

**Troop Committee Minutes**  
**November 18, 2014**

**Members Present:** Michelle Lowe, Steve Feist, Terry Schlueter, Melissa Schlueter, Teresa Westendorf, Christy Hale, Dick Bader, Jennifer Mann, Tricia Moore, Marianne Gallivan, Dee Archer, Michael Everhart, Karmella Everhart, Deacon Michael Thomas, Mark Duff.

**Guests Present:** None.

**Opening Prayer:** Deacon Thomas gave the opening prayer.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the October 21, 2014 Committee Meeting Minutes by Mr. Dick Bader, seconded by Mrs. Melissa Schlueter. All Approved, Motion Carried.

**Chaplain Report:** Deacon Michael Thomas reported the following:

- Nothing to report.

**Scoutmaster Report:** Mr. Duff reported the following:

- Troop Progress – Two issues. 1. Scouts will be reminded that they must follow the leadership that they elected. 2. Noticed that 5 families consistently are purchasing the food for campouts. Will be putting together a purchasing roster and official sign-up sheets. A couple of suggestions were discussed, including purchasing \$10 Kroger food cards for patrols – if 5 going, then 5 cards, etc.
- Actions of Patrol Leaders Council – PLC meets next week.
- Disciplinary problems and attendance – school has started back, attendance is light when homework/sporting events are an issue.
- Updates on:
  - Venturing Crew – Meeting with Deacon and Dee in the coming weeks to sign and establish the Crew Charter for January 2015. This is a scout lead Crew exclusively, but will need a parental committee. Males and Females may join. Campouts will be with the Troop. The crew will be a shooting sports crew (shooting and archery). Four adults attended the Venturing Training at University of Scouting.
  - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House – was well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. We have received some donations for the Equipment Trailer. We have sold enough patches to break-even on the expense. If anyone knows of someone who would like a patch, let us know.
  - Handyman Challenge – November 8 – 11 Scouts from our troop were in attendance at this event and earned up to two Merit Badges each.
  - Turkey Bowl Campout – November 14-16 – Fed 125 scouts and visitors a complete Thanksgiving Dinner. Four Webelos II visited from Pack 452 and camped with the Troop. A special thank you issued to those who shopped, stored food, loaned roasters, generators, crockpots, and hauled it all out to the shelter. Additional thanks to the parents who came out at noon to get everything started and keep everything warm as it was cooked. Due to size of event, may need to re-think for next year – as this was an expensive campout for the troop. A couple of suggestions – small charge per person for RSVP, getting bigger location, and/or making it a dessert event.
  - 9 Webelos II and parents from Pack 742 visiting tonight.
- Information on Upcoming Events:
  - December 13-14 – Card Night Campout – working day at MMH with overnight of fun thereafter.
  - Winter Bushwhack Hike – January 17-18, 2015 – Camp Birch – may have to limit to the first 20 who respond depending on the facilities available.
  - Flying Pig – May 2-4, 2015. Motion by Dee, second by Tanya to participate as fundraisers for this event. All approved, motion carried.
  - Matthew Miller – still waiting on paperwork to come through from council before he can request his Eagle Board of Review.

- January 10, 2015 – Museum Center – during day scouts can earn a partial in Reptile and Amphibian Study MB, then can stay overnight to earn a partial in Geology MB. Mr. Duff is a counselor for both if they wish to finish thereafter. He will send out notice about event.
- December 20, 2014 – Columbus Zoo – offering Bird Study and Mammal Study MB's. Cost is \$30 for the day. These are well done programs.
- January 8, 2015 – Microsoft Store – offering Photography MB – will only be open to the first 10 who contact Mr. Duff when confirmation is obtained.
- Gas Reimbursement – gas cards were given to members in attendance who have driven to out of council events as a thank you. Additional cards will be available in advance of a trip, when full vehicles are utilized in hauling scouts and equipment.

**Cubmaster Report:** Mr. Dick Bader indicated the following:

- Pack Progress – 2-3 will crossover from Webelos II. Blue and Gold – February 3, 2015. Mr. Bader was reminded that cub scouts cannot earn Arrow of Light unless they camp with a Troop overnight and visit a Troop meeting. He will pass the information along to Mr. Reider.
- Re-charter process going on with them as well. They will be picking up a few additional Wolf Scouts from IHM.
- Assistance from the troop will be needed for the Pinewood Derby in January. Date is Friday, January 16, 2015 with a back- up snow date of Friday, January 23, 2015.
- Scouts seemed to have fun, despite the cold weather, during the Turkey Bowl Campout.
- Pack Volunteer Event will be December 13, 2014 with the Matthew 25 Ministries.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Feist reported the following:

- Finance Committee/Budget Committee submitted the full Budget for 2015. Motion to approve the budget as presented and emailed by Mrs. Michelle Lowe, seconded by Mr. Steve Feist. All approved, motion carried.
- Re-Charter is \$60 per scout, \$72 if they wish to receive Boys' Life Magazine, and \$27 for Adults listed on the Charter.
- As of October 31, 2014, balances were:
  - \$15,450.24 – Total
  - \$2,648.85 – Scout's Accounts
  - \$9,129.39 – Total Troop Funds
  - \$1,004.72 – Campership Fund
  - \$479.00 – Equipment Fund
  - \$500.00 – Roof Repair Fund
  - \$1,000.00 – Trailer Purchase Fund
- Religious Emblems – 3 Scouts will earn Ad Altare Dei Catholic Award – Finishing next week. Board of Review at IHM on December 10, 2014.
- Scout Account Balances available at the meeting, will be updated with Popcorn earnings. Notify Mr. Feist if you have any questions and if you'd like to use the account for Re-Charter.
- Buy It In Anderson books available.

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

- Submit new newsletter items to Mrs. Duff
- Will reserve Library for December 13, 2014 for Santa Pictures – during Bizarre. Have not yet heard from Mr. Rose.

**Medical Records/Fundraising Opportunities Chair Report:** Mrs. Hartness reported the following:

- Nothing to Report from Mrs. Hartness for this month.
- Mrs. Westendorf brought popcorn for distribution this evening. Scouts sold \$2,825.00 in popcorn and \$904.00 will be distributed to their scout accounts.

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

- The following scouts have attained rank advancement:
  - None.

**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](http://www.Danbeard.org).

- VIRTUS class Thursday, December 11 from 6:30-10pm at the STM PDR.

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

- Scouts are re-organizing patrol boxes at this troop meeting
- Thank you to all who loaned equipment and helped with the Turkey Bowl.

**Action Items and Old/New Business:**

- Mrs. Michelle Lowe is researching some additional options for scout website/webhosting. Scoutlander is our current program, but does not allow for rank advancement, paying online or scout account balances. There are some other programs out there that may serve us better. We have our current site paid through July of 2015, so we have some time to play with the demo sites and free trial offers.
- Still awaiting information in regard to Santa Pics for December 13, 2014.

**General Announcements:**

- Council Updates –
  - Scout Shop, Achievement Center and Camps closed November 27-30, 2014
  - Popcorn Payments Due December 8, 2014
  - District Roundtable December 11, 2014 – 7:30pm-9pm
  - DeSTEMber Saturday – STEM awards available with work at Camp Friedlander on December 13, 2014
- Community Events – STM School is holding a food and basic personal items collection from November 17-25, 2014 for Christmas baskets to be distributed to needy military families in the area. The Vietnam Veterans will distribute the items. Scout families may participate at their discretion. Any donated items need to be dropped off at the school or given to Mrs. Archer.
- Other Information –
- Next Troop Committee Meeting:
  - Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 7pm at More Martyr Hall (Troop Hall).

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm by Mrs. Teresa Westendorf.

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
Shari Duff,  
Troop Committee Secretary