

Boy Scouts of America
Troop 270
Doug Moore, Scoutmaster

Minutes of Committee Meeting 11/8/2011.

In attendance were Don Herweck, Doug Moore, Rick Pfadt, Michael McVeigh, Ray Beckwith, Nick Beckwith, Steve McGuffey, Duffy Exon, Jim Grace and, Yours Truly, Robin Woolsey, M.A.T. and all around great guy.

1. Treasurer's Report. Between the checking account, cash on hand, checks and cash not deposited and the Council Store balance, we have \$8,590.39. Of that amount, \$967.50 has been collected for next summer's Cherry Valley Summer Camp, \$922.63 has been collected for SeaBase 2013, \$1,531.11 are in the Boy Accounts, \$558.66 in the Scholarship Account, \$1,256.34 in the Scout Scrip Account, \$673.73 in the gas fund and \$199.69 in the trailer account, leaving \$2,480.73 in useable funds. Some portion of that amount (I forgot to ask) is allocated to 2012 re-registration which has been collected and not yet paid to Council. All in all, we appear to be in pretty good financial shape.

We still have outstanding fees owed for past campouts, 2011 dues and registration, jackets ordered but not yet paid, Summer Camp 2011 and past campouts not yet fully paid. Doug Moore will work on collecting the outstanding funds from the events and Michael McVeigh and Robin Woolsey will talk to the parents and boys who have not yet paid their registration fees for 2012. Those who have not paid will be dropped from re-registration unless the 2012 dues are paid by the drop dead date of November 21st. Jim Grace will forward a list to Michael and Robin of those boys who have not yet paid their re-registration fees.

2. We have a tentative new calendar for 2012 but it does not yet contain the dates for Troop elections. January 16, 2012 was discussed as the date for the first Troop election. David Mendoza will print new rosters when re-registration is completed.

3 Campouts: December 3rd is a outing for a snow day and Ray Beckwith will check out the available locations and otherwise organize it. The October 29th annual planning meeting was a success with 10 boys attending. The Troop outings and campouts and those who have volunteered to take charge of some of them are for 2012 are tentatively as follows:

MONTH	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	VOLUNTEER
January 21 st	Long Beach Aquarium	Day Outing	David Mendoza
February 17 th – 19 th	Death Valley	Campout	
March 16 th - 18 th	To Be Determined		
April 27 th - 29 th	Spring Camporee	Campout	Doug Moore
May 18 th - 20 th <i>(date may be moved depending on</i>	Lucerne Valley <i>if the Model Rocket Club is holding</i>	Model Rocket Campout <i>an event that weekend)</i>	Ray Beckwith
June 22 nd – 24 th	Fiesta Island	Campout	(we are going to attempt to have Stan organize this)
July 1 st – 7 th	Cherry Valley	Summer Camp I	Ray Beckwith David Mendoza
July 29 th – Aug. 4 th	Tahquitz - SBR Mtns.	Summer Camp II	Michael McVeigh
August 16 th – 19 th	Rock Creek	Backpack trip	(we are going to attempt to have David Whittlesey organize this)
September 21 st – 23 rd	Carrillo State Beach	Campout	Bob Cullen
October 26 th – 28 th	Calico	Camp @ Rainbow Basin	
November 16 th – 18 th	Joshua Tree	Campout	Robin Woolsey
December 1 st	Knott's Merry Farm	Day Outing	Nick Beckwith

The Committee asks for adults to volunteer to head up the open events above. Since the meeting, some events have been cancelled (e.g., Mitchell Caverns is closed) or moved (no “group” sites available at Joshua Tree as it is booked up to November and Robin is trying to secure reservations on November 16-18, 2012) and Death Valley has been moved from November to February.

As to Sea Base 2013, the question is whether it is still a possibility or should be cancelled due to the high cost. The Committee discussed possibly going to Philmont in New Mexico, which is less than half the cost of Sea Base. Stan will be taking this up with the adults over the next few weeks and will hold some sort of meeting.

4. Court of Honor: The next Court of Honor is January 30th. The Troop will go ahead with the dinner as part of the Courts of Honor and some concern was expressed regarding the lack of a PA system at the last Court of Honor, but the majority indicated that they had no difficulty hearing the speakers. Concern was also expressed about the need for an American flag, the Troop flag and Patrol flags not being present. Robin will ask the church if the American flag is available on a pole and stand for use and we can bring the Troop flag and patrol flags. It was also suggested that the boys put on skits at the next Court of Honor.

5. Fundraisers: There was no one to report on Popcorn or Scrip. The Christmas Wreath sales are possibly lagging a bit to reach our goal of a minimum of 50 wreaths to avoid an additional \$2 fee per order. As to a Merit Badge Day, David Mendoza will work on that although he has been occupied with something else as noted below.

6. Website: Stan was unable to attend and thus we have no report but everything seems to be in order. Stan did send an email indicating that he would be unable to head up a Shooting Campout this year and we cannot have one anyway because of circumstances with Maywood Gun Club. Stan has quite a bit of ammo and clay targets and has suggested that these items be made available to the adults for sale with the proceeds going to the Troop Scholarship Account. The Committee approved this proposal and Stan can begin selling off the ammo and targets.

7. Tonight's P.L.C. Meeting has planned the December and January meetings. The Christmas party has been moved to December 19th and there will be no meeting on December 26th or January 2nd.

8. Street Cleanup: Took place on November 5th and attendance was very low and disappointing. I can't remember the exact count but only about 4 or 5 boys showed up. Doug Moore expressed this concern at the November 7th Troop meeting and hopefully we will have a better turnout at the next scheduled clean-up on February 11th.

9. Journey to Excellence: Ray is working on the Journey to Excellence Program filing. It needs to be completed with or right after Re-Charter.

10. Merit Badge Pamphlets: The Troop has numerous pamphlets, many of which are obsolete and need to be discarded. Yours Truly, the M.A.T. will take all of them home after the December 19th Christmas party and work on them over the Holidays to eliminate those that are out of date. Over the next few weeks, the boys will be asked to bring in any Merit Badge Pamphlets they have at home that they are finished with and are willing to donate to the Troop Library.

11. Summer Camps: We have two Summer Camps in 2012 due to the dates for Cherry Valley conflicting with some Summer School schedules and the high cost of Cherry Valley. As noted above,

Michael McVeigh is organizing the second Summer Camp, possibly at Tahquitz (on Hwy. 38 mid-way between Redlands and Big Bear) for July 29th – August 4th. The cost for adults is \$185.00 and the boys \$345.00. A \$200.00 deposit is needed but we first need to gauge interest in that Summer Camp and this will be done fairly quickly so we can get our deposit in. As to Cherry Valley, the two adults we have going so far and who have volunteered to lead the Summer Camp are David Mendoza and Ray Beckwith. We do need other adults to volunteer to help out.

12. The annual Planning Meeting as noted above went well with 10 boys in attendance which is a vast improvement over the 3 boys who attended last year.

13. Our insurance bill of \$110.00 for 2012 has been paid to Council.

14. Food collection amounted to only 130 pounds of food and we need to do better than this next year.

15. David Mendoza has been working on the Troop database and has come up with some software with data hosted by etrailtoeagle.com. The database includes all Merit Badges and Rank Advancements earned by individual Scouts in Troop 270. Parents would be able to view their boy's advancement on a view only basis. No one other than the individual parent would have access to their boy's data other than the Scoutmaster, David and possibly one other Assistant Scoutmaster to be designated by the Committee. The cost for this software is only \$20.00 per year and the Committee approved it. Thanks to David for his good work on this project. One of the pluses of this project and software is that if the data in David's computer becomes corrupted or he has a hard drive crash, it is not lost because it is hosted by etrailtoeagle.com.

15. Next Committee Meeting is January 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.



Yours truly,

Robin Woolsey
Recording Secretary and Man About Town