



Troop 477

Committee Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2003

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

Attendees: Andy Costner, Jeff Glaze, Henry Fisher, Joseph Clements, Tom Bever, Bruce Lindemann, Jack Linder, Nancy Farrey, Sara Costner, and Del Price.

Committee Reports:

Troop Committee Secretary Carolyn Sparks was absent. Mr. Glaze commended her efforts as our new secretary and asked all if they had received a copy of the March Committee minutes via e-mail. Some did not. Mr. Glaze will ensure that their addresses are added to the e-mail list, and will generate the minutes for this month's meeting. Goal is to publish minutes ASAP after the meeting to ensure that participants are reminded of discussions and commitments made.

Committee Chairman Jeff Glaze reported that Troop Committee positions are mostly filled. New additions include Assistant Scoutmaster Joseph Clements, who will be serving as Training Chairman. He will be inventorying adult leader training status and promoting training opportunities. Please respond when he requests your training status. Mr. Clements is an Eagle Scout. Mr. Glaze also announced that effective tonight, Jack Linder will be serving as Troop Advancement Chairman. He has already begun, and is off to a good start.

Chartered Organization Representative Mark Botsch was absent. No report available. Discussion of the need to encourage the church to offer the God & Country Program for our protestant youth was discussed. Mr. Glaze will contact Mr. Botsch to encourage this. The church should be offering this on an annual basis. Mr. Glaze brought up phone service at the Scout Hut. In mid 1990's the Troop Committee requested that the church install a phone. This was done at a cost to the Troop of about \$13.99 per month (recent discounts have brought it to \$12.45/month) to be paid annually. For unknown reasons, sometime about 2-3 years ago the Troop quit paying its bill. We are in arrears to the church. Motion made by Mr. Price that we have the phone service to the Scout Hut removed. Discussion followed. Motioned seconded by Mr. Lindemann. Vote was taken to end phone service. Mr. Botsch will be asked to report this request to the church, and to negotiate with church on payment of past due balance, requesting that the church forgive some amount of the bill due to the fact that the phone was not working for some unknown amount of time during that 2-3 year period.

Unit Commissioner Paul Porwoll was absent. A brief discussion about monthly program planning Roundtable ensued, with emphasis on training opportunities, and the importance of regular attendance by Assistant Scoutmasters. Next Roundtable is April 8th.

Camping Chairman Peter Bain was absent. No report available. Discussion followed.

April Caving trip planning discussion ensued. Campmaster Webber was not in attendance.

Permission slips including Pathways waiver are on bulletin board and Troop Web page. 13 Scouts currently signed up. Permission due by April 17. Cost: \$37.50. New Scouts welcome too!

May trip is backpacking at Panther Creek Falls, with 5 mile hiking. Campmaster is Bob Melton.

Details need to be finalized ASAP and permission slip available by April 24th due to early May date of the trip. Mr. Glaze will follow up with Dr. Bain and Mr. Melton on this.

Philmont Crew Planning discussion, Tom Bever is Campmaster. Philmont trek #22 was chosen.

Rugged but do-able. Two crews will participate together. 18 participants, 7 adults and 11 Scouts.

Mr. Bever requested committee to consider paying half of cost for van transport to and from

Colorado Springs. Cost about \$1350.00. Funds to come from transportation account that

Kingswood holds for Troop use. \$5000.00 donated anonymously in mid-90's. Still about \$2800.00 in

that fund. Committee voted to approve expenditure of \$1350.00 for this from transport fund.

Summer Camp Planning underway, Wendy Gibbons coordinating; not present. Mr. Glaze committed to contact Wendy to follow up on planning. Treasurer shows 10 Scouts having pre-paid. We need



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to get Scouts signed up for their classes and programs; Mr. Linder to help coordinate badge sign-up based on individual Scout's advancement needs.

Newsletter and Communications position is open. Mr. Glaze is maintaining e-mailing list and web page.

Treasurer Mike LaPrade was not present but submitted a written report. March monthly income was \$1030.25, including collection of summer camp fees and dues for new scouts. Expenses were \$579.00. Current funds available to the Troop are \$9047.00. It was suggested that detailed reports not necessary except perhaps quarterly. Troop Ledger Software is working and in use by the treasurer. Discussion about overcharge for February trip ensued. Consensus was that overcharge would be credited to individual scout accounts to be applied to future outings. Discussion ensued regarding defining items Troop provides to new Scouts who join the Troop either by crossover from a Cub Scout Pack. Need written definition. Discussion identified the following: Scouts who crossover get Neckerchief and slide, and epaulets. All Scouts receive Troop custom hat upon receipt of Scout Badge. Mr. Glaze will post this with updated Price list. Books are sold to other Scouts at cost. We will also provide book covers at cost.

Community Service/Good Turn chairman Del Price reported that Scouting for Food service project was very successful. Discussion revealed that we collected in excess of 3000 food items. We missed the April 5th work day on the church grounds due to short notice. Next work day will be in the fall. Our next major service project is the Kingswood Mission Market. Mr. Price is awaiting contact with Anna Belle Pyle from Kingswood to finalize our participation. Mr. Glaze described this activity as fund raiser to support youth and adult overseas mission trip. It was noted that this can count towards Scout's advancement either as service hours or as a Troop activity. Mr. Glaze committed to contact Mrs. Pyle to encourage contact with Mr. Price.

Advancement Chairman Jack Linder reported that he has started as advancement chairman and is learning the intricacies our advancement software. He will be prepared at next meeting to report April's advancements. Jack brought up question of who can sign off requirements in the Scout Handbook. The Scoutmaster and his Assistant Scoutmasters, the Senior Patrol Leader and his assistant, the Troop Guide, and Troop Instructor, may sign off requirements. The Advancement Chairman may do so too, when necessary. Mr. Linder reported on the availability of the Jewish Community Center swimming pool for completed various water/swimming advancement requirements. Parents may counsel their Scouts on Merit Badges if and only if they include other Scouts in the Merit Badge offering. The parent should not sign off on his/her own son's merit badge, but should have another adult do this.

Life to Eagle Process: Bob Melton not present. Mr. Glaze reported that Blake Zimmerman is in the process of planning his Eagle Court Of Honor, which will likely be held at Dunwoody Nature Center on a Sunday afternoon in early May. The Eagle Board of Review for Josh Weiner is to be held 6:00 PM Sunday April 13th. Those committed to serve are Mr. Glaze, Mrs. Costner, Mr. Linder, and Mr. LaRoche.

The Troop Court Of Honor is currently scheduled for May 1, 2003. Mr. Melton requested that we delay one week to May 8th so that he may be in attendance. The Committee approved this change. Mr. Glaze will ask Mr. Botsch to schedule use of the Fellowship Hall.

Equipment and Facilities chairman Hal Breffle not present. Troop Committee is still awaiting equipment purchase recommendations from Quartermaster and Patrol Leader's Council. SPL Andy Costner committed to follow up on this by the next Committee meeting. Mr. Breffle will be asked to assist the Quartermaster in making the purchases. Mr. Bever recommended that the Philmont equipment list might be a document to review to identify needed equipment.



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Membership Chairman is open. However, Mr. Lindemann performed a great service for the Troop as our Webelos to Scout transition chairman this year. He has recommended that Mr. Fisher be our Webelos to Scout Transition chairman for 03-04. Mr. Fisher agreed to do so stating that Mr. Lindemann set a high standard. Mr. Glaze is still looking for a person to serve as membership chairman responsible for general oversight of recruiting efforts. (Currently non-existent). Mr. Lindemann reported that the new boys brought into the Troop formed the Cobra patrol, with 8 boys.

Health and Safety chairman Wendy Gibbons was absent. Mr. Glaze stressed the importance of adults who are going on trips (especially summer camp) to get their class III medical forms completed and turned in. Wendy will let you know if your health for is expired. We are working on keeping expiration info in the Troopmaster software so that we can easily manage updates of the health form.

Hospitality co-chairs Nancy Farrey and Sara Costner will organize desserts for the May 8th Troop Court of Honor. The Committee left it to them to determine details.

Training Chairman Joseph Clements reported that youth protection training is available Tuesday April 8th at Roundtable. He is preparing to "inventory" the training status of all registered adult leaders. He will likely contact everyone with a request to provide as much of this info as possible. Once done he will promote training opportunities and organize Troop level training opportunities.

Senior Patrol Leader Andy Costner was present and reported that the patrol leader's council is doing its planning for upcoming meetings. Diamondback patrol is program patrol for April. Andy will contact Jordan Hall (Patrol Leader) regarding program planning. Backpacking presentation by Andy and Brock Aaron on May 1st.

Scoutmaster Bob Melton was not present. He requested that Mr. Glaze be acting Scoutmaster at this week's meeting. Mr. Glaze reported that we need an assistant Scoutmaster to volunteer to be the Cobra Patrol advisor. He also reported that Mr. Bever is not currently able to serve as advisor for the Wolverine patrol and that we need to recruit an assistant Scoutmaster for that patrol. No advisors were identified. Mr. Glaze will work with Mr. Melton to recruit these Patrol Advisors.

Old Business/New Business:

A Troop Color Guard is being formed with Mr. Glaze leading the effort. The first activity will be a June 14th Flag day Flag Disposal Ceremony. We will collect flags for disposal in accordance with the US Flag Code.

Memorial Day flag placement at the Marietta National Cemetery was suggested as a Troop activity that we add to our calendar.

Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Next committee meeting is Monday May 5, 2003 at 7:30 PM.