

Boy Scouts of America
Troop 270
Doug Moore, Scoutmaster

Minutes of Committee Meeting, July 12, 2011

The meeting commenced at 7:06 PM.

In attendance were Don Herweck, Michael McVeigh, Stan Dery, Mary and Carlos Valdes, David Whittlesey, Sondra Callahan, Brian Callahan, Ray Beckwith, Nick Beckwith, Betty Hao, Alex Iniguez, Randy Hughes, Jim Grace, Steve McGuffey, Linda Jenkins, Duffey Exon, and Doug Moore. **Noticeably** absent was the Man About Town, Robin Woolsey, JD.

1. Treasurer's Report. Our Treasurer, Jim Grace reported that the Troop is doing OK with finances, and handed-out copies of the treasurer's monthly report. The checking account balance, cash on hand, Stater Bros. Gift Cards, and the Council store balance gives us \$5,429.06 in cash assets. Of that amount, \$1,227.81 is allocated to the Boy accounts, \$534.48 to the scholarship account, \$803.46 to Scout Scrip balances, \$520.73 to the gas fund and \$199.69 towards the trailer fund, and \$882.63 collected for Sea Base 2013. useable fund balance of \$1,260.26. These numbers do not reflect Cherry Valley cost accounting, for which \$546.98 is still due.

The Committee discussed the issue of moneys that are due from non-active Scouts and parents for costs expended by the Troop. The approach to be taken will be for the Treasurer to send a formal letter to those that, in the Treasurer's opinion, should be formally reminded. Betty has offered to draft the letter and work with Jim on this effort.

2. Roster: Elections are next Monday. It was observed that it would have been better for the PLC to be held after the elections so that the new SPL can guide the planning effort. This was acknowledged is a calendar issue that perhaps can be considered when the 2011/2012 calendar is prepared.

The heretofor unnamed patrol now has a new name: The Road Runners. The remaining patrols are the Panthers, the Scorpions, the Falcons and the Pathfinders. The updated adult roster will be posted on the password-protected webpage soon. Scout Rosters are available upon request.

3. Campouts: Brian Callahan, with plenty of help from Sondra, is organizing the Summer camp for 2011, and has been having trouble obtaining complete paperwork for all attendees. This is not good, and puts undue stress on the leader of the event.

Next camping trip will be the trip to the Sierra's with David Whittlesey in-charge. The September Rodeo / Camporee is in need of a leader on the Troop level. Rick Pfadt will be a district leader, and will not be able to organize the Troop. Adults - Please volunteer.

Who is in charge of the Afton Canyon Camping Trip in November?

Jim Grace proposed that the camping sign-up form be modified to provide a drop-dead date for parents and Scouts to commit to the trip and pay for it. The committee agreed that the role of the camping trip leader is full of challenges, and last minute cancellations and additions cause problems and additional costs. Ray Beckwith offered to put together a rough-draft of a new sign-up form.

4. Court of Honor: The next Court of Honor will be on September 30th. The next Court of Honor will be a busy one, since many boys will have earned Merit Badges at summer camp. The Committee briefly discussed food assignments, and Michael McVeigh advised that desserts will continue to be furnished by the Troop. This seems to be a good way to ensure that there is adequate main dishes and side dishes for all. It

was suggested that the Scouts could perhaps hit a separate Pizza table while the adults went for the remaining offerings, but there was no enthusiasm for the idea observed.

5. Fourth of July Fundraiser: The fundraiser went well, and the Troop made approximately \$518. There was some discussion about ways to improve the fundraiser, but it went well. Trisha McVeigh has volunteered to take the lead, with assistance from Linda Jenkins, Maria Rangel, and Ana Iniguez.

The Troop heard some complaints from the public about a need for more bathrooms, but the one in operation did not back-up!

Some ideas that were briefly discussed, for next years event, included: Seeking donations from Stater Bros., a bigger grill, and an "order here" sign.

6. Website: Stan said that he is behind, especially on posting photos.

Someone asked if the information regarding Sea Base 2013, as posted on the website, is accurate. Stan informed the committee that "no", the information is not up-to-date. The Troop needs to actively start working on fundraisers, and Stan plans to send out information on that subject soon. What is needed is for parents to actually start the work of fundraising, which would be for the benefit of the participating Scouts, to be applied towards summer camp or high-adventure camp. Mary is doing great with the Scrip program, and participation is recommended!

7. PLC planning: Don suggested a trip to the YMCA in lieu of a Monday meeting, during the month of August. This was not incorporated into the PLC meeting, and there was no real conclusion reached. This idea has merit, as it would afford the opportunity for the swimming requirements to be met for 2nd Class.

Ray suggested "lashing" as a good monthly theme, for some month in the future.

8. Knot Program: The knot program, run by Ray and Nick Beckwith, is going well. Ray will be challenging the older boys more, since the Scouts of 1st Class and above should know most of the basic knots.

9. Street Cleanup: Street cleanup was scheduled for the subsequent Saturday. Ray Beckwith volunteered to bring donuts – thanks Ray!

10. Journey to Excellence Award Program: Don described this program as being the replacement for Quality Unit program. The new program is more demanding than the **previous** program. Michael is very busy... a volunteer to look into this and take the lead is needed.

11. Thanks to Robin and Michael for filling in for doing Scoutmaster conferences and other Scoutmaster tasks during Doug's absence.

12. Betty and Jim are both planning on leaving their positions, and replacements will be needed.

Betty performs valuable database work for the Troop, and this work can be performed at home. She keeps track of all of the Scouts and adults, positions, merit badges, training, etc.

Jim has been our treasurer for a few years, and he has stayed-on with the Troop even after his Scout (an Eagle!) graduated and started college.

These positions are very important to the Troop, and volunteers are needed. Each of the adults of T-270 Scouts is encouraged to consider volunteering. A new person in each position is desired by or prior to January 1st. The new volunteers should start early, so that they can learn from Jim and Betty.

Additionally, Don Herweck is making noise about possibly stepping down as Committee Chair, and a volunteer for this important position will also be needed eventually.

Additional items of discussion:

13. David Weise is no longer the Charter Representative for the Troop, and a replacement has not yet been named.

14. Dutch oven meetings – The Scouts should do as much preparatory work as possible at home, prior to coming to the meeting.

15. The Troop needs to decide on a summer camp for 2012. Ideas tossed-out included Fiesta Island, Mataguay, and Chewanakee.

16. Randy Hughes has signed-up to be a Bicycle Merit Badge Counselor, and plans to conduct weekend rides so that Scouts can complete their requirements, while having fun.

17. Adult involvement – This is a subject that has impacted a number of camping trips over the past year or so, but especially the recent bicycle camping trip. Two-deep leadership is required and critical, and maintaining two-deep leadership usually requires that 3 or 4 or even more adults participate in any one outing. Additionally, transportation requires vehicles, and often trucks. Adults need to step-up and participate, and help the leader-in-charge to meet all the needs of a camping trip / outing. Cancellations by Adults can negatively impact outings, and require cancellations or early returns, such as was the case at the bicycle camping trip.

Some of the adults in the Troop have gone above and beyond, to provide transportation for the trailer, Scouts, and equipment. This extra effort by such adults is necessary for successful trips, and is very much appreciated.

It was decided that parent orientations and the new-Scout packet will cover this subject.

16. Next Committee meeting is **September 13, 2011** at 7:00 p.m.

17. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM

Robin Woolsey, Recording Secretary, was absent (**Physically that is – He is usually absent mentally which we have all come to expect – Just do not tell him. He is VERY sensitive!**), but the Troop survived without the Man-About-Town. (NOTE: Missing Man about Town notice, below)

Notes taken by Stan and reviewed by Michael McVeigh for accuracy prior to issuance.

