

Boy Scouts of America
Troop 270
Doug Moore, Scoutmaster

Minutes of Committee Meeting 11/13/12.

In attendance were Doug Moore, Stan Dery, Jim Grace, Ray Beckwith, Nick Beckwith, Steve McGuffey, Karen Mendoza, Ryan Falk, Bob Cullen, and Mark Gediman. Noticeably absent was the Man Not About Town (MNAT), Robin E. Woolsey.

1. First on the agenda was the approval of the Minutes from the last Committee Meeting. However, a copy was not available, and the Committee was ok with it as written, since many had read it. It is now posted on the Troop's website.

2. Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was briefly discussed, and the Treasurer reported that the Troop's finances are in good condition, and very little money is owed by Scouts and Scouters. Re-chartering instructions (whether or not to re-register) and registration payments are needed by the end of the month, and Jim will send out reminders, which will include a request for each member of the Troop to bring their personal account up to date.

3. Registration and Databases - Re-Registration is coming up very soon. In preparation for the roster requirements, Ray is working on a database of Merit Badge Counselors, and Mark Gediman is working on a database of Scouters, including training, registration, etc. A call for self-reporting of training records for each Troop's adult will be sent-out by Stan. Concern was repeated regarding the new BSA requirements that adult leaders all go through the training program, especially ASMs. Re-chartering may require someone with experience to assist Linda, as she is expected to be busy over the next month or so. Robin was suggested, as he is likely to have experience in this area.

4. Upcoming Events –

a. Knott's Merry Farm:

Knott's Merry Farm day trip is Saturday, December 1, 2012. Ray and Nick Beckwith are in charge.

b. Christmas meeting will be on December 17th, including the traditional adult and Scout gift exchange. Limit this year will be \$15 per gift, although the Gediman's limit is set at \$50.

5. Court of Honor - Next Court of Honor will be on January 30, 2013. This Court of Honor will likely include a ceremony for 1 or more new Eagle Scouts (we may have 3 new Eagles by that time!) As the meeting was in progress, Kieran passed his Board of Review, and is now the Troop's newest Eagle Scout.

6. Fundraisers - Wreath sales are in process. Order forms and payments are due Monday, November 19th. Some questions were asked about Scrip procedures, which Ray answered, but it was stated that Mary Valdes is the go-to person on the subject of Scrip. Jim advises that the Troop's Scrip balance is in his report.

7. Website - Photos are finally posted for Summer Camp. Photos are also posted for the recent whale watching trip.

8. Adams Street Clean-Up - The next Street Clean-Up is scheduled for November 17th. That event is cancelled due to the planning meeting that is scheduled for the same day.

9. Planning Meeting- Saturday, November 17th – information has been posted on the web page (announcements page). Doug indicated that he welcomes input in advance of the meeting so that suggestions by persons unable to attend can be considered.

10. We briefly discussed what summer camp to go to next summer. Doug explained that the current plan is to pick approx. 4 camps and rotate them. A decision for the 2013 camp, for those not going to Northern Tier, needs to be made soon. Bob Cullen reported that Mr. Mendoza had expressed that such a decision should be made only after suitable research on the merits of each camp being considered. The Committee agreed, and voted unanimously that Mr. David Mendoza is in charge of the research, due to his strong feelings on the matter. (Bob Cullen made the motion, Stan Dery seconded the motion, and Jim Grace “thirded” the motion.)

11. Shooting Sports - Steve McGuffey stated that he has been doing some research on shooting sports venues, and will continue to do so. He requested that the Troop’s ammo supply, currently in Stan’s care, not be sold yet, in case the Troop does put together a shooting event. Stan advises that the BSA rules and procedures make such an event more difficult to put together than in the past. If this will happen, the Troop will need a number of people to take the lead on such an event. Cost will likely be high due to higher ammo costs.

12. Jim brought up that he believes that low turn-out to camping events is partially because of the high per-person cost. This was briefly discussed as being due in great part to rising gas prices, cost of entry into events, and such matters beyond the control of the Troop. A suggestion was made to consider renting a van or two for certain events that are a long drive from Riverside, and this may be researched further.

13. Doug reported that Pack 65 has moved to St. Thomas, and will be re-numbered Pack 116. This CubScout Pack will be a feeder pack for T-116.

Next Committee meeting is at 7:00 p.m., January 8, 2013

Stan Dery, on behalf of the very absent Robin Woolsey, M.N.A.T., Recording Secretary