

Troop Committee Minutes

January 15, 2013

Members Present: Chair Dee Archer, Shari Duff, Joel Barnhill, Tricia Moore, Steve Feist, Mark Duff, Eric Locher, Michelle Lowe, Steve Lowe, John Rose.

Guests Present: Former Scoutmaster Rick Hebenstreit, Christy Hale, Chris Metz.

Opening Prayer: Mr. Steve Feist gave the opening prayer.

Welcome and Call to order: Mrs. Dee Archer at 7:07 pm. Mrs. Archer welcomed our guests and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the November 20, 2012 Committee Meeting Minutes by Mr. Joel Barnhill, seconded by Mrs. Tricia Moore. All Approved, Motion Carried.

Chaplain Report: Deacon Michael Thomas was unable to attend, but sent the following via Mrs. Archer:

- Thanked everyone who had already attended a VIRTUS training, and indicated that if others still needed to take the training, there were a couple of upcoming classes at STM:
 - Sunday, January 27, 2013 at 6pm
 - Thursday, January 31, 2013 at 6:30pm

Scoutmaster Report: Mr. Duff reported on the following:

- Introduced former Troop 452 Eagle Scout Chris Metz. Mr. Metz spoke to the scouts tonight on Disability Awareness. Mr. Metz has Cerebral Palsy and met with many obstacles during his scouting career, but still managed to succeed in attaining his Eagle Scout Rank.
- The PLC had a planning meeting and will continue to meet with Mr. Duff, Mr. Locher, and Mr. Gallivan at least monthly (last Tuesday of the month at 6pm- right before their regular troop meeting). The following are highlights of their meeting:
 - Stop lecturing...more doing
 - Spend time with the individual patrols and discussing upcoming events
 - Discussed what was working
 - Set the dates for future PLC meetings
- Mr. Duff indicated that the Troop was definitely migrating toward what it should be doing – Entirely boy lead troop with guidance as needed – but would probably take two full years to get through the cycle of older habits.
- NYLT – Encouraging scouts to attend.
- Discipline and Attendance – indicated that he cannot fix what he doesn't know about. Encouraged parents and scouts to come to him if there was a problem – no matter who it involved. There isn't an attendance problem currently.
- Other Troop Needs – need new ice packs for the first aid kit. Tommy Schaefer slipped and fell during the BushWhack Hike and broke his arm. He is fine and was present at the meeting tonight – cast and all. Mr. Duff indicated that all the scouts and adults stayed calm and were very helpful in stabilizing his arm and walking out of the gorge. There was no cell service in that part of the gorge for about a mile.

- Card Night/Clean Up – Patrol boxes were fixed, inventoried, and labeled. A HUGE thank you to Mrs. Marianne Gallivan and Mrs. Ann Bak for working their “fingers to the bone” that day.
- National Jamboree – the 5 scouts going from Troop 452 are part of the Dan Beard Council contingency Troop 225. They have started Troop campouts and meetings to get to know one another and to know what to expect during the Jamboree.
- PLC/Elections and OA Elections – Mr. Duff indicated that the PLC elections had taken place, what the procedure on elections happens to be – scouts vote for SPL and PL’s only. All other positions are assigned by the SPL. OA (Order of the Arrow) elections occurred last week during the Troop meeting. Mr. Duff nominated Mr. Locher for inclusion as an Adult OA candidate. Nomination okayed by the committee. Current OA Troop Representative is Marc Henderson. Mr. Duff will discuss with Mr. Steve Lowe about becoming the OA Troop Adult Representative.
- Sweatshirts – the scouts have decided they really want the glow in the dark ink. Pricing on the zip-up sweatshirts will be \$35.00-\$40.00 with this ink and with names on the sleeve. Names on the sleeve are necessary, as this will be a Class B zip up jacket – and some will be left behind in cars or on a campout. Having the names on the sleeve will make it easier to find the correct “owner” of the sweatshirt. Look for an order form soon.
- Class B T-Shirts – will be offered in the spring via Joel Barnhill.
- Upcoming Events –
 - Skiing at Perfect North Slopes will occur on Sunday, February 10, 2013. Mr. and Mrs. Bak will coordinate this outing. The cost on the Dan Beard site is \$41.00, but there may be a discounted price available. Further information will be forthcoming. Helmets are a required piece of equipment for skiers/snowboarders under the age of 18. They can be rented from Perfect North for \$5.00, but only as supplies last. Scouts can bring an approved helmet from home. “Approved” is as determined by BSA standards and Perfect North Slopes. Drivers will be needed for the trip.
 - Winter Camporee – Mr. Duff needs scouts to help as “victims” during the Winter Camporee on Saturday, January 26, 2013. Victims need to be there at 8am to get their assignments. Looking for 10-12 Scouts as victims.
 - Zip-lining in the Cave – consensus on the date is March 16 -17, 2013. It would be an early morning start on Saturday the 16th, as the Fish Fry will be going the night before. The 17th is also the back up snow date for merit badge challenge, should one of the other dates be cancelled. Mr. Duff is looking for a local KOI to stay overnight. If the weather is very bad, the trip may need to be postponed. Zip-lining is \$59.00 per person. Other expenses will need to be added for food, gas, and campsite fee. Look for more information soon.
 - March 2-3, 2013 – Wilderness Survival Training will be offered in the Columbus area. Cost is \$35.00. This is open to adults and scouts aged 14 or older. This training is offered through Dan Beard Council for \$150.00 per person. The cost for the Columbus training is being done in cooperation with a local fire department and Mr. Duff’s Sister-In-Law. Four spaces for training have been reserved. Mr. Duff and his son will be taking two of those slots. Interested individuals need to let Mr. Duff know. Housing will be free as well.

Secretary's Report: Mrs. Duff reported on the following:

- Working on the next Newsletter – should include information with regard to Summer Camp, Mulch Sale, and other Fundraising Options.
- Mulch Sale delivery to customers on Saturday, April 13th. Mulch Sale information will be available very shortly and will be formally presented to the parents at the Parent Meeting scheduled for January 29th.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Feist submitted the following report:

- Checking Balance (as of 12/31/2012) - \$5,495.82 , Boy's Accounts - \$1,642.61, Troop Balance - \$3,853.21.
- \$900 "On Account" with Council, \$650 for Re-Chartering 23 Scouts and the trained adults, and the remainder to pay for Merit Badges and such.
- Fish Fry:
 - Fish prices will have a slight increase, but all other costs should be held down.
 - Fish Frys start on February 15th and run for a total of 6 Fridays.
 - Discussed getting a smart phone device like *Square*, for the purpose of accepting credit and debit card transactions. It requires an account to sweep balances and fees. The fee for processing the transaction is 2.75% or approximately \$.23 per Fish Dinner. The Church indicated that we could use the credit card machine in their cafeteria to process those transactions at 2.25%. Those funds would go into the general Church account and then could be "swept" to the Scout account. The committee was not totally in favor of this arrangement. The order and payment table would need to be moved to the hallway down from the kitchen area, because the machine is not mobile. Additionally, meticulous records must be kept to verify the orders that were purchased by debit/credit cards match up against what is swept into our account from the Church. It was agreed that the orders processed by credit/debit card be charged a convenience fee to off-set the fee we will be charged for the transactions through the bank.
 - Mr. Feist will get final cost information to Mrs. Duff so that flyers can be distributed.
 - Ms. Hale (guest) asked some additional questions on logistics for the Fish Fry, which were answered.
 - Specific information will be shared with the parents at the Parent Meeting on January 29th.
- Buy It In Clermont Books for 2013/2014 are being printed now. The Troop has committed to selling these books again – by committing and paying early (\$250), the troop will get 30 books. The profit margin, for the scouts who sell the books will be \$12.00 per book, as compared to the \$8.00 in the past. Mr. Steve Lowe made a motion to authorize the advance payment of \$250.00. Mrs. Michelle Lowe seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.
- Religious Emblems – Al Atare Dei has been completed and 3 scouts will presented with their medals on January 27, 2013 at the downtown Cathedral. Mr. Feist will start the Pope Pious XII Religious program on March 12th. This program is geared toward older scouts who have already attained the Al Atare Dei.
- A question was asked on when the church will be holding their "Scout Sunday". It was unknown at the time of the meeting when this will occur.

Outdoor Chair Report: Mrs. Tanya Hartness was unavailable for the meeting, but had emailed Mrs. Duff on the following:

- Mrs. Hartness was/is sending out emails to parents/scouts if their medical forms will be expiring. Parents were reminded that Summer Camp is early this year and if a scout's physical will be expiring while at camp, the form must be updated prior to camp. Copies of insurance cards and the completed physical will be needed.
- There are some spaces still available for Merit Badge Challenge, if someone has not yet registered. Pre-requisites must be completed.
- There was no update on restaurant fundraisers yet.

Advancement Chair Report: Mrs. Moore reported on the following:

- There are a number of scouts who have advanced in the last two months.
- Mr. Calvin VerPlanck has completed his Eagle Packet, which will be submitted to council on Wednesday. Once everything has been reviewed, he will need an Eagle Board of Review.
- Mr. Benjamin Gallivan is very close on his Eagle Packet as well.

Training Chair Report: Mr. Locher reported on the following:

- The Board of Review Training dates will be announced at the Parent meeting on January 29, 2013.
- NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) – Early discounted registration ends on February 4, 2013. Scouts must be 13 by the end of the training and a first class scout to participate in the training.
- In lieu of printing out all of the paper certificates for the required BSA trainings, please forward Mr. Locher your BSA Login ID ONLY (not your password). As the training chair, with your login, he can see what you have taken, instead of needing the paper copies of your completed certificates.

Equipment Chair Report: Mrs. Gallivan was unavailable at the meeting but submitted the following:

- Inventory, fixing, and organizing of the patrol boxes and trailer occurred on the Work Day/Card night.
- An updated list of Troop Equipment needs was submitted to Mrs. Duff, but after the printing of the most recent newsletter. The updated list will be included in a future email or newsletter.
- We will need to either purchase or get a donation for some instant “ice packs”, as the ones in the first aid kit were used over the last weekend campout.

Old/New Business:

- Meeting still to be scheduled with Mike Fehn regarding the Bill Fehn Campership Requirements.
- Look for an email with information about Scout Sunday soon.
- We have been asked to help with a Flag Retirement ceremony in June (may fall during the planned week of Summer Camp).
- We have been asked to participate in setting up crosses and flags during Memorial Weekend, although no specific date or time has been given.
- Mandatory Parent Meeting will be held on January 29, 2013 at 7pm during the normal scout meeting.

- Committee members encouraged to participate in the upcoming Board of Review Training, as we have a number of scouts within the program that will need BOR's
- Commitments and deposits for Summer Camp must be turned in to the council by March 2, 2013. Late commitments will be subject to a late fee, or may be denied altogether, if space is limited or closed. The required deposit is \$50 per scout.

Next Troop Committee Meeting:

- Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 7pm at More Martyr Hall (Troop Hall).

Motion to adjourn at 8:37 pm by Mr. Joel Barnhill.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shari Duff,
Troop Committee Secretary