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# Troop 477 Committee Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2004

**Welcome and Call to Order:** Jeff Glaze called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM. Those present were: Jeff Glaze, Joseph Clements, Barry Deutsch, Bill Aaron, Ruthy Stephens, Rob Alexander, and Bill Sigglekow.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Troop Committee Secretary: Nancy Farrey (Absent, delivered Sept minutes.)**  
Minutes were available for review. Copies will be distributed to all via e-mail later.

### **Committee Chairman: Jeff Glaze**

Jeff commented on poor attendance. He committed to send out reminder and agenda several days prior to the meeting in the future.

### **Charter Organization: Mark Botsch (absent)**

Jeff reported for Mark that the God and Country program is going well with a number of our Scouts participating, and enjoying it. Upon completion of the program there will be a ceremony at a Kingswood Church service to recognize those who have earned the award. It was suggested that we ask Mark to see if Scout Sunday could be scheduled as the ceremony date.

### **Unit Commissioner's Report: Paul Porwoll (absent)**

Jeff committed to attend this month's roundtable meeting and asked that Assistant Scoutmasters be prepared to sign up to represent the Troop at monthly roundtables on a rotating basis. He will present a sign up sheet for that at next month's meeting.

### **Newsletter and Communications: Rob Alexander**

Rob solicited article for the Monthly Troop newsletter (The Upward Trail). Please submit items no later than the committee meeting if at all possible. Rob stated that he has quite a lot for this issue. He will try to get it printed by Thursday.

### **Membership: Bill Sigglekow**

Bill reported that he has sent a letter of invitation to Kingswood boys aged 11-14, inviting them to visit and consider joining the Troop. He sent about 20 letters. He stated that he has not yet begun a follow up on Scouts not attending, but will start soon. Jeff offered to assist in identifying those who are still good prospects, and suggested that Mr. Melton be kept informed. Bill also asked that we keep the Webelos II scouts in mind to participate in the December Trip to FDR State Park in Pine Mountain Georgia. Del Price is the Webelos leaders with whom we should communicate on this. Bill will ask the Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader to keep this in mind when planning at the next PLC meeting.

### **Training Chairman: Joseph Clements**

Joseph reported that he had e-mailed a document containing upcoming training opportunities to all of our registered Scouters at our e-mail discussion list ([troop-477-scouters@kingswoodumc.org](mailto:troop-477-scouters@kingswoodumc.org)). Roundtable is also good training. Joseph also reported that we may have to replace him in this position while he is in active duty military service. (likely in Iraq and/or Afghanistan)



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### **Equipment and Facilities: Hal Breffle (absent)**

Jeff reported that the work day service project accomplished a lot including cleaning the Scout Hut deck, gutters and exterior walls, although more work needs to be done on the walls. Mark Lindeman will be painting the handicapped parking spot for service hours.

### **Hospitality: Nancy Farrey/Sara Costner (absent)**

Next Court of Honor Date is January 6, 2005. Nancy and Sara are recommending that we make this a dinner meeting. Attendance is better when we have a dinner meeting. The PLC needs to determine if the boys will be cooking for their families.

### **Community Service/Good Turn: Ruthy Stephens**

Ruthy reported completion of the Kingswood Work day service project. She has submitted a log of hours worked by the eight scouts who participated. She will begin work to identify a family for our Christmas family Service Project. Next project after that will be Scouting For Food in conjunction with Scout Sunday. Suggestion was made and discussion followed that we should consider some hurricane relief service. Ruthy reported that we can always get names of disaster victims via Red Cross (fire/flood victims, etc.) Tabled for future discussion.

### **Treasurer: Mike LaPrade (absent)**

Troop Treasury & Financial Report was not available. Jeff reminded everyone that receipts need to be submitted within a month, using the "reporting" envelopes. You can place them in the Treasurer's mailbox for Mike to pick up.

Bill Sigglekow reported on behalf of Debbie Sigglekow regarding the popcorn fundraiser. He reported that two Show and Sell dates at Kingswood have been completed. The first day included 6 Scouts helping, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> day had 7 participating. Commissions for this will be divided among the participants Scout accounts. Sales totals were \$581.00. Bill urged all leaders to help keep the Scouts focused on October 21<sup>st</sup> as the deadlines for orders to be turned in. That is a hard "drop dead" date. Bill asked the committee to approve a Troop level prize award. Discussion ensued, and a prize structure using REI gift cards was approved as follows: First Place-\$50, Second Place-\$30, Third Place-\$20. The funds will come from the Troop's portion of the popcorn sales commission. Jeff suggested that those who would like to contribute towards paying for this may do so.

### **Advancement: Peter Bain (absent)**

September Advancement Report was not available. Jeff will request one be sent out via e-mail.

Life to Eagle transition chairman Bob Melton submitted information on Life Scouts doing Eagle Projects. They are: Andy Costner - Dunwoody HS; Andy Farrey - Chamblee HS; John Bever - Dunwoody Nature Center; Ben Kiesel. Bill Aaron reported that Brock is in the process of selecting an Eagle Project, and that Canine Assistants will likely be the beneficiary of Brock's project.

### **Health and Safety: Don Stephens (absent)**

Don was not present, and will likely not be very active until after December. He had reported to Jeff that he has begun studying BSA Health and Safety policies and requirements.



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### **Camping Chairman's Report: Bill Aaron**

Bill Aaron reviewed planning for the October Fishing trip to Woodruff Scout reservation. He reported that campmaster duties will be shared by Scoutmaster Melton and Assistant Scoutmaster Hetrick. **Bill committed to coordinate completion of the Permission slip and trip forms ASAP.** Reservations have been made, although the waterfront is already reserved for other groups, the lakefront may be used for fishing.

Bill reported that Jeff Glaze will be Campmaster for the November Backpacking trip the section III of the Benton Mackaye trail. Jeff reported his plan to have a two tiered trip for different ability levels. A longer hike for Scouts who are training for the Philmont trip or who want a more ambitious hike and are working on the backpacking merit badge.... and a shorter trip for less experienced backpackers. **Jeff requested additional adult help to be able to carry off the two tiered plan.** He needs adults who will participate on the longer hike, and additional adults to go on the shorter hike with him. Jeff reported a foot problem which may further shorten his hike. He also reported that he will be traveling to the trail heads to check them out during October. Jeff reported that permission slip and trip forms will be available the Thursday following the October camping trip.

**Bill Aaron reported on the status of Campmaster recruitment for future trips. We do not have many adults committed to this.** There was discussion about the immediate need for campmasters for the January Snow Skiing trip, as well as for the Yorktown and Cumberland Island trip. Jeff reported on behalf of Scoutmaster Melton, that the date to try to call and make the Cumberland Island reservation will be November 1<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers are needed to help make calls since the reservations are first come-first served. **Bill committed to coordinate the calling.**

Jeff reported on behalf of Joan Holladay that the custom patch for the September camping trip was received and distributed to participants at the Court Of Honor. Several committee members commented on the patches and that the Scouts received them well. **It was agreed that this was a great idea and we should do this for future trips, especially the December trip which will include Webelos.**

### **Scoutmaster's Report: Bob Melton (absent)**

Bob was absent due to a conflict. The PLC meeting was rescheduled for Tuesday October 5<sup>th</sup>. Bob submitted a report via e-mail: Need a check from Mike for the 2nd payment for Philmont. Bob will follow up. He said that there would be a Philmont meeting this month. He reported that Assistant Scoutmaster Patrol Advisor assignments have been made. **Jeff committed to get a list posted on the bulleting board and Web page ASAP.** **Bob also reported that he will plan on an ASM/SM meeting this month.**

### **Old Business/New Business:**

There was no discussion of old or new business.

### **Meeting adjourned:**

The meeting was adjourned. **Jeff Glaze committed to try to get the minutes out ASAP.** The next committee meeting is Monday November 1, 2004 at 7:45 PM.