Jim Grace is stepping up to take his place. The Committee unanimously carried the motion to accept David's resignation and Jim Grace as the new Treasurer. David and Paula Snow will be deleted as signatories on the Troop account and Jim Grace will be added. As to the Troop funds, we have \$5,529.61 in assets. Included in this amount is \$2,549.15 in boy account money and \$552.00 in the scholarship fund. After subtracting these items as well as a few other miscellaneous liabilities, we have usable funds for the Troop itself in the amount of \$2,734.46. David reported that it appears Camp Chawanakee will apply our deposit of \$300.00 to 2008 since the Troop will be going to Fiesta Island in San Diego this year instead of Chawanakee.

2. Unfortunately, Teri Sandoval was not present at the meeting so we could not discuss the Troop Roster with her (she is in charge of the Troop program). Tom Gebelin and our new Senior Patrol Leader, Ben, will be appointing officers and assistants and Teri will be notified by Tom so an up to date roster that includes current registration can be prepared.

3. Carlos, Brandon and Derrick are completing Foxfire tickets. Derrick is working toward his Eagle project. Ben has put in for the Hornaday Award for a particular group of merit badges he has earned that also includes a requirement for a special project separate from his Eagle project. No one in the Troop has applied for such an award yet and the Committee congratulates Ben for his continued hard work.

4. Cedar Badge – No dates known yet. The Committee did discuss Foxfire, which has staff by invitation and hopefully the Troop will get some invites.

5. The Committee again expressed appreciation for parents who have volunteered to be in charge of upcoming campouts and events. The only opening for this year is the May hiking campout, but Tom has an idea for someone to be in charge and will work on this. Many thanks to Dave O'Conn and Stan Dery for doing a good job on the recent fishing and ice skating events.

6. The Eagles Flight Program still exists. It is held once per month on the third Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Arlington United Methodist Church on Magnolia Avenue near Van Buren. Specific information is available on the Council website. Eagles Flight is a program where boys can earn Eagle required merit badges at a specific location, date and time.

7. The jackets and embroidery of them went well, thanks to Ray Beckwith and Paula Snow. Ray and Paula will continue working on hats and neckerchiefs and will get sample ready for approval as soon as possible.

8. Mike McVeigh announced that his mother in law's fence and gate are now in so we can park the Troop trailer there as soon as the ground is readied. There will be a Troop work party to do this and spread and sand and gravel mix on which the trailer can be parked. Mike will announce a date.

9. Order of the Arrow. Troop elections need to be held. A list of eligible boys and one adult recommended by the Unit Committee will need to be prepared. Boys must have specified camping experience, be First Class and active in the Troop. We can get an Order of the Arrow representative to come and talk to the Troop and Tom will arrange this.

10. The Troop needs two new Guides and they will be selected by Tom.

11. Merit Badge Counselors. Brad Austin signed up for Winter Sports Merit Badge. We have a new scout, Jesse, whose uncle, Phillip Bedell, kindly signed up as Aviation Merit Badge Counselor. The Committee expresses its appreciation. The Committee also discussed the need to have adults who are Eagle required merit badge counselors to follow up with those scouts who are close to Eagle and see if they can get them started on the remaining merit badges. A list will be prepared and distributed.

12. The next street clean up is January 20 at 8:00 a.m. The last street clean up was well attended after encouragement following a dismal turnout and aborted clean up.

13. Popcorn sales. The boys earned \$1,564.01 to their boy accounts, plus the Troop earned \$296.00 in bonus money, credited by Council to our account at the Scout Shop. The Troop in turn distributed this money to the boy accounts. The three top sellers of popcorn were Rolyn, David and Josh. They have earned gift cards in the amount of \$75.00, \$50.00 and \$25.00 which will be distributed at the upcoming Court of Honor.

14. The Committee was pleased to see that more scout related games are being scheduled and played this month instead of football, basketball, etc.

15. Court of Honor. This upcoming Court of Honor will be extremely busy and full. After we eat, we will have a memorial for George Fajardo, then the regular Court of Honor and Ben's Eagle Court of Honor, providing a fine end to the program.

16. The Committee expressed thanks to all who helped out at the Scout House clean up on December 2. The next one will be in the Spring after the rains are over.

17. Re-registration went well and with some recent additions and deletions, we now have 31 boys and 30 adults. The Council has changed the Quality Unit Program such that the Award is not given out at the time of re-registration, but the following Fall. There are certain requirements we must meet along the way so we will not receive our 2007 Quality Unit Award until approximately September or October.

18. The Committee will ensure that Jerry "U.S." (that's Uncle Stinky) Dodds and Timothy will get a copy of the Committee Meeting Minutes on a regular basis.

19. Next Committee Meeting is on March 13 at 7:00 p.m., four days after Don Herwick passes his milestone 70th birthday.

Robin Woolsey, Recording Secretary