



**BOY SCOUTS  
OF AMERICA**

# Troop 477 Committee Meeting Minutes

December 1st, 2003

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM.

Present: Jeff Glaze, Peter Bain, Del Price, Bill Aaron, Walt LaRoche, Henry Fisher, Carolyn Sparks, Mark Botsch, Sarah Costner, Mike LaPrade and later Bob Melton, Eric Kiesel, and Hal Breffle.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Troop Committee Secretary (Carolyn Sparks, present)**

Nov. meeting minutes approved. Past copies available on web page.

### **Committee Chairman (Jeff Glaze, present)**

1. Charter Review progress –
  - a. All members, adult and boy, must return forms by Thursday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. If not returned by deadline, will have to fill out a new registration form.

### **Chartered Organization Representative (Mark Botsch, present)**

1. **Mark** to set up meeting with Senior Pastor to get paperwork signed and delivered ASAP.
  - a. Also contact John Gilchrist to see if cubs will be ready.
  - b. See if District Executive may be able to come to take charter renewal in person.
  - c. May be able to charter new unit (Venture/Sea Scout) at the same time (work with Ellen Sanders).
1. Mark working on getting number to resolve the old phone bill issue.
2. Church not ordering fire extinguisher, so troop needs to obtain.
  - a. Fire Extinguisher part of Charter Org. responsibilities for facilities, so troop will seek reimbursement.
  - b. **Mike LaPrade** volunteered to get fire extinguisher(s).
1. **Hal Breffle** to bring fluorescent bulbs (fixtures already present and ready for installation.)

### **Unit Commissioner (Paul Porwoll, absent. Walt LaRoche, present)**

1. **Paul Porwoll** to be present at December meeting for uniform inspection.
2. District Service Day this weekend
3. Scoutmaster Training in Feb., no dates set.
4. Scout Show in March, no date set.

### **Camping Chairman (Peter Bain, present)**

1. December trip ready, 2 boys and 5 adults signed up so far. Also 7 Webelos and 4 adults from Pack.
  - a. Request to sign up on web lost. Peter sent this out earlier, but those present did not receive it.
1. January trip – Laura S. Walker State Park, Bill Aaron campmaster.
  - a. **Bill** needs to get info for cost estimates to get forms ready to post on web.
  - b. **Bill or Peter** to email Jeff info about trip to go in newsletter.
1. February Ski trip – Jack Linder, campmaster.
  - a. **Peter to find out from Jack** status of reservations.
1. March – backpacking
2. April – caving, Jeremy has Pathways lined up for the tours.
3. Philmont Planning 2005 – **Wendy Gibbons and Tom Bever** organizing?
  - a. Jeff would like to know ASAP **who is in charge** of Philmont planning so we can have a single contact person.
  - b. Jeff will organize planning meetings with parents and boys who will be old enough to go.
1. Summer Camp 2004 – Bob Melton will be coordinating summer camp, Jack Linder to help with advancement portion of these activities.

### **Newsletter and Communications (OPEN, Jeff Glaze doing temporarily)**



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1. Has start of newsletter for December, with reports from a few members but still many reports not received.
  - a. Scout Membership report received.
  - b. Service report received.
  - c. Venture Crew formation report received.
  - d. Needs more info from various work areas to keep families informed.
  - e. Will pass out newsletter to adults at Thursday's meeting, mail out to those not hand delivered. Better communication than mass e-mailings that aren't read.
  - f. Jeff needs help from each chairperson regarding his work area.

## **Treasurer (Mike LaPrade, present)**

1. \$6672.00 in checking account, meaning we broke even for the year.
2. Popcorn goal was \$3600.00, have received \$2935 +\$113, still need ~\$400 from Gibbons.
  - a. Mike has begun work on posting money to individual accounts.
  - b. One half of the troop commission will be amount posted.
  - c. Average ~\$25.00 to individuals.
  - d. Jeff donated his commission to the scholarship fund for any scout having financial difficulty (thank you Jeff!)
  - e. Jeff also donated \$50.00 for camp stove for first prize popcorn sales.
  - f. Jeff will get \$25.00 REI certificate for second prize and submit receipt for reimbursement.
1. Need dues delivered this Thursday to pay bills.
2. Jeff requested Mike to bring a year-end summary for January report.

## **Advancement (Jack Linder, absent)**

1. November showed 2 merit badges awarded and 1 rank advancement
  - a. Coin collecting - Lichire brothers
  - b. Tenderfoot - Anthony Cotton
1. A number of boys should appear for December board of review.
2. Merit Badge clinic day scheduled for March.
3. January Court of Honor to be held Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> (this is a change from date on calendar).
  - a. Will begin at 7:00 instead of 7:30 (dinner to be served)

## **Equipment and Facilities (Hal Breffle, present)**

1. Have 4 light fixtures to install.
2. Entry door needs to open outward and have security hinges.
3. Fire Extinguishers, discussed under Charter Org.

## **Membership (Henry Fisher, present)**

1. Seven Webelos to come to Scout Skills weekend coming up.
2. Will invite Webelos to January court of honor again this year.
3. Henry can ask Larry if Webelos would like to receive their awards at this ceremony also.
  - a. Henry to talk to Bob Melton and Jack Linder on how to schedule them in if they do this.

## **Community Service (Del Price, present)**

1. Opportunities for scouts not going camping this weekend:
  - a. Church cleanup day this weekend from 8:00-12:00.
  - b. Men from Church will be going to Atlanta Day Shelter to help paint
  - c. District workday at Chestnut elementary also this weekend.
1. Family adopted for troop to supply clothing, food, and toys on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - a. Family has 8yo boy, 4yo boy, 2yo girl, and 8mo boy with single mother.



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- b. Only thing Mom has requested is used computer (Jeff to put together from retired computers from Church)
  - c. PLC working on other details of dividing up buying and coordination.
  - d. Mark to make announcement for Sunday school class to help.
  - e. Jeff suggested grocery store gift cards instead of huge grocery donations (to save space).
1. Scout Sunday is 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Feb.
    - a. Previous Sat. is designated for food collection
    - b. Jefferson Bickerstaff might be able to talk to grocery stores as possible places to set up collection points.

## **Health and Safety (Wendy Gibbons, absent)**

1. Wendy told Jeff that First Aid kit was updated after summer camp last year.
  - a. Possible that boys have pilfered through the kit since then. Hal to re-check.
1. Class 3 health forms need to be replaced annually, required for high adventure.
2. Class 2 forms will be sent out with summer camp info (are good for 3 years).
3. Wendy has offered to bring flu shots to the scout hut as a convenience to troop families.
  - a. Waiver signed and \$20.00 cost.
  - b. Flu shot gives immunity to 3 most common flu forms for this year (can get flu 3 times without shot).
  - c. Board in favor of offering IF this is OK with Church.
  - d. Mark will discuss with Church if they will allow the scout hut to be used for this service.
  - e. If positive response from Church, will offer at 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in December.

## **Hospitality (Sara Costner, present, Nancy Farrey, absent)**

1. Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> Court of Honor will be Spaghetti Supper at 7:00 (not 7:30).
2. Let Nancy or Sara know about families needing cards. If far enough ahead, can be brought to meeting to have scouts and adults sign.

## **Training Chairman (Joseph Clements, absent)**

1. No report.

## **Senior Patrol Leader (Harrison Bain, absent)**

1. PLC ready to follow up on whatever Del tells them they need for the family mentioned earlier.

## **Scoutmaster's Report (Bob Melton, present)**

1. Life to Eagle –
  - a. Closest is Harrison, possible for Dec. Board of Review.
  - b. Danny Gibbons also close, though Bob hasn't seen him lately.
  - c. Ross Gamble also approaching.
1. December Trip Report
  - a. J.T to write report
  - b. Boys went swimming (no it wasn't warm enough)
  - c. Boys did well on hike, spent all afternoon gathering wood for fire.
  - d. Mr. Melton had to inform some other campers that ranger might arrest them for cutting live wood.
  - e. Joseph took pictures.
1. Boys like change of later time for meetings.
2. Will address change of camping weekends for next round of planning. Too late to change at this time.

## **Other Business:**



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1. Hal Breffle requested copy of Driver's License and Social Security number from **everyone** who is **qualified to drive the bus**.
  - a. Insurance company requests Social Security number for the first time this year, but several members expressed strong objections to giving this information out.
  - b. Hal to check with Church to see if the SS# is an absolute requirement.
1. Jeff is erasing all social security numbers from all computer data (though it is requested on applications).

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 P.M. Next meeting: 7:30 P.M. January 5<sup>th</sup>.**

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### **Reminder notes from Secretary to ASM's Assigned to Patrols**

1. Tell the boys ahead of time what the next month's camping trip will entail. Many still don't know ahead of time what will be happening on the trips, and the activities can be a major selling point and may help them to sign up early (even by the 2 weeks ahead deadline!)
2. January program patrol – Cougar.
  - a. PLC discussed 1<sup>st</sup> meeting (8<sup>th</sup>) to be about winter camping.
  - b. Next 2 meetings (15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>) to be Archaeology, John Sparks to visit
  - c. Patrol needs to work on plans on presentation, coordinate with Mr. Sparks.
1. January camping program patrol – Stingray.
  - a. Patrol should discuss if particular merit badges will be worked on or specific activities to be planned. Patrol leader can bring these up at PLC.
1. January Service Patrol – Wolverine
  - a. Patrol should be at meeting early for set up and stay later for clean up.
1. February Patrol Assignments
  - a. Program Patrol – Mongoose
  - b. Camping program patrol – Wolverine
  - c. Service Patrol - Cobra