

Boy Scouts of America
Troop 270
Michael McVeigh, Scoutmaster

Committee Meeting Minutes 6-29-15

In attendance were Michael and Trisha McVeigh, Jim Grace, Danielle and Nye Sovine, Warren Scott, Ray Beckwith, Kenny Nicks and Robin Woolsey.

1. Treasurer's Report – Jim reports that we have, including checking account, cash on hand, Council store balance and Stater Bros cards, \$12,283.69. Boy accounts are \$2217.55, Eagle Scout account is \$170.00, the Scholarship account is \$2362.59, Scrip is \$2051.91 and the Gas/Trailer fund is \$1870.52. This leaves us with \$3611.12 in unallocated usable funds, which will be increased by \$553.58 when the final Summer Camp payments are made. In a nutshell, we are in good shape.
2. Fundraisers: Robin and Michael will look at the reusable grocery bag sales fundraiser, as is used by Troop 116, and will contact the manufacturer. The word is that the bags (they are quality and we have a sample) cost \$1.00 and are being sold by Troop 116 for \$3.00. We also were provided with a flier for a solar powered flashlight fundraiser. The cost is \$10.00 to us for a flashlight that sells for \$20.00. The beauty of this is that we don't have to front the money to the company. They send the flashlights and we sell them and remit the \$10 per. They get a credit card number as security and yours truly would be willing to handle that part. Danielle will investigate further. The last fundraiser is a Camp Card, which is being pushed by Council. This is a card that is sold for \$5.00 and provides for various local merchant discounts. The Troop would receive \$2.50 back for each card sold. The Committee was of the belief that lots of groups sell these cards, the discounts didn't seem that extensive or great and the level of profit was marginal, so there was little interest in this fundraiser as compared to the other two. The Committee also briefly discussed the prior idea of an E-waste collection fundraiser or a Goodwill collection fundraiser but nothing was decided.
3. The Committee was reminded that all Awards, Rank Advancements and Chits need to be provided to the Committee Chair for recording. The same is true of any activities – the signup sheet must be completed and sent to Steve McGuffey, the Committee Chair.
4. Summer Camp – Lost Valley, July 19 to 25. Danielle reports 9 boys and 3 adults are signed up. There may be room for more and anyone interested should check with Danielle.
5. At the annual Planning Meeting, the boys have selected the following Troop outings for 2016:

January (MLK weekend): Death Valley	August: Backpack Trip (somewhere)
February: Lava Tubes	September: Fishing Lake Silverwood
March: Archery Campout Cherry Valley/Yucaipa	October: USS Midway overnighter San Diego
April: Palm Springs Tram Day Outing/ campout	November: Biking at Sycamore Canyon
May: Fiesta Island – San Diego Mission Bay	
June: Carpentaria State Beach	Pt. Mugu

July: Skyzone/Idyllwild - for those not going to summer camp

December: Hangar 18 day trip

January 2017: Big Bear Winter Camp

6. Outings Committee – Warren Scott has volunteered to head up the Outings Committee to meet and prepare well in advance of campouts to make certain that reservations are made, signup sheets are prepared, publicize the outing, Tour Permit is submitted and activities are planned, including rank advancement and appropriate Merit Badge work. Robin will help him and additional help is requested. Thanks for stepping up, Warren.
7. Service Project – Any boy wishing to camp and obtain service hours can attend Camp Emerson Camp Cleanup at the end of each month.
8. Miscellany:
 - A. The Online Troop calendar is said to be off kilter and needs to be updated. Changes will be reviewed and submitted to our Webmaster (Stan).
 - B. The question as to whether the tents need to be replaced was raised. The Committee noted that the tents were all gone through recently and are generally in good condition. Every once in a while there is a problem with a zipper but this has been easily fixed. Vera has sewn repairs to several of the tents as well. The problem is oftentimes abuse and lack of proper care. It was noted that two new tents purchased a couple of years ago were ruined after only two campouts for lack of proper care by the boys.
 - C. Do we need an equipment fund and a charge to fund it with each campout? The Committee agreed that Troop has plenty of money but the equipment is in generally decent shape and campout costs need to be kept down as much as possible. Some cleaning or rehab is needed on some items but one of the major problems is that the boys do not treat and clean the equipment as they should despite knowing better.
 - D. Assigning Patrol boxes to individual patrols is not feasible as patrols are cobbled together for each campout, but the suggestion that we rotate the boxes is well taken and we'll do that.
 - E. Speaking of the trailer, it has been inventoried and is up to date except the first aid kit and we have a plan to have the boys “rebuild” it.
 - F. Whether the boys should have a large camp stove like the adults’ was brought up. This was discussed previously and it had been agreed that if they boys want one they should initiate a fundraising campaign on their own to obtain the needed funds to purchase one. In the meantime if they want to use the adults’ stove when they have a need for a third burner they may ask but they must keep it clean.
 - G. More emphasis on Good Turns and community involvement in helping others was raised and is a good reminder.
 - H. Need for follow up on rank advancement to make certain boys progress. The Committee is of the belief that encouragement and self-direction would be appropriate.

Next Committee Meeting is...not sure when – somewhere around September 1 - we'll let you know!



Robin Woolsey,
Man About Town and Recording Secretary