

Boy Scouts of America
Troop 270
Doug Moore, Scoutmaster

Minutes of Committee Meeting, May 11, 2010

In attendance were Michael McVeigh, Tom Gebelin, Stan Dery, Mary and Carlos Valdes, Michael Houlihan, David Whittlesey, Sondra Callahan, Ray Beckwith, Rick Pfadt, Robin Woolsey, Lou Leonardi, and THE SCOUTMASTER (aka Doug Moore). Our stand-in Committee Chair (and what a fine job she did) was Betty Hao.

1. Treasurer's Report. Our Treasurer, Jim Grace was not present and there was some fear that perhaps he had absconded with the Troop funds and was doubling down in Las Vegas, but a couple of days later, he did send us a Treasurer's Report. The checking account balance, cash on hand and the Council store balance gives us \$5,392.92 in cash assets. Of that amount, \$2,185.66 is allocated to the Boy accounts, \$185.96 to the scholarship account, \$494.94 to the gas fund and \$58.62 towards summer camp 2011 (Cherry Valley) leaving a useable fund balance of \$2,467.74. The committee noted that a total of 5 scholarships have been provided to the boys, 3 to Foxfire and 2 to Buckskin.

2. Roster: Three boys have been moved from Pathfinders to Scorpions and the Pathfinders elected a new patrol leader (Chris V.) and assistant patrol leader (Jonathan P.). Derrick is moved to the adult roster effective May 19, 2010 and he will need to complete an adult application. Timothy K., who has lived in Michigan for some time but remainder a member of this Troop, will also be becoming an adult and Stan will contact his dad to see if he wishes to proceed as a registered adult. As of 4/12/10, we have four patrols with 33 boys. Betty will prepare a new roster.

3. Eagles: Josh's Eagle Court of Honor went very well and David Mendoza was thanked for doing a great job with the video. We have four boys almost there for Eagle. Nino turns 18 in July and he has completed his project. Aric turns 18 on June 28th and will have to move quickly to complete his project. Louie has his Eagle project at Jurupa Cultural Center set for June 5th and 19th. He will be installing misters at Dinosaur Mesa. Nick is working on getting his project going and Mark, who turns 18 in April 2011 has his project approved at the Hidden Valley Nature Center Interpretive Center. As to boys who make Eagle, the Troop will buy the same standard neckerchief and slide to promote uniformity, with the exception of boys who are 18 or nearly so who, instead of a slide, will receive an Eagle Bolo Tie that they can wear as an adult.

4. Outings: The Committee thanks those adults in charge of the recent successful activities. Stan for the shooting campout, Michael McVeigh for Easter trail clean up and lighting and to Robin for the civil war re-enactment campout, which was particularly successful due to his unexcelled and extraordinary effort in planning. Lou has a tough act to follow with the Sequoia campout 5/28/10 – 5/31/10. We have 11 scouts, 8 adults and 1 sibling signed up. Lou noted that it is still very cold at Sequoia and this will need to be treated as a winter campout. There is also still snow on the ground. The Aviation Merit Badge program at Flabob Airport is now on 6/12/10. We have 15 boys signed up and they must read their merit badge books before going to the program. Mary will check on the availability of any other slots for boys who are interested. The rock climbing/climbing wall idea has been shelved because there is no real interest by the boys per Mary. We will revisit it again perhaps next winter. Stan will set up the Midway Aircraft Carrier excursion to San Diego as a day trip on 6/26/10 and provide further information later. Buckskin is scheduled from 6/14/-6/20 while Foxfire is 6/12/-6/19. Debbie Dighera and Betty Hao will handle the July 4th fundraiser (food sales at the Scout House before fireworks). Randy Hughes is in charge of the cycling outing on 6/16/10 at either Featherly or O'Neill Park. The next Court of Honor was scheduled on 9/24/10 and has been moved 9/17/10 and because of the Sheriff's Rodeo that is also part of the BSA 100th birthday celebration on 9/24/10 to 9/26/10. The Troop must register by 6/14/10 for the Rodeo. There are many activities including at the Water Park in Devore. David Mendoza is in charge of this outing and Stan will post a flyer.

5. Court of Honor: Josh's Court of Honor. The Troop banner was there at the Court of Honor but there was no place to hang it. Some question was raised about the fact that there were no skits, yells or songs but the Committee noted that this would have made the program too long. There was a bit of a shortage of food for the Court of Honor and this may be because there were a number of guests who were not expected to bring food but it is believed that this may have caused the shortage. It was decided that for any future Eagle Courts of Honor that the boys in the Troop be asked to bring enough food for 15 people instead of 10 to accommodate the invited guests. This food shortage appears to only be a problem at Eagle Courts of Honor and therefore regular Courts of Honor can stay at food for 10 people each. A question was asked about moving the Courts of Honor back to Mondays but it was noted by the Committee that this is not possible as the Karate class has the multi-purpose room on Mondays and this cannot be changed. Some Committee members noted that Fridays work well for them because Courts of Honor go late and the next day is not a school/work day.

6. Summer Camp: The Troop is going to Whitsett and we have 13 boys and 5 adults signed up. This light sign up is probably a money issue for some parents.

7. Fundraising: Mary Valdes brought up the proposal of starting a Scrip program, which has been discussed before. This would be a great opportunity for the Troop to raise funds rather painlessly. Yours truly was involved in a scrip program for many years when his children were young and it worked out well. Anyone wanting to know more about such a program can go to GLScrip.com. Mary will get information and hold a special meeting for the adults on a Monday to go over this, probably at 8:00 pm in about 3 weeks. Another Troop fundraising effort (popcorn sales) will be chaired once again by Sondra Callahan.

8. Historic Merit Badges. Those four historic merit badges revived by BSA for this year only for the 100th anniversary celebration will be covered by the Troop counselors at upcoming meetings. This will not be to obtain the merit badges at those meetings, merely informational presentations. The Tracking merit badge will be covered on 6/7/10 by Brian Callahan, Signaling on 6/14/10 by Betty Hao, Carpentry on 6/21/10 by Rick Pfadt and Pathfinder on 7/12/10 by Stan Dery. There is no presentation on 6/28/10 because of the need to plan for the 4th of July fundraiser and there is no meeting on 7/5/10. These informational meetings will be to garner interest by the boys in signing up for the merit badges and getting them completed before the end of the year. It was noted that there is a historical merit badge day on 6/19/10 at the Rubidoux Nature Center being put on Troop 90. This is open to the first 200 boys to sign up. Additionally, 2 of the 4 merit badges (I am not sure which, but probably Tracking and Pathfinder) are being offered at Whitsett during summer camp. Stan will post a flyer.

9. Website: The Troop website has a new link for password protected information such as the adult roster and merit badge counselor list. Stan needs the certification and expiration dates for Youth Protection, Safety Afloat, First Aid, etc. that have been earned by the adults.

10. Mary Valdes brought a flyer for an event called Cubstruction. This is for Cub Scouts and is a day camp to be held in July at Heritage Park in Rubidoux. Scouts will play various games and earn belt loops and work on activity pins for Scientist, Geologist and Engineering. Scouts in the Troop can earn service hours by signing up to help with this day program. See Mary Valdes for details.

11. A question was asked whether the Troop can obtain long sleeve Class B shirts and use them as an option, particularly in the winter. Ray Beckwith will look into this as he is in charge of the Class B shirts and will be ordering the regular short sleeve ones in the near future.

12. The outside picnic table is a complete disaster and David Whittlesey has been looking into obtaining a new concrete one, without success. It was noted that there is a Troop parent who is in the concrete business and perhaps a contact to a manufacturer can be made through that parent. David will look into this. Alternatively, David is looking into a picnic bench that folds up and can be kept inside the building and taken out when needed. This would be at a cost of about \$160.00-\$180.00.

13. The Committee was advised that in order for our charter to be renewed at the end of this year, both the Scoutmaster (that's Doug) and Don Herwick as Committee Chair must be trained in a day program on

10/16/10 and an overnight program from 10/29/10 to 10/30/10. Someone (I forget who as it was getting late and I did not write it down) is to look further into this.

14. Next Committee meeting is July 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Robin Woolsey, Recording Secretary