

Committee Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2009

Submitted by Debi Moreash

Present: Mike Mikac, Deb Moreash, Bob Meiers, Werner Bruckner, LeAnn Rickert, Heidi Hutchins, Mark Moorehead

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

Mike Mikac called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 2: Scoutmaster's Report, Dave Pendleton

Not present; no report tonight.

Agenda Item 3: Treasurer's Report, James Willette

Not present; no report tonight.

Agenda Item 4: Advancement Report, Michael Frantz

Michael wasn't present but submitted his report to Mike to discuss with the Committee. There are five Life Scouts who will be 18 in less than a year: Terance and Thomas Gibson, Derek Dulin, Connor Walborn, and Sam Rickert.

Michael Frantz asked about the status of JD Moyer's Eagle project. Mike Mikac will call Elizabeth Moyer to see if JD still plans to do his project during the April campout at the Orme School. The Committee can meet with him on a weekend to approve his project, but he will need to attend a Tuesday night district board of review for project approval in either February or March.

Related to the Life Scouts, at the meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 10, Deb M. met with a group of Life Scouts and gave them a list of ideas for Eagle projects and asked each Scout to ask an adult leader to be their adviser/mentor through the Eagle process. They need to ask an adult before next Tuesday's meeting and let Deb know who it is. Once a month, all of the advisers and Scouts will meet to go over each Scout's progress and help them with any questions they have as they work on their projects and Eagle requirements.

Agenda Item 5: Chairperson's Report, Mike Mikac

Mike was given a flag for a retirement ceremony. The Committee decided we could have a retirement ceremony at the new scout patrol campout in April. If anyone else has flags that need retired, they can be retired as part of the same ceremony.

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Agenda Item 6: Outdoor Chairperson, Deb Moreash

February Ski Trip – Feb 20-22 – Trip leaders are Tim McCormick and Tom Axelsen. Both have offered the use of their cabins in Pinetop for a place to stay. We will need at least two more adults to go on the trip so that there are two adults with each group of scouts.

ARG Rocket Launch – Feb 27-March 1. Michael Frantz is in charge of the rocket launch fundraiser and asked for the troop to advance \$600 for supplies, which will be reimbursed from the funds. He has 6 Scouts who have volunteered to work. Mr. Moorehead volunteered to assist him, and also said Michael will help at the fundraiser. He asked for 2 sunshades – LeAnn Rickert offered one that is 8x8 and Mark Moorehead offered to bring one. The committee thinks David Pendleton has one also.

March San Diego Trip - Trip leader Werner Bruckner has 28 people signed up plus 19 people from Troop 172. The barracks were full and so he has secured accommodations on 32nd Street in 2-person rooms. The cost for the rooms is \$11/person/night. Bob Meiers will be sending him the list of attendees from Troop 172 and then Werner will send the final list to Deb so she can update the tour permit with the correct names and numbers. Werner went over all the activities – this will be a fun trip!!

March – Survival Outing and Service Project – The survival outing is being rescheduled for the weekend of March 21-22 and combined with a service project, pending trip leader approval (Kiefer/Willette).

July Holcomb Valley – Gary Weber has made reservations for July 5-11 for 12 Scouts and 4-5 adults. Sam Thompson is the leader for this trip, along with James Willette.

Camp Geronimo – The Committee voted to leave Camp Geronimo in the July 4-11 slot, although it conflicts with Geronimo. We will need a couple older Scouts to act as leaders for the week.

Sailing/Dive Trip – Trip leader Tom Kiefer. The trip head count is currently 15. We need to collect \$500/person on March 1, April 1, and May 1 from each participant.

Debi also reminded everyone of the new requirement for outings that at least one adult attendee must have completed the weather hazard training. So far Deb and Mike and LeAnn have completed it, so one of them has to be on every outing 😊

Agenda Item 7: Recruitment, Heidi Hutchins, LeAnn Rickert, Chris Bradley

Heidi reported that two Cubs from Pack 88 will be joining our troop. They are not bridging until April 21 but we asked Heidi to encourage them to join us for meetings and outings before then. They need to fill out an

application and the troop will pay the \$1 transfer fee. We also agreed that they should be invited to participate in any fundraisers we hold in order to help them pay for summer camp and activities. There is another group of Webelos visiting our troop meeting on Feb. 17. Mike will make cobbler.

Agenda Item 8: District Roundtable Report, Bob Meiers

Bob handed out info about a Diamondbacks game on June 13, summer camp staff applications, a climbing/rappelling instructors course, and a climb on safely course. If anyone is interested in any of these, contact Deb.

Agenda Item 9: New and Old Business, All

Troop Fundraisers - Debi suggested several ideas for fundraisers to help scouts raise money for outings. Tim McCormick offered to sponsor a garage "sample" sale if four moms will volunteer to help with the organization and setup. He also will need 4-5 scouts to help. All proceeds will go to the boys' scout accounts. Tim McCormick also suggested a fundraiser where the boys pick fruit off peoples' trees for a \$10 an hour donation. This needs to be done right away. We will ask Connor to present this idea to the troop, as he has done it in the past to raise money. Other ideas for fundraisers are garage sales, car washes, restaurant fundraisers, and of course our flag duty, which is an excellent fundraiser. The flag fundraiser could be expanded if more boys were willing to post flags. LeAnn suggested next year we have the boys all sign up at the first meeting of the year so that all spots are filled ahead of time. We will ask the church if we can hold an annual pancake breakfast on Scout Sunday starting next year. Troop 172 raised almost \$500 at their recent pancake breakfast at Dayspring.

Search/Rescue Activity - Bob and Debi are still working on this idea. Our contact from Troop 118 is not able to help us this spring, but we will try and find another person involved in search and rescue that can help us set up a mock search and rescue mission. If you know anyone who can help, let Bob or Deb know.

Webelos summer camp assistance - The Committee agreed that it would be helpful for the new Webelos coming into the troop to participate in fundraisers to help pay for summer camp. Geronimo costs almost \$300/person. We also agreed that it can be paid for in \$50 a month increments. Camperships are available for any scouts needing financial assistance and no scout should miss out on summer camp due to financial reasons.

Agenda Item 10: Meeting Adjourn, Mike Mikac

Mike, after noting that it was only 8:18 p.m., thanked everyone for their attendance and input and adjourned the meeting. Next month's meeting will be on March 19.