

Troop Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/15/09
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: E.J.'s Office
Attendees: Jennifer Bennett, Bob Griffiths, Melanie Griffiths, E.J. Krenk, Heather Smalley

Opening Announcements: None.

Approval of Prior Minutes: Prior minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: The big news is that Melanie's company, D.A. Davidson (financial services), is once again matching her volunteer hours with a check to the troop for \$640. We should get this in the next week or so (yea – some money for tents and gear!) She also reported a checking balance of \$4,144.53 of which \$1,638.79 is in scout accounts. Big expenses since the last committee meeting are the deposit for the Shotgun Shootout (\$200), the Niobrara deposit that the troop had to forfeit (\$180) and a deposit into the troop's account at the Scout Shop for future scout awards (\$500). Melanie is still working on the few scouts who have negative balances in their accounts. The transition of treasurer duties to Heather will begin next week. This is Melanie's last committee meeting.

Outdoor Activities: This coming weekend is the Ponca State Park campout. Fourteen boys have signed up to attend, and E.J. is looking for more adult volunteers. The Shotgun Shootout is scheduled for Oct. 9-11. Bruce Martin and Don Williamson will be working with the boys on shooting. More info is to follow. There was discussion about possibly inviting the Webelos for a day of the Shotgun Shootout, as they have a lot of interest in this event, or if another campout would be better. E.J. and Bob will need to talk with Bruce and Don. Nothing was decided yet.

Service Projects: No formal report. There was great participation in this month's project, the Aldrich Carnival. E.J. reported that Pam is working on several possibilities for Oct., including looking into becoming a permanent city park clean-up partner for Piedmont/Wycliffe.

Equipment Coordinator: No formal report. Bob will contact the Steinauer's and let them know we would like to bring the trailer back for storage. E.J. reported that the scouts are on board for having a garage sale to raise money for new tents. The tentative day is Oct. 24 in the corner of the Millard North parking lot. The goal is to raise \$300 to \$400. More info is to follow but begin gathering your items!

Advancement Coordinator: Jennifer reported that she entered the awards she received at this week's troop meeting. She is working on updating service hours and also needs info on Scouting for Food participants for this year. Invitations have gone out for the Court of Honor, which will be held Oct. 5. Webelos and their families will be invited.

Training Coordinator: No formal report.

Membership Coordinator: Bob reported that he has talked with Pack 285 and 374 Webelos leaders. There are eight Webelos from 285 and 11 from 374, which is a good sized group. They will be invited to the Court of Honor and we also need to get them to a campout. Pack 285 would like some help with pack meetings. It doesn't look like timing of den meetings will work out for Webelos den chiefs, as their den meetings are on Monday evenings and Wednesday afternoons before our scouts are out of school. If anyone is interested in being a den chief for another (not Webelos) den, please let Bob know.

Webmaster: No formal report.

Eagle Coordinator: No formal report. It was discussed that Jay has a number of Eagle Scout candidates, and there is an Eagle Scout who attends St. Andrews church who may be interested in assisting. The committee agreed that Jay should invite him to attend one of our troop meetings to explore this further.

Popcorn Kernal: No formal report, but E.J. mentioned that Sherri Arnett has everything underway.

Roundtable: Bob reported that there are a number of upcoming MAC events. These can be viewed on the calendar at www.mac-bsa.org. The University of Scouting will be held Nov. 7 at Boys Town. Bob also said it was mentioned that VFW sponsors a number of scholarships for college bound students (go to www.vfwne.com).

Scoutmaster Report: E.J. reported that a new scout, Jake Turner, may be joining the troop. He attended this week's troop meeting. He and his family are from Michigan where Jake participated in scouting and earned the 1st class rank. He is a friend of the Smalley's. E.J. also reported that the merit badge class was well attended this week

Old Business: None.

New Business: The date and time of the next committee meeting are to be determined. All parents are welcome to attend.