

**Troop Committee Minutes**  
**October 18, 2011**

**Members Present:** Chairperson Dee Archer, Scoutmaster Jack Stevens, Treasurer Steve Feist, Advancement Chair Mark Duff, Secretary Shari Duff **need the rest of the list from Dee**

**Guests Present:** None

**Call to order:** Mrs. Archer at 7:04 pm

**Opening Prayer:** Mr. Feist led the Committee meeting with an opening prayer.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve September 20, 2011 minutes by Mrs. Gallivan Second by Mr. Feist. All Approved, Motion Carried.

**Scoutmaster Report:** Mr. Stevens reported on the following:

- The Fall Camporee at Chilo will be confirmed with the boys this evening on the number who will be going.
- No significant issues with the boys. Grant Lyon has notified Mr. Stevens that he is dropping from the troop.
- At the Fr. Willig Retreat there were 2 adults and 8 boys in attendance.
- An update on the shooting merit badge requirements was given. Eric Locher is taking the NRA required training.
- The boys have indicated that they do not wish to participate in the May WOW event. It is fairly late in the season for “crossing over”, and due to other commitments that time of year, it is very difficult for the troop to participate. The boys want to invite packs to separate events from now through the end of the school year.
- Charter Renewal is coming up. Council and National are being particularly harsh on the charter’s renewal and require adults to be trained.
- Charter listed Assistant Scoutmasters must be trained. Ideally, there should be enough Asst. Scoutmasters to have one per patrol. It was noted that Mr. Stegman, Mr. Duff, Mrs. Bak, and Mrs. Gallivan all have the official ASM training, however, ASM’s cannot hold any committee position and may not participate in Boards of Review.
- Because of the above, Mr. Stevens wants every parent registered as a Scout Parent. This application and instruction should be given to parents when they visit the troop with their Webelos, to help fill those positions.
- A review of the Committee Structure will be obtained for Committee Review to determine positions/sub-committees needed.
- On November 15<sup>th</sup>, re-charter fees are due. Boys selling \$350 in popcorn will have their troop fee paid by the troop.
- Regarding fees paid for the boys - \$15 goes to council, \$20 re-charter fee, and approx. \$5.00 for insurance. The committee approved charging \$50 for boy re-charter/dues. Eagle Scouts and those boys who will “age out” in the next year are ½ price.
- Summer Camp presentation for the boys will occur in the coming weeks. Boys will vote on the camp to attend so that a deposit may be made and dates may be set. The boys seem to be leaning toward attending Camp Falling Rock. Mrs. Ann Bak made a motion to approve a deposit expenditure for Camp Falling Rock, should the boys

approve that Camp. Second by Mrs. Marianne Gallivan. All Approved, motion carried.

- No date has been confirmed for the Thanksgiving Campout as yet. Planning on November 18-20, 2011 at Stonelick Park. Boys will prepare a Thanksgiving fest for the parents/family members for Saturday evening during the campout.
- There will be a Webelo Den from another Pack visiting the Troop next week. It was requested that some parents attend to answer any questions the other group may have.

**Secretary's Report:** Mrs. Duff asked for items to be included in the newsletter. The following were suggested: Remove information regarding popcorn sales, Rechartering fees will be due at \$50 per boy, Scoutmaster Article, Ziplining Trip, Kudos to Mrs. Bak, Mrs. Gallivan on attaining IOLS, and Mr. Gallivan for completion of Woodbadge Training.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Mr. Feist indicated there is \$4,385.39 in the account, of which \$1052.06 is allocated to various boys.
- Expenditures of \$75.95 for Court of Honor Food.
- It was suggested that a Budget Committee be considered/established to see what fundraising may be needed based on activities in which the troop will be participating.
- Buy It In Clermont Books are still available for ½ price - \$10.00

**Friends of Scouting Presentation:** In order to be considered for a "Quality Unit", an annual Friends of Scouting Presentation must occur. The Troop does this at one of the scheduled Courts of Honor and completed this already for this year's re-chartering. Mrs. Archer or Mr. Duff will plan for the FOS Presentation during a Court of Honor next spring.

**Outdoor Chair Report:** Mrs. Moore was unable to attend the meeting, but gave Mrs. Duff her report. Parts A&B of the Medical forms are the only parts needed when boys are attending a campout less than 72 hours in length (parents fill this out). Mrs. Moore is in need of Medicals with physician physicals for two scouts, and an adult. They have been notified as such. These will be needed prior to summer camp or any activity outside of council (for any length of time) or inside council more than 72 hours.

Mr. Stevens, Mrs. Gallivan, and Mrs. Bak will be attending the Fall Camporee event at Chilo.

**Advancement Chair Report:** Mr. Duff reported on the following:

- October 29, 2011 is Handyman Challenge at the American Modern Facility on Bach Buxton Rd. Boys have been told of this opportunity.
- There are currently 3 young men in need of a Board of Review for advancement, with others very close behind.
- Greg Bak will be requesting an audience with the committee in the coming months to present his Eagle Project for approval.
- Merit Badge Challenge (Feb and March 2012) will be held at the St. Thomas More School.
- If boys have an interest in something, Mr. Duff will find a Merit Badge Counselor for the scout. He also is encouraging the committee members becoming MB counselors, at least for the troop.
- Updated By-Laws are needed for the troop, committee, and parents.

**Training Chair Report:** Mr. Stegmann received some certificates of completion for training from some of the parents and will be updating the spreadsheet and will forward to the group. He will also add the Board of Review Training on the spreadsheet, as it is required for our troop committee. He will schedule and conduct a BOR training in the coming months. November 5<sup>th</sup> is the University of Scouting all-day Training. Please get signed up if you are interested through the Dan Beard Council site.

**Equipment Chair Report:** Mrs. Gallivan reported on the following:

- She and Mrs. Duff would be conducting an extensive cleaning/pitching/organization session for More Martyr Hall on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 9am.
- Dick's Sporting Goods had send gift cards as replacement for the ripped tents sent back.
- A full inventory of the troop trailer and equipment must be done – planning on doing that at the Fall Camporee Outing.

**Chaplain Report:** Deacon Thomas thanked Dee for the detailed agenda. He indicated that it may be possible for Scout Sunday to actually occur on the recognized Scout Sunday. He asked for the group's opinion on a Saturday Mass recognition or Sunday morning Mass recognition event. The group indicated a Saturday evening Mass recognition would work best as there are many in the troop who may attend church outside of the Catholic Faith.

**Old/New Business:**

- Mrs. Archer indicated that the annual Veteran's Day Parade is scheduled for an evening event in Batavia. Based on the time/date, Mr. Stevens indicated that the troop would not be available to attend.
- Mr. Bowman indicated that Council is looking for Troop members to work closely with VFW groups to see if they would be willing to support the Troops, home and abroad, by purchasing popcorn.

**Next Troop Committee Meeting:**

- Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 7pm at More Martyr Hall (Troop Hall).

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm by Mr. Feist.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shari Duff, Committee Secretary