

Troop 374 Committee Meeting

Date: 3/26/09

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: E.J.'s Office

Members Present: Jennifer Bennett, Bob Griffiths, Mark Hansen, E.J. Krenk, Mark Roberts, Rick Stein

Opening Announcements: Thanks to Bob for taking notes.

Approval of Prior Minutes: Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bob reported for Melanie that the checking account balance is \$6,806.54 of which \$3,080.51 is in scout accounts. Five scouts still owe dues. Melanie has emailed those parents. Dues were due by Mar. 31 to avoid a late charge.

Outdoor/Activities: E.J. reported that using the rotary shelter to store gear and camping outside worked well for the Mar. campout. They also had a good five mile hike. The early registration deadline for Spring Camporee is Apr. 5. Bill has reserved 15 spots for scouts and four for adults. The Camporee will be held Apr. 17-19.

Service Projects: In Mar., scouts distributed flyers promoting Scouting for Food, the can drive and the troop to the neighborhood. On Apr. 4, scouts will be picking up food for Scouting for Food. Scouts and parents are to meet at Kiewit at 8:30 a.m.

Equipment Coordinator: Mark H. said all tents have been labeled, but we're missing a lot of tent bags. He is researching alternatives (sports duffle bag from Champion @ \$25; 36X21 canvas tote from Harbor Freight Tools, \$5). We'll need six. The company that manufactured the tents is no longer in business.

Advancement Coordinator: The spring Court of Honor was held last night. Jennifer also reported that the shoulder epaulets no longer will be red.

Training Coordinator: Mark H. reported that Train-a-Ganza will be held Apr. 24-26 at Camp Cedars. Please see Mark or go to www.mac-bsa.org for more info on this and other adult training opportunities.

Membership Coordinator: Bob reported that Derek Nosbich has expressed an interest in being the Pack 374 Den Chief. He is still looking for one for Pack 278.

Webmaster: Rick handed out a graph on website tracking. He said that the troop has received hits from South Korea, Germany and Russia, among many countries, and also over 400 hits from Google. He still needs pictures for the site. Recipes are on there. Please let Rick know if your scout has an interest in the computer merit badge as he is thinking of offering this.

Eagle Coordinator: No report.

Popcorn Kernal: No report.

Round Table Meeting: No report.

Scout Master's Report: E.J. reported that the troop has five new can drive signs for a total of 16. Junior Leader Training will be held Apr. 11, 8 – 11 a.m. at E.J.'s office.

Old Business: Mark R. said he will contact Don Williamson about selling the troop's guns. Maybe arrangements can be made for parents to see the guns at one of the campouts.

New Business: The group discussed the possibility of an older Eagle Scout (25-26 years), who is interested in getting involved with a troop, serving as assistant scout master. Mark said he would like to see more patrol-oriented meetings and activities and also more parent involvement.

Upcoming Events:

Date:	Event:
Apr. 4	Scouting for Food, 8:30 a.m. @ Kiewit Can drive @ 10 a.m.
Apr. 11	Junior Leader Training, 8-11 a.m., E.J.'s office
Apr. 6	No troop meeting (spring break)
Apr. 13	Troop meeting, 7 p.m. @ Kiewit
Apr. 16	Committee meeting, 7 p.m., E.J.'s office; parents welcome to attend
Apr. 17-19	Spring Camporee/Order of Arrow Tap Out @ Camp Eagle; meet @ Cottonwood at 5:50 p.m.
Apr. 20	PLC, 7 p.m. @ Kiewit, no troop meeting
Apr. 27	Troop meeting