

Troop Committee Minutes
May 19, 2015

Members Present: Tanya Hartness, Teresa Westendorf, Russ Bowman, Terry Schlueter, Molly Camden, Jason Camden, Kevin Palmer, Melissa Schlueter, Chris Sapelli, Ben Marsh, Jim Abrams, Tanya Hartness, Karmella Everhart, Dee Archer and Shari Duff. Scoutmaster Mark Duff was also present.

Guests Present: None.

Opening Prayer: Chair Dee Archer gave the opening prayer.

Welcome and Call to order: Chair Dee Archer called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the April 21, 2015 Regular Committee Meeting Minutes by Mrs. Teresa Westendorf, seconded by Mrs. Melissa Schlueter. All Approved, Motion Carried.

Chaplain Report: Deacon Michael Thomas was unavailable for the meeting.

Scoutmaster Report: Mr. Duff reported the following:

- Troop Progress – Indicated that the scouts had the best campout regarding planning and preparation, with a stress free campout during the zip-lining campout.
- Actions of Patrol Leaders Council – Meeting with PLC is next week. PLC will be encouraged to offer physical fitness throughout the summer – for a summertime award – and to work on Personal Fitness.
- Disciplinary problems and attendance – None currently.
- Other Troop Needs – Nothing noted.
- Updates on:
 - Troop Trailer – nothing noted.

Outdoor Activities Coordinators: Mr. Duff and Mr. Locher reported the following:

- April 24-28 Grassy Run Campout/OA Call Out – There were scouts who were not prepared for the campout as it rained quite a bit and turned colder. Seven scouts were called out for OA. Two adults were called out for OA.
- April 28 – Court of Honor – There was plenty of food. Thanks to the Schlueters for taking on the advancement details.
- May 1-3 – OA Ordeal – 6 scouts and 1 adult went through during this Ordeal weekend. One scout and one adult still need to go through. Two of the newly elected OA members also went to Section Conclave.
- May 2 – Flying Pig Marathon – A HUGE thank you to all who participated!
- May 15 Zipline Campout- Camp Kern/Ft. Ancient. Troop members stayed on the grounds and completed a 4 hour long service project. Any scouts/adults there that worked on the service project earned their Historic Trails Award. The park manager was tickled by our scouts and all of the work they accomplished.
- Other Upcoming Events:
 - Sunday, May 24 Memorial Day Crosses – Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park. The veterans are asking for help placing crosses and flags starting at 2pm. This counts as service hours. There will be a ceremony at 2pm on Memorial Day for those who would like to attend.
 - Prior to that date – look for information via email – we will meet at the Batavia Cemetery to help Diana Reichardt's father place flags at that cemetery. Scouts need to wear Class A shirts. This may also result in a donation to the troop.
 - June Campout plans – These plans are riding on Mr. Ryan Payer's schedule. The campout will occur when it is convenient for Mr. Payer.
 - June 6 – OA Root Beer Float Sale – Look for information on this upcoming service event.
 - June 20 – Amazing Race – look for information and sign-ups when times are known.
 - June – two weekends, 7 scouts are taking Scuba Certification and Scuba Merit Badge in Columbus.
 - Summer Camp – Camp Falling Rock has an open program. 47 scouts will be attending – we will need drivers.
 - June 13 – First Aid Merit Badge will be offered for new scouts and anyone who would like a refresher. \$5 per scout covers pizza for dinner. The event will occur at MMH on the STM campus from 1-7pm.
- Venture Crew Upcoming Events and update:
 - Crew is off to a slow start. Biggest issue is the lack of response/communication between the crew members regarding events and such. Using a text message reminder system to see if that will help.
 - There is a separate website/page for the Crew via TroopWebHost.
 - Considering making the 1st Wednesday of the month as their standard meeting.
 - No committee meeting yet.
 - May 30th there is an event in Middletown for Shooting. This is a fundraiser for a local Crew.
 - September there is a Crew Campout in St. Louis, MO. This is a similar campout to Peterloon where a huge number of participants come together.

Cubmaster Report: Mr. Dick Bader indicated the following:

- Pack graduation ceremony occurred. Thank you to the Boy Scouts for helping.
- There are currently 6 Tigers, 8 Wolves, 8 Bears, and 8-9 Webelos.
- Several Unit positions will be open in the pack in the near future as adults transition to the Troop with their own scouts.
- End of August will be the beginning of the year picnic/Fall recruitment. Boy Scout assistance will be needed during that event.
- Day Camp (Cub Scout) will occur this summer at East Fork. If Boy Scouts want to earn service hours, they can volunteer as CIT's – but will need to take BSA Youth Protection Training online.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Michelle Lowe submitted the following:

- Indicated the need for addition drivers for summer camp.
- As of April 2015, balances were:
 - \$28,230.24 – Beginning Balance
 - \$12,181.77 – Deposits
 - \$4,392.46- Withdrawals
 - \$17,417.40 – Checks Written
 - \$18,602.15– Ending Balance
- As of April 30, 2015
 - Troop General Fund \$8,601.25
 - Bill Fehn Campership Fund \$839.72
 - Troop Equipment Fund \$97.37
 - Troop Leadership Training Fund \$700.00
 - Scout Hall Roof Fund \$0
 - Troop Trailer Fund \$2,190.00
 - Scout Accounts \$4,483.29
 - Outstanding Checks \$1,699.04
 - Ending Troop Fund 16,911.63

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

- Submit Newsletter items for next issue to Mrs. Duff. – Newsletter is going out in the next week.
- Updates/Information from Troop Historian – none received.
- Keep up with VIRTUS bulletins
- Need volunteers for Amazing Race.
- Thank you to those who helped with Flying Pig – both days.
- Need helpers for July Fest.

Webmasters – Mrs. Lowe/Mrs. Duff reported on the following:

- New page is up and running – look for more information each day.
- RSVP function is enabled.

Medical Records/Fundraising Opportunities Chair Report: The following was reported:

- Mrs. Hartness reminded those in attendance that medical forms from previous years were starting to expire. She will need those updated and returned (in triplicate) by June 23 for review and submission to the Summer Camp Medical Director. Expiration notices go out automatically to the email address of record in the system.

Advancement Chair Report: Mrs. Melissa Schlueter reported the following:

- There are quite a few scouts that are getting through rank advancements.
- Upcoming Eagle COH – Kadin Locher – May 31, Matthew Millers' Eagle COH for June 7th has to be postponed due to a scheduling conflict within their family. Look for information on this COH in the fall.

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

- Deferred to the prepared report from Mrs. Archer on the Agenda
 - District/Council training opportunities on-line at www.Danbeard.org.
 - Keep VIRTUS bulletins up to date.
 - Next VIRTUS class for the summer is May 30 at St. Veronica.

Membership Coordinator – Mr. Terry Schlueter

- Nothing new to report.

Religious Emblems Coordinators – Mr. Feist (Catholic)/Mr. Bowman (Protestant)

- Catholic Religious Emblems – Mr. Feist not present
- Protestant Religious Emblems – Mr. Bowman indicated he had a few scouts to follow up with regarding finishing requirements.

Fundraising Chair (works with Treasurer) – Mrs. Tanya Hartness reported the following:

- Buy It In Clermont Books – need to order 20 more books due to demand. Get money back to her as soon as possible.

Equipment Chair Report/Fish Fry Committee: Mrs. Gallivan/Mrs. Hale/Mrs. Lowe reported on the following:

- Purchased some items needed for a patrol box.
- Still need a 4-piece chef set, along with items for the Fish Fry and Thanksgiving Patrol Boxes.

Action Items and Old/New Business:

- Scrapbooking Day Fundraiser – Date has been reserved for either October 17 or October 24 – pending Carolyn Gallivan and Marianne Gallivan’s schedule.

General Announcements:

- Community Event Updates –
 - Memorial Day Weekend – Crosses at Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park Sunday May 24 at 2pm.
- Council/District Updates/Events –
 - See Agenda Items
- Other Information –
- Next Troop Committee Meeting:
 - Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 7pm at More Martyr Hall.
 - Mrs. Archer will be in West Virginia.

Motion to adjourn at 8:09 pm by Mr. Jim Abrams.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shari Duff,
Troop Committee Secretary