

BOY SCOUT TROOP 697
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

December 13th, 2007

Present: Mike Mikac, Mark Moorehead, John Casper, David Pendleton, Tom Keifer, Deb Moreash, Junette West, Mark Kitteredge, Michael Frantz, Lonnie Stewart, Heidi Hutchins, James Willett, Mary Axelson, Carla McMahon

1. SCOUTMASTER'S REPORT: David Pendleton

- The meetings seem to be running smoothly & attendance has been good.
- Each of the patrols will be running the meetings in January starting with the older boys.
- David Pendleton will be working with the Troop 75 boys to go through their rank advancement information
- Quartermaster transition – the Keifer's have had the troop equipment for over a year and need for another quartermaster to take responsibility for the equipment immediately.
- Deb Moreash is going to update the contact information and roster details for the Troop 75 boys on the website once she gets the correct information from Mary Axelson.
- David is working on elections for the Order of the Arrow
- Assistant Scoutmasters were asked to start attending the patrol break-out sessions during the regular troop meetings. These breakout sessions are scheduled to last 20 minutes during the meeting & the Assistant Scoutmasters need to assist in training the Patrol Leaders on the proper way to run their breakout sessions.
- The Life Scouts need to be encouraged to work on their Eagle Projects and to complete any missing required merit badges. David suggested they be encouraged to discuss their projects among themselves during the troop meetings in the patrol breakout sessions.
- The Dec 18 meeting is the White Elephant Gift Exchange
- Mike Mikac requested that we start taking attendance at the meetings so we can follow up with boys that are not attending. Michael Frantz is going to download a roster into Excel for David & David will ask the scribe of the troop to make sure attendance is recorded.
- We had a request that the troop calendar be updated with the activities scheduled for each meeting. Deb Moreash said she would update the calendar if those planning the meetings would give her the information.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT: John Casper (S/N/J/M/M)

- No report this month

3. ADVANCEMENT REPORT: Michael Frantz

- Michael sent out the Individual history Reports (IHR's) to each boy's parents and to their Assistant Scoutmaster. Michael requested the names of the Assistant Scoutmaster for the Troop 75 & Troop 132 scouts. He now has those names & will send them the IHR's for these scouts.

- Charter renewal – it's all ready to go. We do still need to change the Sponsor Organization from Save the Family to St. James Church. This change is in process.
- Upcoming Court of Honor – The proposed date was January 22, 2007 but has since been changed to January 29, 2007.

4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Mike Mikac

- St. James Church has agreed to be the sponsoring organization for our troop.
- Troop shirts have arrived and are available for scouts to purchase at \$10.00 each.
- We are in the process of changing Treasurer's and the bank account signature cards are in process of being filled out with the new signors.
- Our troop may be asked to be a representative troop for Friends of Scouting. More information to come at the next meeting.

5. OUTDOOR CHAIRPERSON REPORT: Deb Moreash

- The Bigfoot Campout has been rescheduled for Dec 29-30. All signups and planning needs to be done at the Dec 18 meeting. Scouts not previously signed up that wish to go on this new date can sign up on Dec 18. Also, refunds will be given for those not able to attend on this new date.
- There will be a 15 mile bike ride for those interested on Dec 30 at 4:00pm at the Willett's.
- The January outing is the Kartchner Caverns trip. We will be having some Webelos joining our troop on this trip. Those staying on the base in tents need to leave in the caravan from AAA on Saturday (1/19) at 7:00am. Everyone will need to show some form of ID. The boys can use a school ID or some other form of ID and if they don't have anything, they will be lenient. All adults must have a valid ID. There will be skeet shooting available for a fee for anyone over 11 years of age. We are trying to arrange an obstacle course. We need someone to plan a hike for those not going to the v=caverns. We also need planned activities for the Webelos.
- The April trip is planned to Canyon de Chelly. James Willett is coordinating information on a guide service for an overnight campout and hike.
- Summer camps 2007
 - Boundary Waters has 29 people signed up
 - Camp Cherry Valley – we decided to keep two weeks of camp which are June 15-21 and July 6-12. We need adults to volunteer for the June week of camp. We need to keep the headcounts about the same as in previous years for each week. We will start to get commitments from scouts in January prior to the date the deposits are due in to headquarters.
 - Camp Geronimo – we are going to have to choose between the Troop 697 reservation (June 7-14) and the Troop 75 reservation (June 28-July 5). Whatever dates we decide, we need to make sure we have parent volunteers for any younger boys that come (such as incoming Webelos) in order to help with the homesick issue. More to come at the next meeting.

6. DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE REPORT: Bob Meiers

- No update

7. NEW & OLD BUSINESS: All

- We need to decide whether or not to do a fundraiser food booth selling hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, etc. at the rocket launch the weekend of 2/23/08. It conflicts with the ski outing scheduled for the same weekend. We decided that those that do volunteer at the fundraiser would be able to split the proceeds and apply that money to summer camp fees. Mark Moorehead is going to send an email out at the beginning of January to see who might be interested.
- Mary Axelson raised the issue of considering lowering the dues for the scouts. We discussed the flag fundraiser which raises several thousand dollars for the troop. We decided to leave the dues at the specified rate (\$100/year) for now & then re-evaluate in the Spring. If we decide to reduce dues, any excess amounts already paid will be transferred to the scout's individual account to be used toward camp fees.

8. NEXT MEETING (January 10, 2008)