

Committee Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2008

Submitted by secretary pro tem – Debi Moreash

Present: Mike Mikac, Dave Pendleton, James Willette, Michael Frantz, Deb Moreash, Mark Moorehead, Lonnie Stewart, Tim McCormick, John Casper, Bob Meiers, Tom Kiefer, LeAnn Rickert

Agenda Item 1: Gurtler Eagle Project Review

Brandon Gurtler presented his Eagle project to the Committee. He proposes repairing a play structure at St. James Church, to include sanding and refinishing the wood structure, purchasing a new shade cover, purchasing new balls and an air compressor. He will organize fundraising projects and hopes to complete the project before the end of July. The Committee approved the project, with several suggestions made by members.

Agenda Item 2: Scoutmaster's Report, Dave Pendleton

PLCs will continue, Scouts are continuing to improve in their planning skills and taking ownership of the meetings. Dave is committed to helping them plan better meetings and is exciting about his coming 10 years as scoutmaster (just checking to see if you are reading this, Dave...) but he needs an Assistant Scoutmaster to work with him and be able to be at meetings when work calls him away. OA Tap out will occur at the May 13 meeting. Annual planning meeting will take place on Thursday, July 17th, at the library of St. James Church from 6:00 until ?? Dinner will be provided by the troop. Next year all patrols will be reorganized to incorporate the 75 and 132 scouts instead of them being in separate patrols; patrols will be organized by age. Patrol method to be emphasized in meetings and on campouts more. Dave to check with Mary Axelson to see if the library or meeting room is available during the summer so he can have meetings with Life Scouts, etc.

Agenda Item 3: Treasurer's Report, James Willette

Dues rebate plan still in place, James will implement after summer. He will also be creating a new ledger next year to track all Scout account funds. Lots more talk about the flag funds and how to distribute to scouts and use the funds. A suggestion was made to try to increase our coverage of the flag project to either more areas in Warner Ranch or extend it to other neighborhoods. With such a large troop now, it is an excellent fundraiser for the Scouts and could help defray expenses on monthly outings. Dues to be collected earlier for the 2008-2009 year.

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Agenda Item 4: Advancement Report, Michael Frantz

Court of Honor List was distributed to Committee. Michael will be checking with all scouts to make sure no awards are missing from his advancement list. A list was created and an important issue discussed regarding Life Scouts who have less than 12 months until they reach age 18. These scouts will be followed and helped by ASMs to make sure they are aware of deadlines if they plan to earn their Eagle rank before their 18th birthday. Mrs. Moreash is working with Brandon Gurtler and Jeff Meiers. Mr. Mikac will follow up with Nick Kotsovolos, Bob Hisserich, and Augie Vullo. Tom Kiefer will contact Spencer Kittredge and work with him. We will continue to review the progress of these scouts on a monthly basis. The troop merit badge counselor list was discussed and Committee advised that Mike Haycraft will be taking over the position of merit badge counselor coordinator and will be making a presentation at the first meeting of the year to all parents and then will be updating the list.

Agenda Item 5: Chairperson's Report, Mike Mikac

Scout/Adult leader roster on web site status was confirmed by the webmaster to be still on her to-do list and she felt properly repentant of her slow progress and agreed to discount the work by 50%.

Open adult committee positions which need to be filled are:

Secretary (open since fall of 2007) - it was agreed that this is a difficult role because it requires presence at every committee meeting. A proposal to continue to ask for a different volunteer at each committee meeting to take notes was agreed upon if no one fills this role.

Outdoor Chairperson - needs to be filled for the 2008-2009 Scout year. Deb agreed to work with the new outdoor chairperson over the summer and next year to help them and to teach them her unique theorems of measuring elevation changes and length of hike.

Recruitment Chair - open position. This is a very important position and the Committee feels that not having anyone in this role this year contributed in part to why no Webelos dens bridged into our troop this year. New scouts are very important to the success and growth of our troop.

Court of Honor Chairperson - Mary Axelson volunteered to organize the May Court of Honor; however, this role needs to be filled before the beginning of the fall meetings.

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Shirts and Uniform Closet – Traditionally handled by quartermaster family. We need to check with Elizabeth Moyer to see if they have the old uniforms and work with them to coordinate the distribution and collection.

Agenda Item 6: Outdoor Chairperson, Deb Moreash

Cherry Valley report – Beaudoin and Hutchins not present, but meetings for attendees have been and are being held.

BWCA report – Tom Kiefer is collecting health forms and Robin McCormick is working to make sure all leaders complete required training. Bob Meiers will be purchasing the airline tickets this week and at that time we will be able to calculate the exact cost of the trip.

Annual survey – Deb will be distributing this year’s survey by email this year and asks for anyone who would like to contribute suggestions for outings, etc. to be put on the questionnaire to please contact her. A special section for input for high adventure outings will be added this year for all Scouts over 13.

A proposal was made by Mike Mikac regarding reimbursing drivers and boat owners for gas money for the Lake Roosevelt trip. The Committee agreed that the troop will contribute some money from troop funds to help defray gas expenses. Mike and Gary will put together a final figure after they sort through the envelope full of cash and receipts and scribbled notes by Gary 😊.

A very lengthy discussion was had to try and resolve the gas cost issue faced by all drivers, especially those with big SUVs and trucks. We depend on these drivers to transport campers and our gear to the outings and the committee agreed that they should not be out of pocket on outings because they drive. The committee agreed that next year a portion of all trips will be funded by the troop treasury to help reimburse drivers for gas costs and also to lower the per/scout cost of trips. A proposal was made by Tom Kiefer to reimburse drivers at five cents per mile per seat (computed using a five-passenger vehicle). The troop will try to reimburse a third of the cost if possible and the rest to be collected as part of trip fees. It was also mentioned and agreed that scouts should not ever miss a trip due to financial hardship and the troop will help in those instances also. Increasing the flag fundraiser will also help raise more money to pay for outings for scouts.

Food costs will no longer be included in trip fees. Each patrol will plan their meals, budget the costs, and then collect money amongst themselves. Scouts will be expected to bring cash to the meeting before the trip to give to their designated shopper.

Pictures – Deb forgot to mention this at the meeting but since she is acting secretary, she can take literary license with the minutes, and is

requesting if anyone has pictures from outings throughout the year that they have not given to her previously, to burn them to a CD or put them on a memory stick and give to her at the May 13 meeting in order to prepare a year-end slide show to present at the Court of Honor.

Agenda Item 7: District Roundtable Report, Bob Meiers

Bob reviewed the District and Council events announced at Roundtable - Diamondbacks night on June 14, Advancement Days (Mary Axelson and LeAnn Rickert are in charge of these), Powderhorn training for adult leaders. Troop committee agreed to pay for any adult leaders who would like to attend adult training such as Powderhorn.

Agenda Item 8: New and Old Business, Mike Mikac

By-laws report - Some changes need to be made to the bylaws to include our new sponsor into the bylaws. Our bylaws chairperson (Mark Kittredge) will be asked to make these changes. Bylaws will be distributed at the first meeting of the scout year to be signed and returned.

Wilderness First Aid Class on May 31 and June 1 for \$85 - taught by firefighters. This is an excellent class and our outdoor chairperson recommends that adults who regularly attend outings should be trained in wilderness first aid.

Agenda Item 9: Next meeting, Mike Mikac

Next committee meeting will be the planning meeting on July 17 to plan next year's activities and outings.

Agenda Item 10: Meeting Adjourn, Mike Mikac

Mike thanked everyone for their attendance and input and adjourned the meeting.

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