

Boy Scouts of America
Troop 270
Thomas Gebelin, Scoutmaster

Minutes of Committee Meeting, July 8, 2008

In attendance were Don Herweck, Tom Gebelin, Stan Dery, Michael McVeigh, Doug Moore, Ray Beckwith, Larry Crilly, Munir Sewani, Jim Grace and yours truly, Robin E. Woolsey. Notably absent was Lou Leonardi.

1. Treasurer Report. Jim Grace reports that we have \$6,183.50 in the checking account, \$748.70 in cash, \$95.00 in un-deposited cash and checks and a Council store balance of \$136.84. This gives us total assets of \$7,164.04. Of this amount, boy account money is \$2,425.38, the gas account is \$1,143.92 and the scholarship fund balance is \$369.92. The Troop is holding \$918.00 in payments made by Northern Tier participants and this leaves the Troop usable funds of \$2,306.82. We still have some significant unpaid sums by certain boys for summer camp and past dues and camping fee arrearages by other scouts. An effort needs to be made to collect these funds.

2. Stan reports that the website has reached 10,000 hits and is going great. Stan is also starting up a Historical Eagle page featuring those in the Troop who have reached the rank of Eagle.

3. The roster is up to date thanks to Teri.

4. Eagle projects. Brennan's is done, Will is working on developing his possible project, which may involve video equipment and tapes/dvd's for elderly care homes.

5. Foxfire and Buckskin. Two boys went to Foxfire and three boys will go to Buckskin on August 11. Next orientation for Buckskin is July 19.

6. The recent hike in the San Gorgonio wilderness had a small attendance but those who went had a great time. We are counting down the days to the Troop's departure to Chawanakee and then we have the bike trip in August being run by Doug and Dave, Fiesta Island in September with Debbie in charge, the fishing trip at Lake Silverwood in October being handled by Betty and finally the Fort Tejon Assault in November with the charge being led by Robin.

7. Order of the Arrow. Three boys and one adult have been elected. The Ordeal is in September.

8. CPR classes. Jim's friend who is going to provide the class is presently in Afghanistan but should be back in the fall. If for some reason he is unable to run the CPR class, Brian Callahan has a contact who can put on the CPR class.

9. July 4. Cleanup at the Scout House and food sales were a rousing success. We had a profit of \$537.00 with quite a few leftovers. Debbie, Jim and Doug are coordinating the accounting of purchases and leftovers. Next year we will need a duty roster for set up, operation and cleanup.

10. Street cleanup was the day after the Scout House cleanup and food sales at the fireworks show. Only 9 showed, including five adults.

11. Thanks to Paula Snow for arranging a tour of the Post Office Regional Center in Redlands as part of the Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge.

12. Merit Badge Counselors. Some in the Troop have not responded with completed forms and Michael McVeigh will follow up. These forms are now required by National in order to remain a counselor.

13. Patrol Flags. We now have three and need two more for the Cobras and Scorpions. We also need stands for the flags. The patrols also need to develop a call, yell or song.

14. Court of Honor went very smooth, in part thanks to Betty's advance flyer. Next Court of Honor is on September 29 at 6:30 p.m., with a deadline for Board of Reviews being September 22. We expect this will also be Brennan's Eagle Court of Honor.

15. Boards of Review. Thanks to all the adults who stepped forward and agreed to sit on the Boards. Perhaps we need to streamline and shorten them. Those sitting on the Boards should be reminded that it is not a re-testing process but a stamp of approval. Once the Scout Master gives his okay after his conference, we should meet with the boy and find out how good an experience he is having in the Troop and encourage him to progress further and grow into a young man we can all be proud of.

16. Tom Gebelin announced he will be retiring as Scoutmaster after summer camp, although he will remain a Committee member and stay as active as possible. Doug Moore foolishly, uh, er.....I mean generously, agreed to take over the job as Scoutmaster and all are asked to support and aid him in this transition. Robin Woolsey, in a weak moment, agreed to move from being a mere Committee member to Assistant Scoutmaster. One more person will be sought out for that most coveted job.

17. In view of the leadership change, the Committee moved and carried by unanimous vote a motion that the following individuals are to be signatories to the Troop bank account: Alan Douglas Moore, James William Grace, Michael James McVeigh and Robin Edward Woolsey. Jim Grace was empowered by the Committee to obtain the necessary paperwork from the bank and do whatever is necessary to effectuate the changes to the Troop account.

18. In consideration of the leadership change, Doug will need to attend the Scoutmaster Fundamentals course, the names on the troop account at the Council store will need to be changed and we need additional Assistant Scoutmasters. At this point in time we only have two, Michael McVeigh and Ray Beckwith. As noted above, Robin will join their ranks and we will find one more.

19. Tom will still make his family's cabin available for the October weekend planning session at Big Bear for the Patrol leaders. It was also noted that we will be participating once again in the Heroes Day program at Riverside Airport on October 18. This year, as with last, the Troop will receive \$500.00 for picking up the trash and keeping the barrels from overflowing.

Next Committee Meeting is September 9 at 7:00 p.m. Be there or be square.

Robin Woolsey, Recording Secretary