

Committee Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2009

Submitted by Debi Moreash

Present: Mike Mikac, Mark Moorehead, Deb Moreash, Michael Frantz, James Willette, Mary Axelsen, Marci Beaudoin, Bob Meiers, Heidi Hutchins, Tim McCormick, Robin McCormick, Nona Dyer, Julie Boston, Edith Rizo, LeAnn Rickert

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order.

Agenda Item 2: Scoutmaster's Report, Mark Moorehead

Mark held a PLC and the scouts planned two meetings. Several committee members offered to send Mark lists of suggested items and activities for troop meetings to provide the PLC to help them plan meetings. The Scouts formed patrols and elected leaders. Our new SPL is Alex Bernal and Ryan Sands is the ASPL. We have several den chiefs working with Webelos dens. Mark encouraged all new leaders to obtain training. All Scouts with leadership positions who are not attending the backpack trip have been invited to participate in Junior Leader training being hosted by Troop 172 on Sept. 19.

Agenda Item 3: Treasurer's Report, James Willette

James gave the state of the Troop funds. The troop brought in about \$3,000 from the flag fundraiser and \$870 will go to Scout accounts. He proposed the troop offer another \$100 stimulus for summer camps next year. The troop received \$3,700 in its Scout account at Grand Canyon Council from Intel funds. Thank you to Sam Thompson, Bill Hoddy, and Lori Weber!

Families whose fundraising efforts have exceeded a certain threshold will receive a dues waiver from the troop. That includes the McCormicks, the Thompsons, and possibly the Webers. Families may use their dues waiver to sponsor the dues for another Scout if they like. A proposal was made to consider putting a percentage of large donations raised by one family toward their Scout's summer camp and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Anyone who paid for Aravaipa permits needs to contact James W to get reimbursed for their permit fees.

This year's dues and fees are \$50 and James will be sending out a letter to all troop members in the next week. Funds need to be collected in order to remain an active member in the troop and participate in outings.

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Agenda Item 4: Advancement Report, Michael Frantz

Michael reported on advancement. This will be his last report as advancement chair, as Julie and Edith will be taking over from him. Thank you, Julie and Edith! Michael will be adding their names to the signature card at Council. Michael suggested that dues need to be collected ASAP so that work on the recharter can begin.

Michael gave a report on Scouts with less than 12 months until their 18th birthday who are Life Scouts working on their Eagle rank. They include Sammy R., Blaze B., Kevin H., and Ian C. He also gave a report on Scouts who haven't advanced in rank in more than 12 months. They include Travis M., Mike M., Kevin H., Ian C., Coby B., Garrett A., Ryan K., and Nico K.

Mary reported that no Scout volunteered to be the MC for the Court of Honor on Tuesday. Alex Bernal was appointed since he is the SPL.

Agenda Item 5: Chairperson's Report, Mike Mikac

Mike brought up the topic of Scout behavior at troop meetings. With many young, new Scouts, everyone needs to be made aware that the older Scouts may sometimes play too roughly with the younger Scouts and we do not want any Scouts hurt. A long discussion was had. Mark plans to address the issue with the Scouts at the next troop meeting.

Mike also mentioned that bylaws need to be signed by all Scouts before they can attend any outing. Trip leaders will be responsible for making sure everyone on the outing has turned in a signed bylaws form. Michael F will bring copies to the next outing.

Agenda Item 6: Outdoor Chairperson, Deb Moreash

September – East Clear Creek backpack trip. Trip leaders are Michael Frantz and Wendy Lea. Michael is short on drivers for the trip. He plans to buy some prizes for a small skills competition between teams of Scouts.

October – San Jacinto backpack trip. Trip leaders are Mike Mikac and Deb Moreash. We have 25 permits. Mike will hand out permission slips at the Court of Honor meeting.

October – Chevelon Canyon backpack trip. Trip leaders are Nona Dyer and Mike Haycraft.

November – Aravaipa Cyn backpack trip. Trip leaders are Tom Kiefer and James Willette. James mentioned that if anyone paid for permits, they need to let him know so he can reimburse them.

December – Survival outing. Trip leaders are Deb M. and David Pendleton. Will be a combination car camp and 'backpack' trip with work on survival skills.

January – Caving. Webelos will be invited on the caving outing and can go in the cave if they come to the troop meeting where safety is discussed. We talked about maybe just having the Webelos go in the first part of the cave for a shorter time than the older Scouts. The campout will also have other activities planned for the younger scouts.

Agenda Item 7: Fundraising and Recruitment

Recruitment – Webelos will be invited to Peppersauce and also the rocket outing. Edith and Julie will invite Webelos from the pack they bridged from.

Fundraising – Marci is very happy being the flag fundraiser chairperson. The only problem with this fundraiser is that the flags are stored in the church and she does not have a key. The committee discussed alternatives for storage of the flags. James said the flags would fit in the troop trailer, which will be at his house soon.

Marci would like more Scouts to take on their own flag routes, and said we could expand the fundraiser and do more homes in the Warner Ranch area. Marci suggested that Scouts who own their own routes should receive a greater percentage of the proceeds than other Scouts, since they are acquiring their own routes, doing all the prep work themselves, and are responsible for flag postings on their route. The committee agreed that Scouts with their own routes shall receive 50% of the gross proceeds from their route, to be put into their Scout account.

Tim McCormick said he would host another sample sale. Thank you, Tim! The weekend of November 6-7 was proposed. He will need a lot of adults to help out, and also some Scouts to help on the sale days.

Agenda Item 8: District Roundtable Report, Bob Meiers

No report this month.

Agenda Item 9: New and Old Business, All

The Troop is still interested in acquiring its own 501(c)(3) so that it can collect donated funds without having to give 15% to Council. It was proposed that if we can obtain our own 501(c)(3), the Troop will give a percentage directly to the church.

David wasn't present but he has proposed that the Troop set up a Twitter account and Scouts can use that to send and receive messages about troop meetings and other related items.

Agenda Item 10: Meeting Adjourn

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is the planning meeting on October 8. Thank you to everyone who attended and participated tonight!