



**BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA**

Troop 477 Committee Meeting Minutes

October 6th, 2003

Meeting called to order at 7:32 PM.

Present: Jeff Glaze, Peter Bain, Del Price, Nancy Farrey, Bill Aaron, Walt LaRoche, Sarah Costner, Henry Fisher, Carolyn Sparks, and later Jeremy Webber and Eric Kiesel.

Committee Reports:

Troop Committee Secretary (Carolyn Sparks, present)

Sept. meeting minutes approved. Past copies available on web page.

Committee Chairman (Jeff Glaze, present)

Jeff has already begun work on recharter.

1. Committee affirms that current dues will stay at \$65.00.
2. Both Youth and Adults **MUST respond to the letter**, otherwise be removed from the list.
3. **Jeff wants to add a few people to the committee or allow changes** of positions within the Committee or from Committee to ASM or vice versa. Please let Jeff know **by November**.
4. There is a need for someone to help as ASM with program planning by patrol assigned to programs for the month.

Charter Organization (Mark Botsch, absent)

1. The church is in the process of starting a Venture Crew.
 - a. The charter is in the approval process. See October troop newsletter for details.
 - b. Venturing is a co-ed generally high adventure activity for 14-21 year olds.
 - c. Activities are decided by Crewmembers.
 - d. Boys who have reached First Class my still work on their Eagle while part of a Venture Crew.
 - e. Sea Scouts is a variation of a Venture Crew that has the Quartermaster's award, which may be earned by the girls in the group. Boys may continue to work on Eagle.

Unit Commissioner's Report (Paul Porwoll, absent, Walt LaRoche reporting)

1. Roundtables are 2nd Tuesday each month.
 - a. Boy Scout Leader courses finished for this year.
 - b. Coin Collecting Merit Badge offered Nov. 8th (see website).
 - c. District Merit Badge day offered Nov. 8th (see <http://HightowerTrail.com/Merit.html>)
 - d. Leaders working on their scouter's key must attend 6 roundtables/yr for 2 yrs.
 - e. JLT info sponsored by Council is on website. Will be first week of June.
 - i. ****NOTE TO WALT**: Send an email to Bob and Joseph Clements regarding the JLT in June (fills up fast).

Camping Chairman's Report (Peter Bain, present)

1. Oct. Scoutland Boating & Sailing –Dr. Kiesel campmaster. Other adults: Jack Linder, Jeremy Webber. To date, 3 boys have turned in money for the trip: Sam Earl, Daniel Manning, and James Caveness.
 - a. Boys that go on this trip will need to be safe swim certified. This is now an annual requirement.
 - b. Wendy Gibbons has offered to take boys to Dynamo for certification. Cost is \$5.00.
 - c. Copies of trip forms were handed out along with newsletter at last scout meeting.
 - d. Permission slips due Thursday.
1. Nov. Backpacking, Panther Creek Falls – Bob Melton Camp Master
 - a. **Needs adults** for tour permit.



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- b. May sign up on website.
1. Dec. Scout Skills/Camp Thunder near Flint River – Hal Breffle campmaster.
 - a. Webelos will join us for this trip.
2. Jan. -PLC still to decide alternative trip. Cumberland Island reservations not available.
3. September trip went well with 5 boys and 3 adults. Scouts that went were the younger scouts, including new scout Daniel Manning. For some it was the first backpacking trip. Six-mile hike was of reasonable difficulty; boys got to swim in the river.

Newsletter and Communications (Open, Jeff Glaze doing temporarily)

1. Newsletter will be mailed out in addition to being emailed and handed out at meetings. Undecided as to whether this will be to entire troop or selected individuals.
2. Jeff wants **Committee members and boys to submit a paragraph** about their areas to be incorporated into the newsletter. Goal is to only have to assemble reports already written with info needed by parents.

Treasurer (Mike LaPrade, present)

3. Reconciled report passed out to all members present.
4. Check for nearly \$600.00 issued to Bob Melton for a year worth of expenses related to Eagle projects.
5. A check for \$1235.00 was given to Josh Blanton's grandmother to keep in trust for his education.
6. Receipts needing reimbursement are still slow in being turned in.
7. Troop has spent approximately the amount it has brought in.
8. May have to file a tax return because >\$25K passed through the account. ****Ask Steve Bancroft about this.**
9. If Philmont expenses can be on a separate account, this would stay under \$25K.
10. Popcorn money due Oct. 25th; delivery slated for Nov. 15th. Total commitment if met will be over \$2,400.

Community Service/Good Turn (Del Price, present)

11. Charis House (Sara Costner reporting) – 4 boys and 4 adults helped with siding. Scouts who participated were: Andy Costner, J.T. Sparks, Hayden Aaron, and Tim Newlands.
12. Next Charis House opportunity will be Oct. 25th for landscaping and dedication. Sign up sheets will be posted Thursday. Will leave Scout Hut at 8:00, project probably approx. 3 hours.
13. District Service day in December has not yet been organized but will be soon. Likely to be helping at schools as was last year.
14. Church plans to have brush cleaned out of overgrown areas. This could be a service and teaching activity. ****Jeff to talk to Church about specifics.**

Advancement Chairman (Jack Linder, absent)

1. September: 4 merit badges and 1 rank advancement were awarded.
 - i. Andy Costner – Environmental Science & Personal Management
 - ii. J.T. Sparks – Swimming
 - iii. Mark Lindemann – Fire Safety
 - iv. Daniel Manning – Scout Rank
2. November 8th – District Merit Badge event at Stone Mountain. Info on website.
1. November 8th – Council sponsored Coin collecting merit badge.
****Assistant Scoutmasters need to talk these events up so the boys know about them.**
2. Mr. Melton is working with the Life Scouts: Harrison Bain and Danny Gibbons should be close to completing requirements for Eagle.



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Equipment and Facilities (Hal Breffle, absent)

1. Fire extinguisher has been missing for quite some time. **Jeff** obtaining another so scout hut up to fire codes.

Membership (Henry Fisher, present)

1. Recruitment is in progress. Not much progress, but will continue. 3 boys have joined from word of mouth.
2. Cub Scout Pack activity list was distributed. Boy who participated in these activities can get credit for service hours and/or nights toward their camping merit badges. If boys who can't get to our campouts can come to these.
3. Chronological list follows (**to be added to our troop calendar**):
 - 10/18/03 – District Webelos Woods, location TBA, sponsored by Pack
 - 11/1-11/2 – Chattanooga overnight trip, sponsored by pack
 - 12/5-12/6 – Camp Thunder Joint Pack/Troop camping trip
 - 1/24/04 – Pinewood Derby @ Church, 3 service hours sponsored by Pack
 - 2/7-2/8 – Polar Bear Camping trip @ Simpsonwood, sponsored by Pack
 - 2/29/04 – Blue & gold @ Church, sponsored by Pack, 2 service hours
 - 3/22/04 – Webelos II Crossover @ Church, sponsored by Pack & Troop, 2 service hours
 - 4/??/04 – Spring Campout, location TBA, sponsored by Pack

Health & Safety (Wendy Gibbons, absent)

1. Unsure as to status of health forms.
 - a. Two of the new boys have turned in health forms.
1. **New boys joining troop need** swim test (should be done annually). Wendy Gibbons has offered to take them to Dynamo for a cost of \$5.00 for the swim test. ****Eric Kiesel to email Jeff about swim requirements**

Hospitality co-chair (Nancy Farrey present)

1. Next court of honor – Jan. 22nd, will discuss at next meeting.
2. Hospitality committee to keep up with cards for families as necessary.
3. Committee members to let Jeff know of things that happen in boys' families that we may appropriately follow up.

Training Chairman (Joseph Clements, absent)

1. Opportunities covered under advancement (above).

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

Scoutmaster's Report (Jeremy Webber acting for Bob Melton)

1. PLC will call all scouts to let them know to bring \$15.00 and to be at Scout Hut at 7:15 to go to Greek Festival. Return time – 9:30.
2. This trip may be counted toward Citizenship in the World and Community requirements.
3. October camping trip is ideal for a good campfire program. Cobra patrol should think about something for a program.

Other Business

1. Committee approved donation to troop of hostess gifts earned through Tupperware parties.



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Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM. Next Meeting Monday Nov. 3rd @ 7:30 PM.