



Troop 477

Committee Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2003

Meeting called to order at 7:33 PM.

Present: Jeff Glaze, Peter Bain, Joseph Clements, Price, Nancy Farrey, Barry Doitch, Bob Melton, Bill Aaron, Carolyn Sparks, and later Wendi and Corky Gibbons.

Committee Reports:

Troop Committee Secretary (Carolyn Sparks, present)

Aug. meeting minutes received by all present. Secretary will try abbreviated format for minutes for **comments by committee members**.

Committee Chairman (Jeff Glaze, present)

Recharter is due soon, and Jeff has already begun work.

1. **Current Committee Members and ASM's MUST respond to Jeff**, otherwise be removed from their position.
2. **Discuss with Jeff and Bob desire to change** positions within the Committee or from Committee to ASM or vice versa.
3. Adults who registered as Committee Member or ASM last year but have been inactive will be required to pay their own adult registration fees this year (rather than be paid by troop).

Charter Organization (Mark Botsch, absent)

1. Jeff still pursuing a Troop Chaplain to help with Chaplain's Aide.
2. Phone bill (~\$400 from over a year ago) still unresolved, but Jeff and Mark think likely to be forgiven.

Camping Chairman's Report (Peter Bain, present)

1. Sept. Backpacking Trip Bartram Trail
 - a. Adults – **Bob, Jeff, and Wendi** have committed to going. **Any other adults?**
 - b. Short itinerary to be followed if only 3 adults, longer itinerary if 4 adults.
 - c. Thursday upcoming (Sept. 4th) deadline to sign up for trip.
 - d. Forms on website.
1. Oct. Scoutland Boating & Sailing –Dr. Kiesel campmaster; **STILL NEEDS ADULTS TO COMMIT!** (Must turn in tour permit 2 weeks in advance).
2. Nov. Backpacking, Panther Creek Falls – Bob Melton Camp Master (**also needs adults**)
3. Dec. Scout Skills – **Hal Breffle ** Be reminded of this Hal!**
4. Jan. Cumberland Island – **Bill Aaron** to check past records to make reservations ASAP. (Cumberland Island Phone – 912-882-4335 10a-4p; Fax # - 912-673-7747)
5. Feb. Ski Trip – **Corky Gibbons listed as campmaster, will need to work on soon.**
6. April Caving Trip – **Jeremy Webber**
7. **All Adults Check Calendar posted on web! Confirm** if you can be campmaster **if listed, notify Peter Bain if you can attend** other than as ASM.
8. Peter Bain will give lists of scouts signed up for trips to Scribe (J.T. Sparks) whose duty is to get forms before the trips. Campmasters will get attendance rosters to J.T. after trips for scouts to get appropriate credit.

Unit Commissioner's Report (Paul Porwoll, absent)

1. Last Roundtable was actually planning session; Henry picked up packet for Bob.

Treasurer (Mike LaPrade, absent)



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1. Committee decided at last meeting to issue Josh Blanton a refund as special case. Mike to send a check for \$1235.00 to Josh's grandmother who will keep the money in trust for his education.
2. Bill Hodges picked up popcorn packet and Jeff will get this organized for distribution and sales and manage the sales. (Thank you Jeff for this task at short notice!)
3. Bob Melton will try to get Josh back with the troop in some capacity.

Community Service/Good Turn (Del Price, absent)

1. Charis House dates set, 2 weekends (Bob Melton has these)
2. PLC to choose what activities boys want to do.
3. Jeff to ask Del and Jeremy for exact activities for which dates.

Advancement Chairman (Jack Linder, absent)

1. August advancements:
 - a. Bradley Griffith advanced 2 ranks to First Class
 - b. J.T. Sparks advanced 1 rank to First Class
 - c. Nick Lichire advanced 1 rank to Second Class
1. Merit Badge awards not available.
2. Court of Honor is this Thursday (Sept. 4th). Jack has written script. Jeff to call to check if advice/help is needed.

Equipment and Facilities (Hal Breffle, absent)

1. Hal and Jeff to do door repair.
2. Materials to be reimbursed by Church.

Membership (Henry Fisher, absent)

1. Report emailed to Secretary attached with these minutes
2. Den Chief meeting well attended by Cub Scout leaders, but no signed up Den Chiefs (Ben Deutsch was available).
3. Mark Lindemann, Ben Deutsch, Bill Hahn, and Steven LaPrade have signed up to be Den Chiefs. The intentions of these boys need to be determined at this point. They may not have time to do this at this point, though they are very much needed.
4. Den Chief program is good for both Cubs and leadership skills of Scouts. Younger boys particularly look up to older scouts. Troop adults should "sell" the program.
5. Scouts could attend or help with some of the Cub camping trips. Webelos Woods is Oct. 18th and the Cuboree is on Oct. 25th and both are at Brook Run. Any of our boys not attending our trip on the 18th are encouraged to help at Webelos Woods. There will also be volunteer opportunities at the Cuboree. This could be adjunct to the Den Chief program until it gets going.
6. All participants for all volunteer jobs need to let someone know if they can't/don't want to follow through on some commitment they have made.

Hospitality co-chair Nancy Farrey present

1. Snacks will be served after Thursday's Court of Honor. Tom Bever made special request for root beer floats, which will be available.

Training Chairman (Joseph Clements, present)

1. Scout Master/ ASM training: 4 Thursdays starting Sept. 11th, ending Oct. 2nd, with weekend of Oct. 10-12th at Bert Adams. There are adults in the troop who need this training.



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2. Wood badge dates for 2004 are now on website. Include Mar 26-28th, & April 16-18th of 2004, and a 6 day offering July 26th-30th at Woodruff.
3. Adults need to update new training with Joseph.
4. Bob and Joseph will try to plan Greenbar training next summer (first weekend of June). This is for older boys (14 and up), an excellent experience.
5. Bob wants to do some level of training locally for all age groups.
6. Strive to teach all boys more responsibility.
7. Bob will do PLC assessment in Oct.; ask boys if they've done the jobs they've signed up for, possibly remove them if not.

Senior Patrol Leader's Report (Harrison Bain, absent)

1. Harrison to report all boy leader positions to Mr. Linder ASAP for update in computer.

Scoutmaster's Report (Bob Melton)

1. Discussed motivations to get boys to show up on time.
2. Will do trial run of starting meetings at 7:30 to begin after Thursday's Court of Honor.
3. PLC will discuss changing meeting format to end slightly earlier to allow Merit Badge Counselor meetings and brief PLC time to plan next meeting with Bob.
4. Patrol Corners time will likely be shortened. However, even those members not going on upcoming trips should participate in discussions.
5. ASM should help keep boys on task.
6. All Greenbars should have received Patrol Book from planning weekend.
7. At planning meeting, a format was devised for Patrol Corners. Agenda as follows:
 - a. Take attendance, uniform inspection.
 - b. Review current & future troop responsibilities for Service/Program/Campout
 - c. Plan next Campout
 - i. Menu
 - ii. Duty Roster
 - iii. Permission slips & money 2 weeks prior
 - d. Review rank advancement requirements
 - e. Report Scouts beginning merit badges to scribe (name of badge & Counselor)
 - f. What help is needed to help a scout advance? See patrol advisor for help.
 - g. Practice a scouting skill that will be used in the Inter-patrol activity.
1. Planning Meeting went well. Bob's intent was/is to make this a desirable meeting but must be a Greenbar to go.
2. Sept. 18th – Paul Webber's Eagle Court of Honor.
3. Doug Breffle Spirit of Scouting Award is ready for Thursday.

Final Comments

1. Paul Webber & Wendi Gibbons can do a crew for Northern Tier next summer. Wendi to gauge interest at upcoming meeting and start sign-up process.
2. 2005 will be year of National Scout Jamboree, next after would be 5 years later.
3. Oct. 1st is date to sign up for 2005 Philmont Crew. Need to find out exactly who wants to go ASAP.
4. Boys could go to Philmont next summer as part of council, but not same experience as a troop crew (which is a more camaraderie building experience).
5. Damage was done to the Gibbon's Suburban on trip to summer camp. After discussion as to how property damages have been dealt with in the past, suggestion was made that the parents of the 2 boys be approached to help pay for the damage (~\$700.00).

Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM. Next Meeting Monday Oct. 6th at 7:30 PM.