

Boy Scouts of America
Troop 270
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Minutes of Committee Meeting, March 13, 2007

In attendance were Don Herweck, Tom Gebelin, Larry Crilly, Jim Grace, Mike McVeigh, Ray Beckwith, Denise Easton, Betty Smith, Stan Dery, Debbie Dighera, and Robin Woolsey.

1. Jim Grace presented his first Treasurer's Report. We have \$6,748.27 in the checking account, cash on hand and the Council Store balance. Of that amount, \$1,960.71 is allocated to the boy accounts and scholarship funds are \$552.00. Summer camp fees collected are \$2,356.52. This leaves usable funds of \$2,296.08. The committee thanks Jim on a fine start.

2. Stan continues to do a great job on the Troop website. He is posting new pictures and is almost caught up. He will clean out old stuff (like the 2005 calendar) when he gets some spare time but will leave in photos from prior campouts and events.

3. Teri Sandoval presented an updated roster as of late February and the committee is appreciative. It now appears to be all in order and correct.

4. Eagle Projects – Brennan is close (the DMV awaits you, Brennan!) and others are nearly there as well, such as Michael K. Aric, Andrew and Derrick. Come on guys, lets go!

5. Cedar Badge – Dominique will be attending, how about some others?

6. We now have parents in charge of all events for the remainder of the Troop year through October. Thanks to Kim and Brad Austin as well as Mike McVeigh and Ray Beckwith for organizing and implementing the snow outing. It should be noted that the April campout has been changed from shooting to attending the Camporee at Prado Dam April 20 to 22. The hiking campout in May has been replaced by the shooting campout to be held on May 11 and 12.

7. Paula Snow is working on the hats and neckerchiefs. The thought is that maybe the hats will be green to match the uniform and as to the neckerchiefs, Stan will post a ballot for voting on the website for both.

8. Troop trailer – Tom has it at his business and will get some work done to it in advance of the upcoming campout. Mike McVeigh is trying to get the free gravel to spread at his mom's house so we can park the trailer there.

9. Three boys have been elected to Order of the Arrow and will be tapped out at the Camporee in April. Three adults will be nominated as well. The new OA members will need to attend one of the four ordeals scheduled for May 18 to 20, June 8 to 10, August 24 to 26 and September 7 to 9.

10. Guide Program – Carlos and Brennan are the Troop Guides and they need to help the nine boys who are not yet First Class reach that level. 22 boys are First Class or above in the Troop.

11. Merit Badges – Counselors are working with the boys. The Troop now has a list of all merit badge counselors in the Riverside area listed by merit badge.

12. January street cleanup had a great turnout and the next one is scheduled on May 19 (new date). The tree planting on March 10 resulted in 8 trees being planted at Nichols Park. Mt. Rubidoux Trail Cleanup will be at 8:00 a.m. on April 7 to be followed by cleanup at the Scout House. Due to a lack of rain, both projects should be relatively quick and easy.

13. Order of the Arrow. The boys will have a chance to attend the Conclave May 4 to 6 at Camp Emerson. The cost is \$35.000 prior to March 31. On April 1 the price goes to \$45.00. We need a couple of adults to get the boys up there for the Conclave. The Fall Fellowship is also at Emerson on November 5 to 7. Perhaps the three new Order of the Arrow boys and the new adults will be the spark we need to become more active in OA.

14. The new games being played out at the Troop meetings are working out well. Getting away from football and basketball is a good thing.

15. The next Court of Honor is June 25. The last Court of Honor, Memorial and Eagle Court of Honor was a great success. Thanks to all who helped put that together.

16. Tom has three applications for Buckskin and two for Foxfire. The cost for the 5 boys would be \$1,055.00 and we have \$552.00 in the Troop scholarship fund. The committee voted to take \$503.00 from the general fund and add it to the scholarship money to cover the cost for the boys to attend.

17. The committee discussed the rising cost of gasoline. Those with larger vehicles driving on long distance campouts (such as Death Valley or summer camp at Chawanakee) are not being adequately reimbursed for their rather extraordinary gas expenses. The committee voted to establish a "separate account" (not a bank account but a separate book account) for a gas fund. Gas fees are being charged only for some campouts. It was decided that a gas fee will be charged for every campout, regardless of the distance and for the moment, the gas fee will range from \$5.00 to \$20.00 per person, depending on the length of the trip. Even at \$20.00 per person, it would not be enough to cover the cost of gasoline to, for example, Chawanakee, but it is hoped that the fees being charged even on the shorter trips that may not be requested by the drivers on those shorter trips, can be accumulated to cover the cost of the longer trips. The committee will monitor the fund to make certain that it does not grow too large or come up short. That way we can ensure that those drivers generous enough to offer the use of their vehicles and drive will not be short changed. It will continue to be the policy of the Troop that those who drive will not be charged a gas fee. The committee voted to establish the gas account with \$500.00, some of which will be used to reimburse those drivers for the recent Death Valley trip.

18. Next committee meeting is May 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Robin Woolsey, Recording Secretary