

Committee Meeting Minutes – March 19, 2009

Submitted by Debi Moreash

Present: Dave Pendleton, Deb Moreash, Michael Frantz, LeAnn Rickert, Mark Moorehead, Tim McCormick, James Willette, Mary Axelsen

Agenda Item 0: Eagle Project Presentation

Alex Frantz presented his Eagle Project idea to the committee. He plans to assemble 150 hygiene kits for East Valley Humanitarian Society. He will need to raise about \$1,000 and plans to have fundraisers plus solicit donations. The project will be done sometime in April or May. Several parents offered suggestions and the project was approved.

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order.

Agenda Item 2: Scoutmaster's Report, Dave Pendleton

Dave reported on the last PLC meeting, at which Mary Axelsen presided. (Thank you, Mary!). The patrols have elected leadership positions and Nico, Ryan, and Garrett will be preparing a list to give to the Scoutmaster and Advancement Chair of the new leadership roles.

The new patrol campout was discussed and it was agreed that the date would be changed from April 11-12 (Easter weekend) to May 2-3, the same weekend as our Aztec Peak backpack trip. The new scouts can car camp in a campsite in the same area and the remainder of the scouts will backpack with Troop 172 and camp in the meadow.

Agenda Item 3: Treasurer's Report, James Willette

James Willette was present and reported on the financial condition of the troop. All dues are current. Several large checks will be disbursed soon for upcoming summer camp deposits.

A proposal was offered by James to give the Scouts \$30 in their Scout accounts for each day of flag duty instead of \$20, which would distribute 70% of the flag income to the boys and leave 30% in the Troop's general fund, which James felt was more than adequate to cover yearly expenses and give the troop with an average cash balance of \$3,000. A motion was made and seconded and much discussion was had on the topic. The committee voted 4-4 on the proposal and it did not pass.

Discussion was also had on reimbursing drivers more for gas money for trips when the funds collected do not cover their actual expenses and the advantages of the troop paying for more outing costs, including gas, and making the trips more affordable by using troop funds for all outings rather than giving the individual Scouts money in their Scout accounts from

fundraisers. The Committee needs to address these important issues when there are more people present.

Agenda Item 3.5: Fundraiser Proposal, Tim McCormick

Tim has moved the date of his sample sale fundraiser to the first week in April. Set-up will be done April 1-2 and the sale will be April 3-4. He will need Scout volunteers to pass out flyers and to help move inventory from his warehouse to his garage. He also needs moms to help drive and organize and price the items for the sale. He needs 15-20 tables and Mary Axelsen arranged for about 14 to be borrowed from the church. LeAnn offered to help organize the volunteer list for this fundraiser.

Agenda Item 4: Advancement Report, Michael Frantz

Michael presented updates via e-mail before the meeting of Scouts who are within 12 months of turning 18 and also of scouts that need help advancing to Scout rank. The last Court of Honor of the year is on May 5 and Mary Axelsen volunteered to help coordinate it with a Scout volunteer.

Agenda Item 5: Chairperson's Report, Mike Mikac

No report tonight, except that Mike Mikac is doing well after his surgery and we hope to see him back at next month's committee meeting with his stopwatch!

Agenda Item 6: Outdoor Chairperson, Deb Moreash

March – Survival Outing – David Pendleton and Michael Frantz will be the trip leaders for the survival outing. 7 Scouts have signed up and 3 adults.

April New Patrol Campout – moved to May 2-3.

April Horseback Trip – Michael Frantz presented. The troop will drive up Friday night. There are both car camping and backpack opportunities. The nicest camping area is about a 1-mile hike to a riparian area. Activities will include horseback riding, learning about sustainable ranching, and a service project at the school. Cost will be about \$25 for the horseback ride, plus gas and food expenses.

May Backpack Trip – Deb will touch base with Troop 172 as the date gets closer to coordinate the trip with Tom Sands, their outdoor chairperson.

July Holcomb Valley – James Willette announced that 6 Scouts and 3 adults have signed up for Holcomb Valley. There is room for 6 more Scouts.

Camp Geronimo – LeAnn has been communicating with the new Scouts about Geronimo and will be distributing info. Deposits are due soon and merit badge sign-up begins April 1. Sam Rickert is giving the Scouts information

about Geronimo. Marty Rickert plans to attend, but LeAnn would like more older Scouts to attend.

Sailing/Dive Trip - Trip leader Tom Kiefer. The trip head count is currently 12.

Agenda Item 7: Recruitment, LeAnn Rickert

LeAnn reported on recruiting. The bridging for Pack 88 will be on April 21. Attendee list is due to cruise company on March 20.

Agenda Item 8: District Roundtable Report, Bob Meiers

No report tonight.

Agenda Item 9: New and Old Business, All

The Superstition Rocket Club asked our troop to do a food booth at their spring rocket launch at the end of April. Due to the busy calendar and Easter holidays, we won't be able to help them out.

Agenda Item 10: Meeting Adjourn

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is April 9.

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