

Boy Scouts of America
Troop 270
Doug Moore, Scoutmaster

Minutes of Committee Meeting 9/25/12.

In attendance were Linda Jenkins, Trisha McVeigh, Stan Dery, Jim Grace, Ray Beckwith, Nick Beckwith, Memo Barrios, Steve McGuffey and by popular demand, the M.A.T., Robin E. Woolsey.

1. First on the agenda was the approval of the Minutes from the last Committee Meeting, which is something new from Linda and the Committee was unprepared, but who could doubt the accuracy of those Minutes from Yours Truly and therefore they were approved anyway.

2. Treasurer's Report – The checking account balance, cash and checks not deposited, petty cash, Council Store Account balance, Stater Bros. Gift cards and gas cards on hand puts us at \$13,877.38. Subtracting the Boy Accounts, Eagle Scout deposited funds for Eagle projects, the Scholarship Account, Scout Scrip Accounts, gas and trailer funds and Northern Tier 2012 funds collected, leaves us with \$2,805.54 in useable unallocated funds. We still have \$545.69 in remaining funds to collect from last summer's Cherry Valley Summer Camp. We have collected \$6,274.16 towards Northern Tier and so far paid out \$2,600.00. We still have \$2,425.84 left to collect. Although this was not specifically discussed, it does appear from Jim's report that we still have about \$265.00 in uncollected funds for past camping trips and presumably Jim is working on this with the people who have not paid yet. Yours Truly brought up the fact that the trailer fund has only \$50.67 and the tires on the trailer are probably going to need to be replaced next year. Stan is selling off the remaining ammunition from past shooting campouts and those funds generated will be applied to the trailer account. It was speculated that it would cost about \$800.00 to get the tires replaced on the trailer. Additionally, the Troop had an excess of \$304.58 collected from the last shooting campout and those funds will also be applied or allocated to the trailer fund.

3. Registration - Re-Registration is coming up very soon and we need to verify the Rosters. Linda will work on that with Jim. Concern was expressed regarding the new BSA requirements that adult leaders all go through the training program. Mark Gediman, who was not present and therefore could not decline, was assigned the task to look into it as the Training and Adult Development Coordinator. The question is whether all registered adults must have gone through BSA training to remain registered or if only certain adults in specified positions need to do so. This is important as we do not want to lose adult leadership for lack of required training.

4. Registration Forms - Additional youth registration forms are needed as there are none in the Scout House and we have picked up a couple of new boys very recently. Linda will get some from Council office.

5. Adult Rosters - Ray Beckwith will get a current Merit Badge Counselor list from Council and Steve McGuffey will compile a list of those in the Troop who are Merit Badge Counselors. At one time, we had Merit Badge Counselors in the Troop to cover all Eagle required Merit Badges but that is not the case any longer. We will need to delete those Merit Badge Counselors who are no longer with the Troop and get volunteers for those open Eagle required Merit Badges. Steve will set up a database of the In-Troop Counselors for Mark Gediman to take over and handle from that point on.

6. Upcoming Campouts/Events – On October 5th - 7th the Troop will be going to Leo Carrillo State Beach with Bob Cullen in charge. Last chance to sign up will be Monday's October 1st meeting.

a. Whale Watching: The Troop's Whale Watch Excursion from Newport will be Saturday, October 20, 2012. Stan Dery is in charge and the cost is \$11.00 per person.

b. Calico Campout: Calico Campout is October 26th – 28th. We will be camping at Owl Canyon in Rainbow Basin about ten minutes from Calico. Mark Gediman is in charge.

c. Anza Borrego: Anza Borrego is a three day excursion from November 10th – 12th. David Mendoza is in charge.

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

Although the 2013 Troop planning has not yet taken place, Ray Beckwith suggested we try a rocket launch excursion to Lake Lucerne in January. Yours Truly was asked to look for campgrounds nearby as there are no facilities on the dry lake bed. Unfortunately, a search indicates that we would have to go to Big Bear as the closest location to camp if we do not stay at Lake Lucerne. This will be further discussed with the boys, the SCOUTMASTER and the other adults. Steve McGuffey will look at Inland Arms Training as a possible location for a shooting campout since we really cannot go to Maywood any longer due to Ned's poor health.

7. Court of Honor - The Court of Honor already scheduled for January 28, 2013. The Committee agreed on May 6, 2013, September 23rd and January 27, 2014 as the Court of Honor dates. Yours Truly has emailed his contact at the church to confirm those dates are available.

8. Fundraisers - The Committee discussed what a good job Mary Valdes is doing on the Scrip Program. Based on past success and popular request, Stan will be setting up the Christmas Wreath fundraiser.

9. Website - Ray has submitted pictures of Cherry Valley Summer Camp and Stan will post them. The potential problem of the website using too much bandwidth with all the pictures we have was discussed. So far, our web host has not said anything but it is probably only a matter of time. We briefly discussed ways to reduce our bandwidth usage and possibly archive photos of long past campouts somewhere so they are not lost which would free up bandwidth for the website. Stan will look into this.

10. Tonight's PLC Meeting has planned the Monday programs for November through January.

11. Clean-Up - The next Street Clean-Up is scheduled for November 17th. Based on Michael McVeigh's suggestion, a Scout House clean-up is scheduled immediately following the street clean-up. Since we do not really have any weeds, the work will truly be on the Scout House itself and should not take too long.

12. We discussed what summer camp to go to next summer. The contingent may be a bit smaller since a number of the older boys are going to Northern Tier. Yours Truly will look into Lost Valley, Mataguay, Tahquitz, Whitsett and Holcomb Valley. The discussion on these camps seems to favor Lost Valley or Mataguay, mostly because I talked them up. I have been to all of these camps except Mataguay. Rick Pfadt did advise that Lost Valley has built very good new facilities and I will take the closest look at that one.

Next Committee meeting is November 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.



Robin Woolsey, M.A.T., Recording Secretary