



BOY SCOUTS
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Troop 477

Committee Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2004

Welcome and Call to Order: Jeff Glaze called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM. Those present were: Bob Melton, Peter Bain, Jeff Glaze, Mike LaPrade, Rob Alexander, Joseph Clements, Bill Aaron, Debbie and Bill Siggelkow, Barry Deutsch, Sara Costner.

Committee Reports:

Minutes – Committee Meeting – November 1, 2004

Action items on minutes will be highlighted.

Committee Chairman:

Recharter letters to be sent to every registered Scout and adult. Return by December 2 with annual dues or will be removed from roster. Dues remain \$65 per Scouts and \$32.50 for additional Scouts from the same family. **Jeff will send out the letter within the week.**

Chartered Organization Representative: *Mark Botsch not present.*

Jeff will check with him regarding the status of God and Country and a status of the Scout Hut.

Unit Commissioner report: *Paul Porwol not present.*

Not present. **Bob Melton will attend November Roundtable.** Paul Porwoll awarded candy and totem chips to patrols that passed the annual uniform inspection.

Newsletter and Communication: Rob Alexander

Rob will have newsletter prepared later this week. Keep sending in articles.

Membership: Bill Siggelkow

Webelo Scouts will receive the next newsletter and be invited on the December camping trip. Two Webelos dens are interested in joining crossing over to Troop 477. One from our Pack 477, and the other from All Saints Pack 434. **Barry and Bill will follow up with these two groups to keep them and us informed.**

Training: Joseph Clements

Joseph plans to update training and certifications of all adult leaders. This will be available on-line. All leaders should submit their training info and dates to Joseph.

Equipment & Facilities: *Hal Breffle not present*

The troop needs to order some 477 strips for uniforms.

Hospitality: *Nancy Farrey not present.* Sara Costner present and reported, Next Court of Honor will be a dinner on January 6, 2005. Since this is just after school starts, Scouts will only be providing beverages and desserts. **Nancy and Sara will prepare dinner. Mr. Melton will coordinate with the PLC on the Scouts effort to provide beverages and desserts.**



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Community Service & Good Turn: *Ruthy Stephens not present.*

Christmas service project to collect food and gifts for needy family. Ruthy Stephens is seeking a deserving family for the Scouts to adopt. Anticipated gift/food delivery will be December 23. Last regular Troop meeting of the year will be December 16th. The December 23 date will be for those who would like to deliver. Troop will also perform community service at Chesnut Elementary School for the DeKalb Day of Service (December 4th), to be coordinated by Barry Deutsch.

Treasurer: Mike LaPrade

Current balance in troop account is \$6048.84. Troop is in solid financial condition.

Popcorn: Debbie Siggelkow

Total sales of \$4327 – better than last year. Top sellers: Kyle Kline (\$815), JT Sparks (\$490) and Brian Lichirie (\$361.50). Each will receive a REI gift card (to be purchased by Debbie). Popcorn pickup scheduled for Saturday, November 13 from 3:30 to 4:30. (May be extended) Debbie will coordinate popcorn pick-up, and request adult volunteers as needed. Each Scout receives 17.5% of their sales in their Scout account. These funds may be used for dues, camping, Eagle projects, Scout activities and equipment.

Advancement: Peter Bain

Five rank advancements in October, no Merit Badges. Board of Review comments from Scouts: Older Scouts not involved enough, more organized activity time, better trip planning, require Scouts to remain with their patrol during patrol corners, more opportunity for Merit Badge work.

Eagle projects planned (or almost) by Andy Farrey, John Bever, Andy Costner, and Brock Aaron. Stephen Thomas is facing a deadline to have his Eagle Board Of Review.

Health and Safety: *Don Stephens not present.*

Don Stephens will update health forms for Scouts and adult leaders. Don will also be updating our travel first aid kit.

Camping: Bill Aaron

Camping fees may need to increase due to increase cost of gas, and underestimation of trip expenses. May consider leaving early Saturday morning during winter months so not setting up in the dark.

Minimum of 5 Scouts per camping trip or trip may be cancelled.

Need Campmaster for January skiing trip.

November: Benton McKaye Trail backpacking off Highway 60 (North Georgia). 3-4 miles in, camp then out. Jeff Glaze is Campmaster.

December: Barry Deutsch is Campmaster. FDR State Park – pioneer camping.

December 11/12. Webelos will attend. Otter patrol has responsibilities for campout activities.

April: Cumberland Island. Reservations made for 4 adults and 16 Scouts from April 5 to April 8 plus travel time. Carolyn Sparks is Campmaster. Rob Alexander will assist.



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Scoutmaster report: Bob Melton

Need for more active Assistant Scoutmasters. Many have graduated from the Troop. More opportunities for merit badge work/clinics during patrol corners, programs and activities. Perhaps blue cards could be handed out in advance of a particular badge so the boys could be ready to work.

New Business:

Trip to Yorktown on November 18 - 20, 2005. This will be a combined Pack and Troop trip. **Barry Deutsch is campmaster.**

Ongoing:

Tom Bever will coordinate on-going Philmont training hikes. If you are going start breaking in your hiking boots.

Calendar:

November 6: John Bever Eagle Scout work day at Dunwoody Nature Center.
November 14: Help Webelos at Brook Run with demonstrations – tent set-up, cooking.
November 20/21: Backpacking trip
December 4: Dekalb Day of Service at Chestnut. Barry Deutsch to coordinate.
December 11/12: Camping trip to FDR State Park. Webelos invited.
December 16: Last meeting before holidays.
January 6: Court of Honor dinner.

Meeting adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned. **Jeff Glaze committed to try to get the minutes out ASAP.** Many thanks to Sara Costner for taking notes to provide the bulk of the minutes! The next committee meeting is Monday December 6, 2004 at 7:45 PM.