

Boy Scouts of America
Troop 270
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Minutes of Committee Meeting, September 12, 2006

In attendance were Don Herweck, Tom Gebelin, Betty Smith, Stan Dery, David Snow, Ray Beckwith, Mike McVeigh, Larry Crilly, Frank Willette, Denise Easton and Robin Woolsey.

1. David Snow presented the treasurer report. We have \$3,534.14 on hand including the checking account, cash on hand and Council store balance. The Northern Tier allocation is \$197.46, which includes \$131.16 due from Northern Tier on our overpayment. David has put in the request for the overpayment from Northern Tier but it has not arrived yet and he will follow up. \$300.00 has been paid as a deposit for next year's summer camp at Chawanakee. Boy account money totals \$1,517.35, there is \$552.00 in the scholarship fund and outstanding dues amount to \$205.00. This leaves usable Troop funds of \$1,362.33. The Committee expressed thanks to Kevin Kilcoyne for donating his expense check from Northern Tier back to the Troop.

2. Troop website. Stan continues to do an outstanding job and there has been positive feedback from outside the Troop about the quality of the website. Mike McVeigh will use some of the photos from the photo page to put on a slide show at the 9/25/06 Court of Honor.

3. Roster. Teri Sandoval will need to update the Troop roster. David Snow is Teri's backup on the roster preparation.

4. Eagle projects / Foxfire / Buckskin. Ben has a Board of Review 9/13/06. The boys who went to Foxfire and Buckskin need to complete their tickets by December.

5. Cedar Badge. The last Cedar badge program for 2006 will be held in October. We need to encourage more of the younger boys to attend and so far no one has signed up. This should be discussed at the Court of Honor.

6. The committee again expressed thanks to the dads who have handled the various the events and campouts for Tom, but the more recent campouts and events have been more sparsely attended than in the past and the committee wonders why.

7. Ray Beckwith is getting ready to order the Troop jackets and is working on hats and neckerchiefs. He will see if the jacket company can embroider hats. David Snow will see if his wife can embroider hats on her equipment and embroider the boys' names on the jackets after we receive them.

8. Troop trailer. Mike McVeigh's mother in law has generously agreed to store the trailer for us. She needs to repair a fence, put in a gate and trim some bushes. The committee discussed having a Troop event in the near future where the boys could take out the old fence and put in some gravel where the trailer will sit. Perhaps we can get a donation of gravel from a local company and Mike will work on this.

9. Order of the Arrow. Still no attendance by Troop members. Elections for OA should be held in January or so.

10. The Guide Program. Brandon and Aric are the Troop guides and this programs helps get the young boys rapidly to First Class. We need to get more of the older boys involved in the Guide program and bring the younger ones along.

11. Merit Badge Counselors. Don Herweck has a list of Council Merit Badge Counselors. The committee discussed having those adults in the Troop who are Merit Badge Counselors for elective merit badges make presentations to the boys on those merit badges to get them to take advantage of this resource. The committee also discussed taking one month and making the theme elective merit badges so those adults can work during that month at Troop meetings with boys on those merit badges. There are several boys who only have a couple of items left to be signed off for certain summer camp merit badges and we need to get them to go to local counselors to finish them. Don will prepare a list of counselors outside of the Troop for those that need to finish the badges where there is no counselor within the Troop. He will pass this list out to those boys that need to finish their summer camp merit badges so they can contact the Counselors.

12. Street clean up is Saturday, 9/16/06. The yearly Planning meeting is on 9/23/06 at the Scout House. The SPL will make calls to get the boys out for street clean up and the patrol leaders, assistant patrol leaders or their designates need to be present at the Planning meeting which will create the calendar of campouts and monthly themes for the coming year.

13. Popcorn. Betty and Denise advised that there have been 4 Show and Sells so far, with a total of \$856.00 in popcorn sold, which is down a bit from last year. They will add 2 more Show and Sells on the first weekend in October. There will be no Show and Sells during the campout at the end of the month. The committee thanks Betty and Denise for their hard work.

14. The committee discussed concerns that there has been too much “play time” at scout meetings and not enough scout skills being worked on or worked on long enough.

15. Don Herweck will have his sons make a flyer for Court of Honor to be held on 9/25/06. A-L will bring a main dish and M-Z a side dish. The Troop will supply dessert and drinks.

16. Mike McVeigh will schedule a Scout House clean up in October.

17. Next committee meeting will be 11/14/06 and we will be working on re-registration for the coming year.

Robin Woolsey, Recording Secretary