

Troop Committee Minutes
August 16, 2011

Members Present: Chairperson Dee Archer, Scoutmaster Jack Stevens, Training Chair – Lee Stegmann, Treasurer Steve Feist, Advancement Chair Mark Duff, Outdoor Chair Tricia Moore, Equipment Co-Chair Marianne Gallivan, Bryan Gallivan, Eric Locher, Russ Bowman, Joel Barnhill, Barb Lyon, Deacon Michael Thomas, and Secretary Shari Duff

Guests Present: Unit Commissioner Bill Dunkman

Call to order: Mrs. Archer at 7:10 pm

Opening Comments: Mrs. Archer thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Brief introductions were made of those “new” to a committee meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

- March 22, 2011 Meeting
- April 19, 2011 Work Session Meeting
- May 17, 2011 Meeting

Motion to approve past three meeting minutes in entirety by Mrs. Gallivan. Second by Mr. Feist. All Approved, Motion Carried.

Scoutmaster Report: Mr. Stevens reported on the following:

- The PLC Program Plan was discussed at Summer Camp and presented to the committee with the following monthly “main events” submitted for consideration (September and October may need to be changed or switched):
 - September – Blackpowder/Rifle Campout in Friendship, Indiana
 - October – Backpacking Trip/Chilo Fall Camporee
 - November – Thanksgiving Campout
 - December – Card/Game Night
 - January 27-29, 2012 – Winter Camporee
 - February (12th or 26th), 2012– Perfect North Skiing
 - March 2012 – Cave Camping
 - April 27-29, 2012 – Grassy Run
 - May 2012 – Biking/Overnight
 - June 2012 – Survival Campout
 - July 2012 – Summer Camp
 - August 2012 – Whitewater Rafting/Canoe Trip
- With regard to the above submitted plan, Mr. Stevens shared that there are now more stringent requirements to have events.
 - For example, any firearm event, must have 1 NRA Certified Range Safety Officer and 1 NRA Certified Instructor – these may not be the same individual. The event must be held on an approved course. Ratio of boys to Instructor: Rifle – 8:1, Shotgun – 1:1, and Blackpowder – 1:1.
 - For any Troop Event or Trip, there must be at least two adults CPR certified.
 - For any Trip or Event in or around Water, Mr. Stevens indicated that BSA rules require 2 CPR certified adults, 1 BSA Certified Lifeguard, or the 8 hour BSA Water Safety course, as well as, the on-line courses. It was noted, by the committee, that the Whitewater Rafting Event would only be available to those boys in the Troop who are 14 or older.
 - Mr. Stevens indicated that he would not be able to take the boys Cave Camping. It is unknown if Mr. Stegmann will be able to help with this trip due to back issues. Mr. Duff should be available.

- The Committee expressed concern with the timeline submitted based on the additional training that is needed by the adults who would be attending the Campouts/Events. Mr. Stevens indicated that he may be able to provide CPR training for the adults and committee members for \$10 per person, however, the other trainings will need to be obtained as well.
- The committee suggested flexibility in the schedule until more information and available training sessions may be ascertained.
- Mr. Stevens shared that Council was going toward the requirement that all “out of Council” Trips be submitted as a Troop Tour Plan for approval about 21 days in advance of the trip. On that Tour Plan would be the individuals who would be driving – required in our files from those drivers would be necessary information such as, driver’s licenses, insurance information, year, make, and model of the vehicle, and number of passengers to be transported. It was suggested that Mrs. Duff work with Mrs. Moore to send out an email requesting this information from the parents and collect it for these future trips.
- It was noted that hours spent on Troop Trips count as service hours for the Church in Youth Ministry.
- Summer Camp Campout – There were a few issues with homesickness and general grumblings about the lack of organization. In addition, many of the boys were dissatisfied with the portion sizes of food with no opportunity for “seconds”. The adults at camp felt there was a “pinching pennies” atmosphere.
 - As such, after three consecutive years at Camp Friedlander, the Troop will be going to another Camp next year. Camps currently under consideration:
 - Camp Falling Rock in Newark, OH
 - Camp Crooked Creek in Louisville, KY
 - Camp Ransburg in Indiana
 - Each camp is at least 2 hours away, which means there will not be an opportunity for boys to be picked up for baseball or soccer games, thus eliminating recurring homesickness issues.
 - Our Unit Commissioner - Mr. Dunkman - offered some thoughts on the above Camps (pro/con) for further consideration.
- Mr. Stevens reviewed the fire extinguisher situation for the Troop and found there was only one small expired fire extinguisher in the trailer. He can get some air pressurized 5- gallon water filled extinguishers and suggested a larger (10 lb) ABC rated fire extinguisher for the shed/trailer. Mrs. Duff made a motion to approve the expenditure. Mrs. Gallivan seconded the motion. All approved, motion carried.
- Mr. Stevens indicated that elections took place after Summer Camp. He is still waiting on the list from the SPL. He suggested a couple of new BSA approved leadership positions for the troop – Webmaster and Historian. Mrs. Duff indicated her willingness to work with boys assigned these positions with regard to getting information and pictures on the Troop Website.

Secretary’s Report: Mrs. Duff indicated that she was looking for 2 – four drawer lockable metal file cabinets for the Troop and asked if anyone found something nice/used, she would pay for those for the Troop. The Librarian needs a formal place to put Merit Badge Books where boys must come to him to check them out, rather than the current grab and go system. If a barrister’s bookcase could be found, that could serve for both the Librarian’s needs and to store other training manuals and troop documents.

Mrs. Duff also asked that any suggestions for future editions of the newsletter be emailed to her.

Treasurer’s Report: Mr. Feist indicated there is \$3032.65 in the account, of which \$1152.06 is allocated to various boys.

Expenditures include \$19.99 for propane gas, \$400.00 for Merit Badges and Trailer Repair Supplies, and \$400.00 “on account” at Council for upcoming purchases.

Buy It In Clermont Books are still available for \$20 Each.

Popcorn Sale has officially started. Mr. Feist met with the boys during their meeting this evening giving them details of the sale.

- Troop Goal is for each Scout to Sell \$350 in popcorn – Scout will then earn \$50 Re-chartering Fee.
- Early Bird Sale Turn in – September 6th with delivery around Sept 24.
- Sale runs from August 15th through October 25th.
- The boy with the most early bird sales – gets a \$50 gift card.
- The boy with the highest take order by October 25th – gets a \$50 gift card.
- The boy with the highest overall sale – gets a \$100 gift card.
- Profits benefit the Troop.

Mr. Feist was also asked about “Show N Sells”. He stated that it is a lot of work and most people want to pay by credit or debit card. Mr. Russ Bowman (District Popcorn Kernel) mentioned that a “smart phone app” was in beta testing for the purchase of popcorn, but indicated it was not ready for release. Deacon Thomas asked if we could have a “Show N Sell” at the Church. Mr. Feist and Mr. Duff will coordinate (Troop and Pack) for a sale after Church Mass during the sale times.

Outdoor Chair Report: None at this time.

Chaplain Report: Deacon Thomas notified the committee that long time committee member and Troop supporter, Mr. Bill Fehn had passed away earlier in the day. Once arrangements are known, he will send out the information. He then excused himself to notify the boys of the event and help counsel them with their grief.

Father Wagner expressed his thanks to those that cleaned the basement.

Mrs. Archer will meet with Deacon Thomas and the Council office regarding their request for sponsorship of a Venture Crew.

The committee asked if clearing out of the blue room could occur and if any of the sewing equipment could be stored elsewhere. Deacon Michael and Mrs. Archer will get back to the committee on this.

During the cleaning of the basement, quite a few Scout awards and plaques were found. The committee asked if those could be placed back on the walls in the “scout room”. Deacon Thomas will get back to the committee on that request.

Advancement Chair Report:

- Mr. Duff indicated that he had at least 120 Merit Badges to purchase.
- Aviation Merit Badge is available on August 27th at the Clermont County Airport.
- Indian Lore Merit Badge will be available for the boys during the Campout August 26-28, 2011.
- Many of the first year boys have made Tenderfoot Rank and many are ready for Second Class Rank.
- There will be a Court of Honor scheduled for the End of September.

Training Chair Report: Mr. Stegmann held another Board of Review Training Session and has provided a list of Trained individuals to Mr. Stevens and Mr. Duff for inclusion in the TroopMaster System.

Mr. Stegmann asked if there were any questions regarding the Troop Activity Plan as submitted and reminded the committee that action must be taken and information given back to the PLC. The Committee indicated that with the changes in the required training, that the timeline set by the PLC may not be possible from a compliance standpoint, but that otherwise the schedule looked fine, providing budgets could be obtained for the events and trained adults would be available.

Mr. Stegmann asked that the Committee assign dates for the activities proposed.

Mr. Stegmann indicated his need for adults to turn in applications if they will be transporting boys, or helping with events. He knows there are adults whom have taken the required Church Training and BSA Youth Protection Training, but does not have their regular applications.

Equipment Chair Report: Mrs. Gallivan reported that she, the Quartermaster – Rob Duff, Mr. Duff, Symon Gallivan, and Travis Gallivan, cleaned out the basement, shed, and trailer. Rob Duff was asked to come into the meeting and present the list of needed items: Long lighter, fly swatter, 6 - dish pans, White Gas (Coleman) refills, and dish soap. In addition, the Troop needs the following: 2 – 18 to 22 Gallon Rubber Maid Totes (Mrs. Lyon may provide), 1 Dual Fuel Coleman Stove, and 3 – 2 ½ gallon kool-aid dispensing coolers.

Mrs. Gallivan also reported that an official session with the boys is needed regarding the care and cleaning of the Troop's Cast Iron.

Old/New Business:

- None presented at this time.

Next Troop Committee Meeting:

- Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 7pm at More Martyr Hall (Troop Hall).

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm by Mrs. Marianne Gallivan.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shari Duff, Committee Secretary