

Troop Committee Minutes
August 20, 2013

Members Present: Christy Hale, Michelle Lowe, Tanya Hartness, Marianne Gallivan, Russ Bowman, Theresa Westendorf, Dick Bader, John Rose, Shari Duff, Mark Duff, Eric Locher, Chair Dee Archer.

Guests Present: None Present.

Opening Prayer: Mr. Russ Bowman gave the opening prayer.

Welcome and Call to order: Mrs. Shari Duff for Mrs. Dee Archer at 7:10 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the July 16, 2013 Committee Meeting Minutes by Mrs. Theresa Westendorf, seconded by Mr. Russ Bowman. All Approved, Motion Carried.

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

- No report.

Scoutmaster Report: Mr. Duff reported the following:

- Troop Progress – Going well
- Actions of PLC – Meeting next week, but calendar planned through February with the following additions:
 - January 2014 – Bushwhack Hike in Shawnee State Park – staying at Camp Oyo (Portsmouth)
 - February 2014 – Perfect North Slopes Skiing
 - These additional items – motion to approve by Tanya Hartness, seconded by Michelle Lowe. All approved, motion carried.
- Disciplinary problems and attendance – attendance has been sporadic due to family vacations and other summer events, but should pick up now that school is back in session and everyone is in town. Was notified at tonight's meeting by a few scouts of some unacceptable language at this weekend's campout. Has been addressed with the offenders with a warning given to all.
- Other Troop Needs – none at this time
- Updates on:
 - July 14-21 - National Scout Jamboree – Mrs. Archer had an opportunity to go and visit and enjoyed herself immensely.
 - July 27-28 - Loveland Bike Trail Campout – was cancelled due to thunderstorms in the area. With no shelter on the bike trail, the adults were not going to take a chance on safety.
 - August 16-18 – Natural Bridge Campout – Stayed at Camp McKee in Mt. Sterling, KY. The scouts and adults had a good time. This counted for a 5-mile hiking/camping requirement for scouts working on Tenderfoot and Second Class. This campout was originally scheduled for the Gorge, but there were not enough adults that were willing to climb. There was a 5:1 ratio of adults to scouts needed.
 - August 30, 2013 – Pack 452 Recruitment night – Boy Scouts will be needed for this event to cook, as well as, occupy the cub scouts in age appropriate games, while the parents have their meetings.
 - September Shooting Campout rescheduled for September 7, 2013. This will be at a local gun club that Mr. Bader belongs to. Special permission had to be obtained to allow the scouts to attend. Mr. Duff's brother (BSA/NRA Range Officer Trained) and Mr. Locher will be the Range officers for this event. There will be a zero tolerance policy on any issues. Scouts violating any rules will have to call their parents and will be sent home immediately. They will also be subject, with their parents, to a meeting with the Committee Executive. Ammunition will still be an issue, but we hope it can be resolved.
 - September 21, 2013 – Trash pickup at the Hudepohl 14K Run – volunteers will be needed from 9am – 2:30pm for this event. The event nets a \$600 donation for the troop. Sign-up tonight on the list and put your shirt size. Free shirts will be given to volunteers. Mr. Joel Barnhill will be in charge of our scouts.
 - September 20-22, 2013 – OA Fall Campout – at Camp Friedlander. Mr. Duff and Mr. Locher will transport scouts attending back and forth to the Hudy Run and Campout.
 - October 3-5, 2013 – Call of Duty Campout – reservations have been made.

- Troop vehicle from auction – there is still a lot of research that will be needed before we will be ready.
- Summer Camp for next year will be the last full week of June 2014.

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

- Need items for Newsletter

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Feist was unavailable for the meeting; however, he had emailed a list of current account balances for scouts to Mrs. Duff effective July 25, 2013. Parents could get their scout's account balance after the meeting, if wanted.

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

- A Copy of the medical forms will be left in the locked file cabinet, so that it is available for campouts – especially when names of participants change up to the time of the events.

Advancement Chair Report: Mrs. Moore was unable to attend the meeting but submitted the following:

- Needs parents for 2 BOR's next week – Star Scout and Eagle Palm.

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

- Suggested quite a few opportunities for training in September.
- Handyman Challenge will be in November at American Modern Insurance.
- September 14th – Open Youth Shoot at Friedlander – Excellent Opportunity to earn some of the requirements for shooting merit badge – rifle or shotgun.
- University of Scouting – Training for Adults and Youth – First Saturday in November.

Equipment Chair Report: Mrs. Gallivan/Mrs. Hale reported on the following:

- The Fish Fry needs list is posted on the home page of the Troop website.
- Everything is marked and labeled in the patrol boxes.
- Finished all 6 patrol boxes, Old Goats patrol box will be locked.
- Pictures of how the shed should be “packed” are on the shed door. Pictures of how the patrol boxes should be packed and a list of supplies for the patrol box are laminated in the patrol boxes. Missing items will be the responsibility of the patrol.
- There are two first aid kits – one with gauze, band-aids, etc. and a locked one with Tylenol, ibuprofen, and other over the counter oral medicines that the scouts will need an adult to access.
- Mr. Locher and Mr. Gallivan will be making a prototype patrol box to see if it functions well and if it is liked.
- Still need one more gas hose.
- Still need little propane tanks filled.

Action Items and Old/New Business:

- Mrs. Westendorf – Popcorn Kernal – issued a handout with the following information:
 - August 12 – Start selling popcorn
 - August 30 – Mystery Houses start
 - October 1 - \$1000 Popcorn Sale
 - October 15 or 20 – Turn In Popcorn Orders
 - November 16 or 17 – Pick up Popcorn
 - Additional prizes: \$50 gift card Walmart for most sold by October 1, drawing for \$50 gift card to Walmart, drawing for ZXCrossbow, sell more than \$350 – troop will pay for your re-charter dues.
- Donation Letter to Mr. Rose for shipping charges - done.
- Pictures with Santa – mid-November. Mr. Rose will email Shari with available dates.
- Grant opportunity for the Troop – Mr. Rose will update us as that becomes available.
- Eagle Scout Project Presentation by Robert Duff – Building/placing new bird, bat, and duck shelters at East Fork State Park. Approved by Committee.
- It was suggested and confirmed that there should be a Fish Fry Committee. Eric Locher, Marianne Gallivan, and Michelle Lowe will share the “chairmanship” duties and will be meeting next week to start the process of getting started. Shari Duff indicated that she would take care of the “order taking” area with payments, etc.

General Announcements:

- Council Updates – see calendar and website.
- Information from the Chartered Organization – none at this time.
- Community Events:
 - August 30, 2013 – 6-8 pm Pack 452 Family Kick Off Picnic
 - October 11-12 – Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall replica at UT Veterans Memorial Park –
 - Looking for troops/packs to attend and camp out
 - Security will be provided
 - The calendar was already set, so this will not be a Troop Sponsored Event, but will be offered to scouts/families on an individual basis.

Next Troop Committee Meeting:

- Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 7pm at More Martyr Hall (Troop Hall).

Motion to adjourn at 8:09 pm by Mrs. Christy Hale.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shari Duff,

Troop Committee Secretary