

Boy Scouts of America  
Troop 270  
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Minutes of Committee Meeting, March 14, 2006

In attendance were Tom Gebelin, Don Herweck, Beth Houlihan, Ray Beckwith, David Snow, Stan Dery, Frank Willette, Jerry "U.S." Dodds, Dave O'Conn, Mike McVeigh and Robin Woolsey.

1. David Snow presented the Treasurer report. The checking account, cash on hand, checks not yet deposited and Scout Store balance totals \$18,271.91. Of that amount, \$11,581.07 is being held by the Troop for the Northern Tier trip and \$152.26 for summer camp at Chawanakee. Boy account balances total \$1,742.41, leaving \$4,796.17 in usable funds. There are outstanding dues of \$80.00. With regards to popcorn, we collected (including donations) \$6,625.00 of which we paid \$4,477.20 for the popcorn. The amount credited to the boy accounts was \$2,834.08.

2. Troop website. The Committee discussed if there was a way to determine how many boys are accessing it. Stan reports that we get many hits from all over the country on our website, which is good. Stan reported that BSA National recommends getting releases from the parents in order for the photographs of the boys to be put up on the website. This is not a requirement, and it is up to the chartered organization (here, the church) to decide whether to implement it. It was suggested that we simply go ahead and implement this procedure and get releases from the parents and from all adults for their own pictures to be placed on the website. Stan has a suggested BSA release and has modified and it and will e-mail it to Robin to look over.

3. Computer roster – The roster is finished and will be distributed, but already it needs to be updated with the new boys who have joined. It was suggested that we print a complete roster every 6 months and distribute it and in between pass out supplemental sheets with add-ons so as to save paper.

4. Eagle projects. Several boys (Ben, Andrew, Aric, Tim, Brennan and Mike K.) are nearly ready for Eagle and need to settle on a project.

5. Orientation for Buckskin and Foxfire is May 17. Cost is \$210.00, but the Troop has \$887.00 in monies allocated to these programs and will be used to reduce the cost to the boys that attend.

6. Since Jerry "U.S." (that's Uncle Stinky) Dodds will be running out on us soon, we need one or more dads to step and register as assistant Scout Master. Mike McVeigh recently did so and other new dads will be approached to sign up. We also discussed the need to have some of the duties that Jerry was handling dispersed among the Committee members and the following volunteers stepped forward:

David Snow will handle the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fundraiser at the Scout House. Mike McVey will organize and schedule the Scout House cleanup, which is now scheduled tentatively for April 1. Robin will transfer title of the Troop trailer (which is currently in his and Jerry's name) to himself and another volunteer. Ray Beckwith will take over obtaining Troop t-shirts and will work on obtaining medium and large shirts, which we are completely out of. Ray and Tom will also handle the Troop hat and neckerchief project. The Troop does need a place to store the Troop trailer and we need a volunteer who has space available to step forward.

7. As noted above, we have \$887.00 in scholarship type funds that was raised from the laser tag, donut money and the mistaken \$2.00 overcharge on insurance at the time of registration. See item no. 5 where the money is being earmarked for Buckskin and Foxfire for those boys who will be signing up.

8. Order of the Arrow activity? – None apparently.

9. Upcoming activities, tree planting is March 18 and the San Diego Camporee and canoeing trip is March 24-26. Street cleanup and scout house cleanup is April 1. Mt. Rubidoux Easter trail cleanup is April 15 and the trail lighting is April 16. The Troop rocket launch campout is April 28-30. Boys must purchase and build their own rockets and purchase the engines as well. Rockets are available at most hobby stores and some now are even pre-built.

10. Troop guides. They are doing well with the younger boys, as most of the Panthers are almost 1<sup>st</sup> class and the Black Bears are moving forward. The Troop will have a new patrol of young boys soon and we will need a volunteer to be their guide.

11. Northern Tier and Chawanakee – One or two people are behind on payments for these summer programs. There is room for 4 boys to go to Chawanakee and Stan will send out an e-mail announcing this availability. So far we have 12 boys and 4 adults signed up for summer camp. As to Northern Tier, there is one remaining opening and any boy or adult desiring to go needs to contact Tom immediately.

12. Cedar badge is April 29 and May 5 and 6. Two boys are signed up. The cost is \$35.00.

13. The Merit Badge Fair apparently will not be happening as the information on the flyer is no good and the Troop will be on a campout in San Diego the same weekend anyway.

14. CPR training is April 18 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Scout House. The cost is \$20.00. There is one opening left for a Northern Tier adult. A second training session will be scheduled.

15. We need adults to organize and make reservations for the upcoming scheduled campouts and otherwise get everything in order for them. This is to relieve Tom of some of his responsibilities. Frank agreed to take care of the shooting campout in May and David Snow will take care of the beach outing in August (it will no longer be a campout, just a day outing) and Robin will take care of Mt. Palomar in October. We need volunteers to take care of the bike trip in June, the Baden Powell hike in July and the Sheriff's Rodeo in September.

16. Next Committee meeting is May 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Robin Woolsey, Recording Secretary