

Boy Scouts of America
Troop 270
Michael McVeigh, Scoutmaster

Committee Meeting Minutes 07/01/2014

In attendance were Michael McVeigh, Steve McGuffey, Ray Beckwith, Renee Walker, Bob Cullen, Summer Pearson and yours truly Robin E. Woolsey, Man About Town.

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Jim Grace could not be present but provided a treasurer's report showing that between the checking account balance, cash and checks on hand and not deposited, the Council store balance and Stater Brothers cards, we have \$8,343.88. Allocated funds, which include Boy accounts, the scholarship fund, the Scrip monies, gas fund and trailer allowance, we have \$6,190.03, leaving \$2,153.85 in unallocated funds available for use. The Troop had spent \$910.90 in funds to Mataguay Summer Camp that had yet to be collected from those attending summer camp. Once those funds are collected, we will have over \$3,000.00 in the Troop account.
2. **Recharter** will be out in August and **must be** turned in by 12/31/2014 or the Troop will be deactivated. The Committee decided that all dues for 2014 must be paid before a Boy can Recharter and all Recharter funds must be paid by reregistering boys or adults no later than 11/17/2014 or the boy/adult will be dropped. Recharter last year was done late and boys and adults were Rechartered based on promises that the Recharter fees would be paid when in some cases they were not.
3. **Roster:** The Roster and tracking of advancements and merit badges is being completed by Steve McGuffey, Renee Walker and Danielle Sovine. Steve will be keeping track of the leadership positions. The Committee discussed the fact that new Merit Badge Counselors are needed, particularly for Eagle required merit badges. Parents will be approached about this. Merit Badge Counselors are needed in First Aid, Canoeing, Hiking, Personal Management, Climbing, Communications, Cooking, Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Science, Family Life and Fire Safety.
4. **Miscellaneous:** Miscellaneous items include:
 - Steve McGuffey's reporting that the Tour Plans are now done online.
 - Journey to Excellence – signup sheets are needed for all events to track participation and the Troop Scribe should be completing this. As part of this program, we need to make certain the Troop is adding Scouts, retaining existing ones and increasing average rank.
 - The question was asked whether we have a Troop position history and it was determined that we do not have a comprehensive repository of this information and it would have to be gathered from miscellaneous records.
5. **Popcorn Sales:** Anna Nevarro has agreed to head up popcorn sales this year. Popcorn will be ordered so Scouts can sell on their own and she will arrange for Troop sales (Show & Sell) at Stater Brothers beginning in August.
6. **Scout House Rehab:** The Scout House is in need of painting and we will be coordinating with the Church in terms of obtaining paint and later the scheduling of the prep and the painting of the Scout House, to include all Scout groups who use the facilities, not just Troop 270.

7. **Trailer Tires:** The Troop trailer is getting close to needing new tires and we do have funds in the trailer account. Steve McGuffey has obtained a very good quote and yours truly will talk to a tire store manager he knows to see if we can get an even better deal.
8. **Upcoming 2015 Campouts & Activities:** As a result of the annual planning meeting, we have the following tentative campouts and dates for **2015**:
- January 9-11: campout possibly to Powell's Ranch in the lower desert
 - February 14-16: Death Valley
 - March 20-22: Ladder Canyon and a possible day outing that month at Hangar 18
 - April 17-19: Devil's Punchbowl (near Pearblossom)
 - May 23-24: Fiesta Island
 - June 19-22: White Water Rafting on the Kern River
 - July (date to be determined): Channel Islands Campout with a possible day outing for indoor archery the same month
 - August 14-17: Rock Creek
 - September 18-20: Camp Pendleton
 - October 9-11: Big Bear / Serrano Campground
 - November (date to be determined): Leo Carillo Beach with a possible day/night outing on the 27th for the Festival of Lights
 - December 5: day trip to Six Flags, Magic Mountain
9. Steve McGuffey also suggests changes in our Troop Program to promote leadership and relieving some of the work of the Scout Master and other adults to include:
- Boys to set up and close Scout House with a rotation among patrols with the SPL and ASPL in charge.
 - One outing per quarter to substitute for a Monday meeting, such as bowling, hiking to Mount Rubidoux, etc. Michael McVeigh will investigate the costs of these excursions and schedule as appropriate.
 - Boys to complete and adhere to position duties with performance reviews conducted by the SPL/ASPL.
 - Regular opportunities for Scouts to have their books signed off.
 - Quarterly or bi-annual cooking competitions/chili cook-offs, toten chit, fire safety and fire chit training.

10. **Next Committee Meeting:** Next committee meeting is September 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.



Robin Woolsey, M.A.T., Recording Secretary