

Boy Scouts of America
Troop 270
Doug Moore, Scoutmaster

Minutes of Committee Meeting 1/11/2011.

In attendance were Don Herweck, Carlos Valdes, Ray (“The Knotman”) Beckwith, Stan Dery, Rick Pfadt, Michael McVeigh, Brian Callahan, Nick Beckwith, Doug Moore and yours truly, Robin Woolsey. Notably absent and not particularly missed, Lou Leonardi.

1. Treasurer’s Report. Our checking account, petty cash, cash and checks not deposited and the Council Store Account balance total \$8,146.24. Of that amount, the boy accounts are \$1,494.41, the scholarship account \$1,005.89, the gas fund is \$290.73, Summer Camp funds for Cherry Valley are \$1,801.15 and Sea Base 2013 funds collected and on deposit are \$642.63. This leaves funds available of \$2,911.43. Remaining funds to be collected for Summer Camp at Cherry Valley amount to \$5,050.85. The final count of scouts going to Summer Camp and the first payment to be paid to the Camp are due on 1/28/11. Progress has been made in collecting past campouts and dues for 2010, but some additional funds are still owed. The Troop received a \$50.00 Wal-Mart gift card from BSA for the goof-up on the popcorn order and this card will be used for purchasing camping supplies for the Troop trailer. A popcorn commission check for \$59.00 was also received and will be put into the general fund. The Troop received a \$1,250.00 donation from Roman Panico’s employer (no one could remember the exact name of the company) and the Troop expressed its appreciation and will send out a letter of thanks. We may be able to obtain similar funds annually. The money was put into the Troop’s general operating fund.

2. Eagles: Mark and Rolando are having their Eagle Court of Honor with the Troop Court of Honor on 01/28. Louie will have his on 2/18. Aric does not have definite plans for his yet. All badges and bolos have been purchased except for Louie’s.

3. Roster: Betty has updated the information to create a new roster. We have 28 boys and 30 adults registered, with 4 new boys being placed in a new patrol and possibly as many as 8 new boys coming from Pack 62. The Panthers and Black Bears will be combined into a single patrol (which will include 3 Eagles), the Scorpions have 8 boys and the Pathfinders have 7. New position badges will be presented at Court of Honor.

3. Campouts: Anza Borrego, Knott’s Berry Farm and Santa Rosa Plateau were all a success. The Long Beach Aquarium was set on 1/15/11 with David Mendoza in charge. Joshua Tree is on 2/25 with Tom in command and the shooting campout will be on 4/29/11 with Stan and Brian in charge. Mrs. Panico has offered to help out with the July 4th fundraiser and we will need one other adult to assist her. The August outing was to be Fiesta Island, but it was discussed moving it to May since we will have the backpacking trip headed by David Whittlesey earlier in August. As a footnote, we will likely be moving the Fiesta Island campout to June 17-19th and the Bicycle campout or day trip will be moved to May from June. We still need someone to head up the September 23 Rodeo campout. Everyone thinks that Lou Leonardi has agreed to handle the 10/14 fishing campout and whether he likes it or not it is now his. Afton Canyon is on 11/18 and the dynamic duo of Brian Callahan and the esteemed Man About Town (Robin Woolsey to you neophytes), will bat clean-up for the year on that campout.

4. Betty has assigned the food breakdown for the January 28th Court of Honor. Those boys making Eagle will bring cake for everyone and those who were originally assigned to bring desserts (3 in total) will now bring side dishes. Friends of Scouting from Council will be present and requesting donations.

5. Fundraising: 3 families are participating in the Scrip Program. The Troop will purchase \$500.00 in scrip to be used for food purchases for campouts and we will see how that goes. Brian Callahan discussed setting up a bowl-a-thon type fundraiser in May at Riverside Lanes and will investigate this and report. Brian’s dad, Al, has a brand new Indy Car type go kart and whether to hold a raffle or have it put up on

Craigslist and sell it with the funds donated to the Troop was discussed. Brian will talk to Al about this. The Committee expressed appreciation to Al for his continued generosity, which far exceeds his son's.

6. Historic Merit Badges: The program ended on 12/31 with boys in the Troop earning all 4 merit badges (Carpentry, Tracking, Pathfinding and Signaling) and blue cards can be turned in until 3/31 although they must have been signed off by 12/31.

7. Website: All registered adults now have Youth Protection. Stan is working with Brandon, the historian, on some items including updating the Eagle list on the Scout House wall.

8. Restroom Restoration and Storage Container: Due to the exceptional persuasive efforts of your Recording Secretary, the Trustees of the Church have agreed to our proposal to place a 40-foot storage container near the Scout House. The only condition attached by the Church is that we keep the area clean and the container free of graffiti. Joe Diaz has generously offered to stand 24-hour guard. Rick Pfadt says that the container will be ready in the next couple of months and Michael McVeigh will make arrangements for it to be transported to the Scout House and rolled off. Robin Woolsey will draft a letter to Wiest Rentals requesting donation all or in part of 7 yards of gravel to be spread out with the container being placed on top of it. As to restroom restoration, Rick has a plumber available to clean out the sewer, which backs up in heavy use during 4th of July, and as we get to Spring, we can start on the restroom restoration.

9. PLC Meeting that was being held concurrent with the Committee Meeting planned the March and April Troop meetings. The Committee discussed going over one merit badge every two weeks and breaking up into patrols to complete the activities towards getting the blue card for that merit badge signed off. We also discussed setting a schedule of assigned periods during Troop meetings to turn in blue cards, stock the refrigerator, sign up for campouts, etc. Ray and Nick were commended for his efforts over the last few weeks of working on the knot of the week with the boys as they enter the meeting. Ray is now asking the scouts to review and prepare a particular knot to be assigned by him for the next meeting rather than springing it on them at the beginning of the gathering.

10. Campout check off list: THE SCOUTMASTER has completed the check off list and it will be provided to those in charge of campouts to serve as a guide, particularly for those who are new to running a campout or have any questions. If anyone goofs up planning a campout and has followed the list, we know who to blame.

11. Adult Mentors: Stan has turned in a job description for his (I forget what it was) and Dougie is working on collecting the others.

12. Foxfire and National Youth Leadership Training formerly Buckskin have been scheduled. Foxfire is June 11-18 and NYLT (we now need four words instead of one) is scheduled for June 13-18 and June 20-25. Applications by the boys for scholarships to attend these leadership training courses are due May 1st to THE SCOUTMASTER.

13. Next Committee Meeting is March 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.



Yours Truly, Robin Woolsey, Recording Secretary and Man About Town