

Boy Scouts of America
Troop 270
Doug Moore, Scoutmaster

Minutes of Committee Meeting 3/8/2011.

In attendance were Jim Grace, Alex Iniguez, Don Herweck, Ray Beckwith, Stan Dery, Michael McVeigh, Sondra Callahan, Nick Beckwith, Doug "Titanicus" Moore, MPT aka THE SCOUTMASTER, Randy Hughes, and yours truly, Robin Woolsey, M.A.T. Carlos Valdes had a good reason for his absence since it was his 50th birthday. Not sure what Lou Leonardi's lame excuse was.

1. Treasurer's Report. The checking account, petty cash, cash and checks not deposited and the Scout Store Account balance all total \$6,772.76. From this would be subtracted the allocated funds including the Boy Account balance (\$1,456.13), the Scholarship account (\$1,029.34), the Troop's Scrip balance \$560.51, the gas fund (\$345.73), the trailer fund (\$199.69), Summer Camp 2011 funds collected and not paid (\$387.85) and Sea Base 2013 funds collected (\$642.63) for total useable funds available of \$2,150.88. We are in good shape at this time financially. The Committee did discuss the fact that certain monies are payable for past dues, with three boys in particular in arrearages for 2010. These funds need to be collected.

2. Eagles: Aric is still undecided when to hold his Eagle Court of Honor and Louie will be rescheduling his. Matt, Ryan, Noah and Kieran are getting close to Eagle.

3. Roster: Betty has updated the roster after the elections. However, we keep adding new boys to the Troop which is good. At this point, the Panthers have a total of 14, the Scorpions have 9, the Pathfinders have 7 and the Falcons have 7 boys, for a total of 37. A few of these boys are not active, but the vast majority are.

4. Campouts: The next outing is the Civil War Re-Enactment at Prado Regional Park from 4/1/11 to 4/3/11 with Robin commanding the Troops. The BSA Council Camporee is on 4/9/11 with David Mendoza in charge. David was not present at the meeting and the Committee discussed the need for a flyer and information for the Camporee. Easter Trail Clean-Up (4/23/11) and Trail Lighting on 4/24/11 will be handled by Ray Beckwith who will prepare a flyer. The Shooting campout with Stan and Brian Callahan in charge will be from 4/29/11 to 5/1/11. The Bicycle outing is a day outing on 5/21/11 and will be a 25 mile bike ride along the beach commencing in the Bolsa Chica or Doheny area with a return to our starting spot. Stan is in charge of Fiesta Island from 6/17/11 to 6/19/11 and he noted that it is the same weekend as Buckskin and Foxfire so we might lose a few boys to those activities. It does appear that David Whittlesey will be having a day hike as practice for the August High Sierra backpacking trip on March 19th, but that is not yet a firm date.

5. Next Court of Honor is 6/3/11. The Committee discussed the need to emphasize to the parents to bring large enough amounts of food so we do not run short. This has been a problem at times in the past.

6. Fundraising: The Troop has purchased \$500.00 in scrip through Mary Valdes. This purchase is in the form of Stater Bros. Cards to be used to purchase food for campouts. Any earnings from the Scrip purchase will go to the Troop's scholarship fund. The M.A.T. and THE SCOUTMASTER will work on a letter of thanks to Roman Panico's employer for its donation earlier this year. The Committee also discussed asking the scouts and scouters to donate a 12 pack of soda periodically to offset the cost to the Troop for the sodas stocked in the refrigerator. This would provide some additional fundraising for the Troop.

7. Website: As usual, Stan gets all the credit for a great job. The Troop positions including Adult Mentors and the boy's positions are noted on a new page on the website.

8. Restroom Restoration and Storage Container: The Committee will check with Rick Pfadt regarding the status of the container that his employer was going to donate to the Troop to see if it is still

available. Additionally, the Committee noted that the second restroom restoration was to commence in the Spring to be ready by the July 4th fireworks watching event. We will check with Rick on this as well.

9. The Patrol Leaders Council held at the same time as the Committee Meeting was planning the April and May programs. There has been an occasional problem in that sometimes equipment necessary to the planned game has not been brought to the meeting or the instructor in charge does not appear at a meeting for the assigned instruction session. It was decided by the Committee that the Senior Patrol Leader will call the boys in charge of the following week's instruction and activity to make certain that they will be in attendance, bring the necessary equipment and be prepared.

10. Adult Mentors: We need job descriptions which can be listed on Stan's web page discussed above with the goal of easing the transition of new boys into their new elected positions in June and January following elections, as well as assisting new boys entering the Troop and providing ongoing support for boys in leadership positions. Stan has a couple of job descriptions but needs more.

11. The Knot Program is working out fabulously. Ray will expand beyond the five basic knots as the boys get them down but will return periodically to them.

12. Merit Patch Program. Michael McVeigh will obtain and provide an updated list of those adults in the Troop who are merit badge counselors. The Committee discussed the ongoing Troop program of presenting two merit badges each month to the boys. There was some misunderstanding as to the purpose of this. It is not to earn the merit badges as a group at a Troop meeting, rather to introduce the boys to those particular merit badges through overviews only and hopefully stir interest in some of the boys to earn that particular merit badge. This month's overview merit badge subjects are Scouting Heritage and Indian Lore. The Troop does not have counselors for these two merit badges but in their absence, the Committee nominated David Whittlesey for the Scouting Heritage Merit Badge and Joe Diaz for Indian Lore. Whether they like it or not, they had better submit their applications for Merit Badge Counselors for those positions.

13. Buckskin and Foxfire will be held in June and THE SCOUTMASTER has received two requests for each program from four boys. The cost to the Troop is \$250.00 per boy and thus far we have enough funds in the scholarship account to cover it. If any additional boys wish to participate in the program, the Troop will, to the extent that the scholarship fund will cover it, contribute prorata to the cost of the program for each boy, to the extent we have the funds. The boys are now given until March 21st to submit their applications.

14. Due to some difficulty with the new boys in particular setting up the tents at the last campout, there will be tent set up practice and patrol box inventory at the 4/4/11 meeting. Michael McVeigh will bring the Troop trailer for that purpose.

15. The Committee also discussed the Troop policy on refunding monies when boys drop out of a campout after the Monday before the campout. The Committee decided that once the food has been bought, which would include that for the boy dropping out, their payment for the campout cannot be refunded. Prior to that, to the extent that the Troop has paid fees for camping spots or other fees to organizations putting on an event (such as the \$20.00 paid to the Civil War re-enactors in January), that portion of the camping fees cannot be refunded, but the balance for any as yet unpurchased food can be refunded.

16. The weeds growing around the Scout House are in full flower and getting tall, so the Troop has scheduled a Scout House cleanup for 3/26/11 at 8:00 a.m.

Next Committee Meeting is May 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.



Yours Truly,

Robin Woolsey
Recording Secretary and Man About Town