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Troop 477 Committee Meeting Minutes

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Committee Chairman Jeff Glaze called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Attendees: Jeff Glaze, Peter Bain, Henry Fisher, Joseph Clements, Mark Botsch, Carolyn Sparks, Bob Melton, and Barry Deutsch.

Committee Reports:

Troop Committee Secretary Minutes from May meeting approved. **Carolyn Sparks** present to take minutes.

Camping Chairman **Peter Bain** present.

Summer Camp Planning underway, **Wendy Gibbons** (not present) coordinating. 20 Scouts going to summer camp. An ambiguity in charges did not make clear that the Horseback Adventure Option (not the merit badge) would be an extra \$30.00 charge, but none of our boys is currently signed up for that program. Any boys that want that option will need to ante up another \$30.00. Thomas Weber is only boy currently signed up for a High Adventure program. **Bob Melton** mentioned later in meeting that there will be a meeting Sunday June 8th for all adults attending summer camp to discuss process and procedures. He wants boys running the troop and for them to work as a troop. He has tentatively selected a Senior Patrol leader but hasn't yet asked the boy. He also wants to make sure all boys understand that they need to wear Class A uniforms traveling and to all evening meals, so they need to have enough uniform parts (i.e. socks).

Meeting for all adults attending summer camp on Sunday June 8th, 3:00 p.m. at the scout hut.

July Water Sports weekend July 11th-13th. **Matt Bickerstaff** campmaster (not present). **Peter Bain** has obtained tour permit and will get forms up on web site before next Thursday. Expenses should be limited to mostly food and gas for boats. Boys will go up Saturday morning, while Hal and Matt will probably go up Friday evening. **Some adult leadership for that trip will need to update or obtain new training for Safety Afloat and Safe Swim.** Please report any adult training or updates to Joseph Clements.

Annual Planning Meeting August 16th-18th at **Jeremy Weber's** lake house on Lake Lanier. (Jeremy not present.) Currently Jeremy Weber, Bob Melton, Wendy Gibbons, Corky Gibbons, and Jeff Glaze are adults attending. **Any adults that can may attend.** Boys elected as new Senior Patrol Officers do the planning. Adults cook, and recreation will be water skiing and wave runners (driven by adults). This trip is a reward/treat for the boy leaders. Plans will be made through November 2004. **All adults send ALL items needing to go on calendar to Bob Melton.** Some items missed this year's calendar, such as the Memorial Day activity.

Philmont Crew Planning **Tom Bever** not present. **Bob Melton** reported that there may be a drop out, but it has not been decided whether to try to fill any possible vacancies with boys outside the troop.

Committee Chairman **Jeff Glaze** present and conducting meeting.

Chartered Organization Representative **Mark Botsch** was present. Scout Hut phone should be cut off, but bill has not yet been discussed with Church. It hasn't been brought up by Church to Mark, but has been to Jeff, so still unresolved.

Steve Handler is new associate Pastor and will be reviving the God and Country Program to offer our boys in the near future. This program has not been offered in some time.



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The Doors to the front of the Scout Hut and the storage room both need replacement. Security has been compromised for both, and when they are replaced, both will be keyed to the same lock and 18 keys will be made to distribute only to adults. Jeff is investigating a source, possibly Peachtree Doors, for a reasonable cost door, and the frame will also need replacement. Work to be done by **Hal Breffle** and **Jeff Glaze**. When this is complete, the bill will be sent to the Church via Mark. If the Church should be unwilling to reimburse this expense, funds will come from elsewhere. (This item also mentioned under Equipment).

Unit Commissioner Paul Porwoll was absent. Next Roundtable June 10th.

Newsletter and Communications Jeff Glaze still hasn't received a write up for the May camping trip. He wants one of the adults that attended the whole trip to do a write up as well as one of the boys. **Bob Melton** will get **Paul Weber** to do boy's portion.

Emails addresses for the boys needs to be updated. New email addresses will be requested at one of the upcoming meetings.

Treasurer Mike LaPrade not present. Procedures to handle money need to be defined. Mike has been inundated with checks and permission slips each time he attends a troop meeting. Boys should be turning these in at patrol corners to their patrol leader, who in turn passes them to the Senior Patrol Leader and then to the Scribe who is Jonathan Liem. Jonathan has not been to the meetings since the last Court of Honor, so may be out of the country. Permission slips may be given to the Outdoor Chairman or put in his box. Mike and other adults should reject any money or permission slips and teach the boys the proper channels. Adults turning in money or expense reimbursements should put them in envelopes provided by the troop or an envelope with sheet explaining fully what they are paying for or expense details, and these may be put in the treasurer's mailbox.

Community Service/Good Turn chairman **Del Price** absent. Charis House has been selected as the next community service project. Building will likely start in September, and boys may attend one or more Saturdays. Last time they worked on framing, so the aspect of this year's project needs to be decided.

The question was raised as to whether the boys who attended the Mission Market got credit for troop activity or service hours, which ever they needed. Also, did Ben Deutsch get credit for attending the Memorial Day activity?

Advancement Chairman Jack Linder not present, no report.

August 14th will be Josh Weiner's Eagle Court of Honor, and Paul Weber's Court of Honor will be scheduled as soon as his paperwork comes back (already submitted).

Eagle Advancements were recently published on the front page of the Dunwoody Crier. Suggestion was made to also put in Church Bulletin.

At family's request, recent Eagle Court of Honor was held in the Church Fellowship Hall. This was less formal but more intimate. The Sanctuary is usually used for the Eagle Court of Honor because it makes this a different court of honor from the usual, but Bob said he would do these courts of honor anywhere the family chooses.



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Equipment and Facilities chairman **Hal Breffle** (absent). Patrol Leader's Council gave a list of items needed to Hal. Unknown as to if he pursued this with the Quartermaster.

Jeff Glaze suggested the purchase of a CPR mannequin. Last year 5 boys left summer camp with only the CPR demonstration requirement lacking to get the First Aid Merit badge. If possible, we will get the new mannequin before summer camp this year and catch these boys up on this requirement. Model suggested not the top of the line, but very functional. Also may serve a function in the July's theme of Health and Safety. Also, Jack Linder has begun tracking the partially completed merit badges so a counselor may be assigned and these boys can complete these partial badges without delay.

The Dutch door mentioned in an earlier meeting for the storage room is still in the talking about planning stages only. The door replacements mentioned earlier in the meeting takes first priority.

A new supply of T-shirts has arrived. These should be purchased through the proper channels as discussed earlier.

Membership Chairman Henry Fisher passed out a report to all present.

A summertime activities flier has been distributed to several of the elementary schools and did get passed out. Henry will begin this week to contact all inactive scouts to research the reasons for their inactivity. Betty (from the Church) can print out scout aged Church Members, and Mark will get this list to Henry as further possible recruits.

Discussed whether we could use the Fellowship Hall for the September Show and Do. This could be promoted in the neighborhood, church banners, and fliers. Other discussion ensued about the possibility of Brook Run being a better venue with the Church as a rainy day back up. Requested that **Bob Melton** add this to the planning calendar.

Barry Deutsch will be helping with the school night for scouting.

Discussed which camping trips would be best to invite Webelos to attend. General feeling was that November or December trips were best, and possibly even the October trip providing 2 opportunities for the potential recruits to camp with the troop.

Jeff Glaze expressed gratitude for a job being so thoroughly and *well done* that has not been done for much too long.

Hospitality co-chairs **Nancy Farrey** and **Sara Costner** were absent. Nothing to report other than a *job well done*!

Training Chairman Joseph Clements reported that some adults need to be trained for the July trip, especially for Safety Afloat and Safe Swim. These will be offered at summer camp and adults needing these should try to get training then.

Also need to start Scout Leader Training. The fast start is available on line, and the council offers the more extensive Leader Training in September and March.



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All camping, roundtables, merit badge councils – many things any assistant scout master can do count toward the training knots. **All adults should keep track of the various activities and report them to Joseph.**

Bob Melton mentioned that he may also want Joseph to keep track of Junior leader training. Bob thinks boys need more leadership and management training – not just become the patrol leader and be the boss. We need to offer this training twice a year (since new patrol leaders are elected that often).

Senior Patrol Leader Andy Costner was absent. Tonight's meeting was postponed, but Bob said he had his "Best People working on it" as to the new date. Elections were on tonight's agenda, but these were also postponed. For the last few years the Senior Patrol Leader has been selected by the Scout Master, but this year he will be selected by election.

Scoutmaster Bob Melton reported that the Mongoose and Cobra patrols still don't have assistant Scout Master assignments. Tom originally said he could help with the Mongoose patrol, so Bob will confirm. Cobra Patrol assignment to be made soon.

The PLC Meeting in May decided they wanted to participate in the Fourth of July parade in some way, but was otherwise undecided. Barry Deutsch suggested that Pack 477 and Troop 477 do a float together. The pack has already had a parent volunteer a trailer for the float, but other decisions have yet to be made. Discussion ensued about method to carry the troop flags, which get quite heavy during the length of the parade. Plan to have a brainstorming session during Thursday's meeting for what to do for the parade.

Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Next committee meeting is Monday July 7th, 2003 at 7:30 PM.