

BOY SCOUT TROOP 697/75
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
Sep. 11th, 2008

Present: Mike Mikac, Dave Pendleton, Bob Meiers, Tim McCormick, Tom Kiefer, Debi Moreash, Marci Beaudoin, Lonnie Stewart, Betty Frantz, Michael Frantz, Sam Thompson, Mike Walborn

1. SCOUTMASTER'S REPORT: Dave Pendleton

- Need to have 2 adult leaders present for outdoor activity/game part of meeting to make sure games don't get too rough
- Mr. Vogt and Bailey (new quartermaster) have inspected the troop trailer and requested permission to restock patrol boxes. The Committee agreed they can restock the patrol boxes using troop funds.
- Meeting plans for the next month have been made by the PLC. Mr. Pendleton plans to have more frequent meetings with the PLC, possibly after troop meetings that end early.
- Junior Leadership Training - scheduled for first Saturday in January with Troop 172. Do we need to schedule one sooner?
- Suggestion to have some merit badge counselors at each meeting to give Scouts an opportunity to work on requirements during a short break-out session at the troop meeting. Scouts will request which ones they would like to be there (PLC meeting?)
- Merit badge books should be stored at the church so Scouts can check them out at the meetings or they can be used by merit badge counselors for reference. Troop librarian will still be in charge of checking them out.
- Suggestion to talk to Mary Axelson about using the church's Internet access in case we need to look up merit badge requirements, info for campouts, etc. Dave said he could hook up some kind of hub that will access the Internet without interfering with any firewalls or security. Tim McCormick said he will bring his laptop with a wireless connection to all the meetings he attends.
- Everyone agreed the bugler was a great addition to the Court of Honor program and that Tyler did a super job. Mr. Frantz requests he continue in that role. Also Mr. Pendleton would like the bugler to participate in flag ceremonies on all future campouts.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT: David Pendleton (S/N/J/M/M)

- Mr. Pendleton presented the treasurer's report prepared by Mr. Willette. Mr. Frantz said that after the recent Court of Honor, at which \$350 was spent on merit badges, the balance in our Council Scout account is about \$150 and more needs to be added to it.

3. ADVANCEMENT REPORT: Michael Frantz

- Distributed a list of partial merit badge completions by Scouts
- Six Scouts will turn 18 in less than one year: Bob Hisserich, Nick Kotsovolos, Augie Vullo, Terance Gibson, Thomas Gibson, Connor Walborn.
- Scouts need to check the advancement records distributed by Mr. Frantz before each Court of Honor to make sure that all merit badges or advancement they earned have been recorded and will be presented.
- Bob Hisserich Eagle project on Sunday, September 14? ?

4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Mike Mikac

- Patrol B will be electing new patrol leader to replace Kevin Grout, who is the ASPL
- About half the Scouts have returned their signed bylaws acknowledgement. The Committee agreed that Scouts who haven't turned in their bylaws signature form will not be allowed to participate on outings until it has been turned in. Mike will email a reminder to everyone and also print a list up to distribute at the next troop meeting.
- A request was made in regards to group e-mails that recipients please not "reply to all" if their response is directed at one person. Also don't send e-mails to everyone in the troop that only need to be directed at one or several people. A suggestion was made that group e-mail distributions should be sent with the entire group as a BCC.

5. OUTDOOR CHAIRPERSON REPORT: Deb Moreash

- SEP – Lake Powell Outing (Marci) The turnout for this outing is low, due to Scouts not wanting to miss a day of school. So far 7 Scouts and 9 adults are signed up. A suggestion was made and the Committee agreed to turn this outing into a family outing. Marci will send an e-mail out to everyone to let them know.
- OCT – A suggestion was made to add a backpack trip to East Clear Creek the first weekend of October. Mike Mikac will talk to a few parents to see if we have enough leaders to organize and then announce the trip.

- OCT – Haunted Canyon (Baggs/Lea) – nothing to report.
- NOV – Aravaipa (Haycraft/Weber) – nothing to report
- Tim McCormick offered to help organize a spring whitewater-rafting trip in the Salt River. We will check into age requirements and whitewater training class to prepare. Thank you, Tim!!
- MARCH – San Diego (Bruckner) – The San Diego trip will be a family outing. Werner will be trying to get a general head count soon so he can line up housing. We estimate 50 participants.

6. DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE REPORT: Bob Meiers

- Fishing Derby coming up – looking for volunteers
- Scout-O-Rama – LeAnn Rickert has volunteered to organize a booth for our troop at Scout-O-Rama doing lashing activities. The Committee agreed that we will do a booth. We need to contact LeAnn to see what needs to be done. Thank you, LeAnn!
- BLM Service Project in Maricopa area. Bob Meiers and Mike Mikac will coordinate to give BWCA participants an opportunity to do their service project to complete the requirements for the 50-Miler award. All Scouts will be invited to participate.
- Opportunities to earn the Citizenship merit badges at Gilbert High on Sept 17 and 24. <http://www.constitutionweekusa.com/calendar.htm>
- December 6 - Advancement Day – Lonnie Stewart volunteered to organize. Thank you, Lonnie!!

7. NEW & OLD BUSINESS: All

- Mary Axelson requested the troop help the church organize and pack boxes to be sent to troops overseas. Mr. Pendleton will talk to her and make sure the troop makes time for that.
- Coyotes Game at Glendale Arena – Committee agreed to offer this opportunity to the scouts. Before the game, options will include meeting some Coyotes players, shooting pucks, skating on the ice, ice campout?? Zamboni rides?? Deb will talk to representative from the Coyotes.
- Flag Raising Fundraiser – Marci is the new chairperson for this. She asked if the troop is interested in expanding the program. The Committee agreed that Marci should explore different options, including having boys be in charge of their own neighborhood on every holiday, storing those flags at their house, requiring Scouts to sign up for a minimum number of flag posting shifts every year. Thank you, Marci!!
- Mr. Mikac thanked everyone for their participation and the meeting was adjourned.