

Boy Scouts of America  
Troop 270  
Doug Moore, Scoutmaster

Minutes of Committee Meeting, March 10, 2009

In attendance were Don Herweck, Stan Dery, Jim Grace, Michael McVeigh, Debbie Dighera, Brian Callahan, Ray Beckwith, and David Whittlesey. Noticeably absent was the Scoutmaster.

1. **Treasurer's Report.** Of particular concern is the fact that many Camp Chawanakee participants have not paid much to the treasurer. The Troop has collected only \$1,200 in fees, total, and has already paid-out over \$4,000. Most Camp Chawanakee participants still owe \$350 - \$400. Full payment is required by June 1st, and is suggested to be paid as follows: \$100 by the end of March, \$150 by the end of April and the remaining funds, approximately. \$100, by the end of May. It was discussed that perhaps the Treasurer's report could be saved for last due to the length of time it takes to go over it.  
*Fees due to the troop should be an enforced requirement for attendance at future camping trips, promotions, etc.*
2. **Website.** Stan asked if there is any objection to posting the adult roster on the Troop's password protected file server site. There was no disagreement, since much of the information is already included in the listing of merit badge counselors. The file will be password protected on the Troop's web-a-file.com account. The Scout roster will not be posted.
3. **Rifle Shooting Merit Badge:** Brian Callahan located a facility in Laguna Niguel (On Target Indoor Shooting Range) that can be utilized for those boys that cannot attend the shooting weekend for their rifle merit badge. Facility is scout friendly and authorized as merit badge counselors for rifle.
4. **Firearms Safety Meeting:** Stan to find out if Ned has an issue having his safety training video recorded for future meetings/usage.
5. **First Aid/CPR training:** Four adults are going to attend the First Aid training; possibly on-line. **CPR:** Some adults and Scouts were recently trained in CPR, and are awaiting delivery of certification cards. At least 4 Northern Tier participants will be attending First Aid Training at the local Red Cross facility to satisfy Northern Tier requirements.
6. **Rosters.** It was requested that Mrs. Sandoval add birthdates to the rosters for the purpose of Tour Permits, etc.
7. **Cedar Badge.** Scouts will be encouraged to attend the upcoming session of Cedar Badge (April 18<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup>). Scouts desiring to go to Buckskin and Foxfire should submit their letters to the Scoutmaster soon, so that the Troop can save its limited scholarship funds by registering early. Letters should be written by the Scout, and each Scout should express why he would like to go to Buckskin or Foxfire. Early payments will save the Troop a lot of money, and allow, possibly, an additional Scout to go to the training. Early payment is required by May 12<sup>th</sup> for Buckskin, and May 13<sup>th</sup> for Foxfire.
8. **Mitchell's Caverns.** Brian Callahan's father, Al Callahan, paid for the camping facilities at Mitchell's Caverns as a generous gift to the Troop. It is suspected that he would like to be invited to future outings, and certainly will be! Discussed sending Mr. Callahan a thank you card for his donation.
9. **Order of the Arrow.** It was discussed that the Troop would like to elect either Michael McVeigh or Ray Beckwith to the O.A., to join the Scouts that were recently nominated. Ray expressed a stronger interest than did Michael, and got the nod.
10. **Merit Badge Counselor Listing** – many thanks to Michael McVeigh for putting this together.
11. **Patrol Flags are in use.** Don expressed that more Boy Scout themed activities should be encouraged, including Patrol songs, yells, etc.
12. **Court of Honor.** Some discussion about the date for the next Court of Honor. The scheduled date may change.
13. **Popcorn Commission.** Jim has posted profits to the Scouts' accounts. Mrs. Callahan to call BSA in regards to possible 3-4% more monies due to the boys/or troop.
14. **Jackets and Hats.** Still in progress. Don asked if it would be inspiring for the boys to have inspections conducted by fathers/mothers of boy scouts who are in law enforcement or the military to conduct uniform inspections.
15. **Medical Forms.** Michael McVeigh continues to gather medical and permission forms for all of the Scouts. All Scouts and Parents should assist Mr. McVeigh by providing him with the completed forms.

16. **New applications** Recent applications for registration, and new troop memberships were discussed. Briefly discussed was the idea of participating in Webelos Woods, but it seems to be the consensus that the Troop is not anxious to grow too much.
17. **Round Table.** Thanks to Michael McVeigh for representing the Troop. Other parents should attend when able. Stan has offered to attend whenever Mr. McVeigh is not able, and will attempt to attend more of these meetings.
18. **Inventory of Patrol Boxes.** This was conducted at the Mitchell's Caverns camping trip. Stocking of the patrol boxes needs to be done, possibly with donated items. There was some discussion of reducing the number of patrol boxes, and of possibly building a new box or two out of aluminum.
19. **Troop planning.** It was discussed that the Scouts should plan for the full period, to include and go beyond the subsequent PLC meeting.
20. **Scout Leadership Program.** Michael discussed a couple of ideas for providing guidance to the Scout leadership in the Troop, which will be included in the next meeting as a topic of discussion. He has obtained a document that describes each major Troop Scout leadership position and the responsibility of each of those positions. A similar document would be helpful to T-270, to cover, at a minimum, the positions of Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, and Troop Guide. An additional document and proposed practice that was discussed is a phone call log, to be used by Scout leaders. The idea is for the Patrol Leader to make phone calls to Scouts that have not attended meetings or events in a couple of weeks to encourage attendance, and to inquire about well being.
21. **Decals for Scout trailer.** Michael brought up the idea of using vinyl decals to decorate the newly donated trailer (by Mr. Gebelin) with Boy Scout themed artwork. He will look into this, as the Committee liked the idea.
22. **Next meeting is scheduled for May 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM.**