

Troop 477

Committee Meeting Minutes

March 3rd, 2003

1. **Welcome and Call to Order:** [Jeff Glaze](#)
2. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Troop Committee Secretary - [Carolyn Sparks](#)** – new to the job. All comments welcome.
 - b. **Committee Chairman's Report - [Jeff Glaze](#)** – currently reassigning monthly patrol duties (because of patrol member regrouping), to be updated on web page when finalized.
 - i. March meeting before Warner Robbins trip to be visit by pilot, others unknown, Cougar patrol responsible.
 - ii. April program unknown, Diamondback patrol responsible.
 - iii. May program – Backpacking.
 - c. **Chartered Organization's Representative - [Mark Botsch](#)**
 - i. Troop still seeking chaplain, esp. for Protestant Requirements such as God and Country.
 - ii. Will contact [Dave Benson](#) of Kingswood UMC.
 - iii. Check request for van reimbursement.
 - iv. In relation to use of van, insurance requests the last seat out of a 15 passenger van be removed so no greater than 12 can ride, preferably only 10. (Top heavy hazard with more than 12 passengers.)
 - d. **Unit Commissioner's Report - [Paul Porwoll](#)** – (not present) [Jack Linder](#) giving info.
 - i. Scout Show on March 15th
 - ii. District Banquet on May 18th. Trail *[Blazer Award due by April 1st](#)*. Troop will try to reserve table. Attendance encouraged.
 - iii. Friends of Scouting – 100% troop participation is encouraged. Percentage participation more important than dollar amount. Solicitations sent by mailing to all scouts and families.
 - e. **Camping Chairman's Report - [Peter Bain](#)**
 - i. Warner Robbins AFB Trip – [Jack Linder](#) Campmaster: Troop will not be able to visit base due to heightened security. Will be visiting AF museum (see www.museumofaviation.org for preview). The museum hopes to have a tour guide available and will be opening their Heritage Bldg of

Native American History for the troop. Box lunches, IMAX movie available. Troop staying at Ben Hawkins (BSA) camp, located approx. 9 mi (15 min.) from museum. Leave Friday p.m. to come back early Sunday p.m. \$20.75 total cost. Plan: Work on aviation merit badge and cooking. Webelo scouts also attending.

- ii. Recap of Ski Trip in Feb. – wet, slushy. Lots of fun. Only one injury, treated by Motrin (albeit in the E.R.) Did not go tubing Sunday, so some money refunded. Troop also paid excess in advance because food was included in lodging and we paid for each separately. 3 scouts unable to attend, decided that they should only owe the \$24.00 the troop had to pay for food. Appears to be potential discrepancy between recorded expenses and money collected for the trip – due to increase in price of gas and length of trip? May need further evaluation for future trips. Final refund amount tabled until next meeting. If too much was collected, refunds will be issued to each boy and adult by way of credit to personal account for future use (*this decided by vote*). The 2 boys who advance paid will receive credit, the 3rd still owes for the food.
- iii. April Caving Trip to Cloudland Canyon – **Jeremy Webber**, Campmaster: Need info and permission slips to be posted on website.
- iv. Philmont Crew Planning – **Tom Bever** – When is next training hike? Still need to collect money from a few.
- v. Summer Camp – **Wendy Gibbons** coordinating. Check was sent based on 20 scouts, but have only 3 checks so far. Course selections filling fast for scouts past first year. Leaders: **David Fessendon, Doug Newlands, Nancy Farrey, Carolyn Sparks, Jeff Glaze (?), Jack Linder (?)**. Senior Patrol Leader – **Dan Gibbons**. Philmont scouts not going. Mostly younger than Mongoose patrol likely to attend. 1st payment of **\$50.00 already due**, 2nd payment of \$50.00 due 4/24, 3rd payment of \$75.00 due 6/5, total: \$175.00.
- vi. Need updated drivers info if auto or insurance has changed.

f. Newsletter and Communications - Open Seat

g. Treasurer – Mike LaPrade

- i. New financial program has ability to track detail. Printout of report was distributed and discussed. Program will be updated each week and available at meetings to scouts/adults with personal account records for every individual as well as the group.
- ii. Philmont trip has been paid except airfare

- h. **Community Service/Good Turn - Del Price**
 - i. Mission Market – Saturday in mid May (17th?) – Church wants scouts in class A uniform to be general purpose helpers (keep other kids from horsing around, etc.) **Annabelle Pile** is church contact.
 - i. **Advancement – Jeff Glaze**
 - i. Eagle recipients:
 - 1. **Blake Zimmerman** - completed requirements, needs to do Court of Honor.
 - 2. **Danny Gibbons** – Eagle project in progress.
 - ii. Troop Court of Honor – May 1st. Desserts only. **Jeff** will contact Hospitality Committee.
 - j. **Equipment and Facilities – Hal Breffle – Andy Costner** to bring list of what needs to be approved. Discussion of quality of what we currently have, “recycling” some of the hodge podge, replacement with better quality and emphasis on better care.
 - k. **Membership – Bruce Lindeman –**
 - i. Met with Webelos of Troop 477 and Pack 494 (Austin). Gave info regarding meetings and upcoming Warner Robins trip. Several Webelos will be crossing to our troop. Anyone interested is now on our mailing list to get a “flavor” of troop activities.
 - ii. Crossover – Monday March 24th at 7:00 p.m. – need some of our scouts attending if at all possible.
 - iii. Possible pass of Membership duties to **Mr. Fisher** next year (his son will be crossing into our troop).
 - l. **Health and Safety – Wendy Gibbons**
 - i. Class III forms required for summer camp.
 - m. **Hospitality – Nancy Farrey & Sara Costner**
 - n. **Training Chairman – Open Seat**
 - i. Collect training status of all registered leaders.
 - ii. Plan youth protection training session and Fast Start discussion session.
3. **Senior Patrol Leader’s Report - Andy Costner** –Senior Patrol Leader’s meeting to be held at meeting Thursday due to low attendance tonight.
 4. **Scoutmaster’s Report – Bob Melton**
 - a. Assistant Scoutmaster patrol assignments to be posted. Any Assistant Scoutmasters not currently working with a patrol will be assigned.
 - b. Board of Review suggestions and comments: (**Bob Melton** to bring these items up at next Scoutmaster Meeting)

- i. Scoutmasters need to be more proactive.
- ii. Scoutmaster review should address any of the boy's requirements that have NOT been checked off to see if they should have been.
- iii. Boys who haven't had a rank advancement in a while should meet with the Board to investigate what may be done to boost them along.
- iv. Board of Review purpose is to evaluate how well Scoutmasters are doing, but not be a "test" for the boys. Most questions address how to improve the running of the troop.

5. Old Business / New Business

- a. Color Guard: June 14th Flag Day flag disposal ceremony. Need 6 volunteer scouts to learn how to do proper flag ceremony and flag disposal.
- b. May round table to address flag ceremonies – some of above volunteer scouts might want to attend.

6. Meeting Adjourned: Next committee meeting Monday April 7th, 7:30 p.m.