

Boy Scouts of America
Troop 270
Michael McVeigh, Scoutmaster

Committee Meeting Minutes 3-2-15

In attendance were a whole host of adults: Steven and Marissa Lebel, Renae Walker, Nye and Danielle Sovine, Bob Cullen, Nick and Ray Beckwith, Melissa Perkins, Brian Paquette, Steve McGuffey, David Mendoza, Duffy Exon, Kenny Nicks, Warren Scott, Brian Callahan, our illustrious Scoutmaster Michael McVeigh and (whew!) yours truly Robin Woolsey, Man About Town.

1. We did not have a Treasurer present (Jim was ill, I think) but I got the report later from Jim and it shows us in good shape with \$4540.72 in net usable funds available, but Jim was having trouble with the report program and some adjustments will likely be necessary. He tells me the problem is fixed and he'll have a better and more accurate report next time.
2. Danielle Sovine has prepared a revised preliminary draft Troop Welcome Packet and will be working with others in the Troop to compare it with other area Troops' packets.
3. Recruiting – Brian Paquette has spoken to some area Cub packs and they are receptive to Troop visits. He will be talking to the rest of the local packs and will be seeing Pack 222. We have one boy coming from Pack 29. The Committee discussed holding a Cub belt loop fair and handing out fliers at the schools to recruit more boys. Danielle provided a sample flier to Brian. No action yet on either of these suggestions. As for the boys, Hunter will be applying for Den Chief
4. Lost Valley Summer Camp is July 19-25. 8 scouts and 4 adults signed up thus far. We have room for 2 more boys and possibly more.
5. Leadership training – Foxfire is June 6, with NYLT as a prerequisite. Cost for NYLT is \$285 and Troop scholarships are available. The boys need to write their letters for scholarship applications. Cedar Badge is also coming up in June, with the cost at \$30. Adults need to get their Leader training scheduled and done, including Scoutmaster Fundamentals 1 & 2, Outdoor Leader Skills, HAT (High Adventure Training) and of course the online training such as Youth Protection, etc.
6. A considerable period of time was devoted to discussing the continuing transition process to a more boy-led program. Steve McGuffey has worked hard and diligently on this. The process involves getting the boys introduced to and more trained in leadership skills, understanding their duties by way of a written “job description” for each position that are being developed, being responsible for setting up and closing the Scouthouse, evaluating each other and themselves in their performance in their respective positions and reorganizing Troop meetings with a greater boy-led focus and skills competitions. There is a draft of a Troop Organizational Chart for boys and adults that is being worked on as well.
7. Next Committee meeting is May 4 at 7 PM.

Robin Woolsey, Recording Secretary

