

Boy Scouts of America
Troop 270
Michael McVeigh, Scoutmaster

Committee Meeting Minutes 5-4-15

In attendance were Steve McGuffey, Michael McVeigh, Steven and Marissa Lebel, Jim Grace, Melissa Perkins, Brian Paquette, Duffy Exon, Ray Beckwith, Danielle Sovine, Kieran McVeigh, Warren Scott, Bob Cullen and the one and only Man About Town, Robin E. Woolsey.

1. Treasurer Report: Checking Account, cash on hand and checks and cash not deposited, Council Store balance and Stater Bros. cards gives us \$14,172.18. Subtracting Boy Accounts (\$2148.90), Eagle Account (\$150.00), Scholarship funds (\$2339.59), Gas fund (\$1978.95), Lost Valley Summer Camp collected and not yet paid (\$79.42), Scrip (\$2023.51) and the trailer fund (\$103.57), we are left with \$4636.24 in useable unallocated funds. This is the best shape we have been in – great job, Jim!
2. Youth Leader Training – Each 6 months the boys elect new leaders, and they need to go through training for their positions. This should be done on a Saturday. We'll start with Senior and Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders at first on a Saturday and gradually expand the training to the other leadership positions. Training for Adult Leaders was also briefly discussed.
3. Advancements – All advancements all the way down to Totem Chits need to be given to Steve McGuffey when they are earned so they can be properly recorded. Steve has had a problem with this as boys or parents claim they have an advancement or Totem Chit (and probably do) but he has no record of it as it was not reported to him.
4. Tour Permits – A must for campouts, and Brian Paquette will get the next two we need. We went over what is required for Tour Permits and campouts in terms of training, insurance, etc.
5. Welcome Packets – Danielle Sovine has them ready for the new parents and will put them to use.
6. Trailer and tents, stoves, etc. – Robin Woolsey now has another truck and will be donating his old one to the Troop so the trailer can be pulled to campouts. Nye and Danielle Sovine will keep it at their house. The Committee discussed expanding the Trailer fund to become the Trailer and Truck fund to cover repairs to the truck and routine maintenance and possibly moving some funds from the gas fund account for that purpose. This will be discussed further. The boys have complained that some of the tents are in poor condition. The boys need to go through them and will do so at the San Onofre beach campout so we can assess exactly what the problem is. The boys need to go through the patrol boxes and clean and inventory them, as well as inventory the trailer for needed supplies. The boys used the adult Stand up stove last campout and now want one of their own. The Committee agreed, but the boys need to raise the necessary fund for the stove and a cover, total price about \$250.00 or so.
7. We need an Outings Committee to meet and go over campouts scheduled 3-6 months out to make sure the boys are still interested, make reservations and with the boys plan

activities for the campouts, including merit badges. Joshua Tree is coming up in 6 months and Bob Cullen and Robin Woolsey will take care of the reservations now, as the campground sells out fast.

8. Boy Led Program – A spirited discussion was had among the Committee as to the Troop’s move to a more boy-led program and how encompassing it should be as well as how fast it should be implemented. The question is how much involvement, direction and oversight the adults should have. Are the boys mature, organized or responsible enough to lead a program that is more boy led than it has been and to what degree is adult involvement necessary or desirable? No decisions were reached.
9. Next Committee Meeting is July 6 at 7 PM.

Robin Woolsey, Recording Secretary

