

Meeting Minutes for Troop 697/75/132...2/7/08

In Attendance; Mike Mikac, David Pendleton, James Willette, Mark Moorehead, Deb Moreash, Tom Kiefer, Heidi Hutchins, Tim McCormick, Carla McMahon, and Lonnie Stewart.

Item 1 – Attendance...when reviewing the attendance from the last three troop meetings we had a 57%, then 44%, followed by a 33% attendance from the troops' roster. What we are proposing is to find out who is attending and how often...and contact the scouts that do not attend.

Item 2 – Karl Willette is the troop scribe and will be sending minutes from the troop's meetings the next day to keep everyone posted that may have missed the meeting.

Item 3 – The patrol leaders should be keeping track of their members and report weekly on items pertaining to the patrol, advances, and activities (essentially getting the patrol leaders more involved).

Item 4 – Canoe Trip...March 28th...Trip leader Tom Kiefer...The trip is **MANDATORY** for the scouts going on the **Boundary Waters Canoe Trip**...in order to gage water/craft ability. Also, there needs to be an adult trained in CPR (Tom) and all adults must complete the "Safety Afloat" requirements.

Item 5 – Treasurers Report...James Willette, the new treasurer is concerned about the number of persons whom are listed on the account...Motion made and seconded to have John Casper, Mike Mikac, Greg Kotsolvolos, and Bob Meiers removed from the account and have Mary Axlesen added. Our account now stands at \$7810.59 as of 2/7/08...We received \$2070.00 in Flag Placement and misc. camp payments, BWCA, etc...it was brought up that any trip leader must keep a careful accounting of fee's paid so that it matches what we had to pay out. Also, there was an idea of accepting PayPal for various fee's/payments/etc...an idea that will be investigated by James Willette for maybe next calendar year.

Item 6 – Older Scout Participation...There was interest in having the older scouts take a more active interest in helping the younger scouts. Either as First Class or Star requirements be made to facilitate this proposal...a complete consensus was not made but look to later developments.

Item 7 – February Ski Trip...The trip as originally planned will not be happening but hopefully by the Tuesday meeting the trip planners will have an alternative area, lodging, and plan in place...so if your scout has an interest, please make sure that they are at Tuesdays meeting....and the Plan "B" was to participate in the Rocket Launch with a campout there instead...but again, come to the next meeting/check your emails to find out what is going on.

Item 8 – The Canyon de Chelly backpacking trip in April is starting to take shape...the Indian guides have been reserved and the itinerary is being developed...James Willette is the contact for this exciting adventure!

Item 9 – Deb Moreash is planning two day hikes...one at South Mountain and one in the Superstitions...both 10 milers...and she needs adult volunteers/drivers to make these happen...so let her know if you are available.

Item 10 – Cherry Valley (July session)...has two open slots for scouts and two open slots for adults...if you (and your scout) has an interest PLEASE let Heidi Hutchins know ASAP.

Item 11 – There is some confusion as to the Camp Geronimo June 28-July 5 session about what was reserved, was a deposit made, and how many scouts are interested in this session...we have deposits from only 2 scouts that the Treasurer knows of...

Item 12 – A request was made by Mike Mikac that if you appear on the agenda for the committee meeting and cannot make it please let Mike know so we can work around it.

Item 13 – Tuesday, April 8th, is an opportunity to have our troop participate in a foods program to help starving children...instead of having a regular meeting we would go to the Esperanza Lutheran Church in Ahwatukee and help them pack food boxes (7-9pm)...Mary Axlesen is the point person on this so she will keep you posted.

Item 14 – March 13, 14, 15 and 16th is another opportunity to be active in the community at the “National Festival of the West” at WestWorld...they have a flag ceremony and brief blessing each morning and was looking for some scout volunteers to participate...any scout that does gets free entrance (and family) for the festival...and David Pendleton is the contact person on this.

Meeting adjourned...

Meeting Minutes recorded by Mark Moorehead and dutifully typed and email by James Willette