

Troop 477 Committee Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2008 7:45 PM

Members Present: Peter Bain, Gene Gwaltney, Bob Melton; Jeff Glaze, Barry Deutsch, Joan Holladay, Jeff Sheiner, Rich Butera, Nancy Farrey, Mike LaPrade,

Committee Chair Joan Holladay called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM. The minutes had been emailed and extra copies were available for distribution. The minutes were approved.

Joan Holladay reported that the motion adopted at the last committee meeting regarding probation for three Scouts had been amended with the approval of Scoutmaster Bob Melton, Summer Campmaster Warren Martin and Committee Chair Joan Holladay. The new motion will allow the Scouts to learn from their mistakes under the close supervision of the Scoutmasters. For 90 days, the Scouts may attend Troop meetings in Class A uniforms and will meet with Bob each week to work toward advancements. They will not be allowed to go on Troop outings or campouts while on probation for the 90 days. The Scouts must apologize to the Troop. After 90 days, the Scouts may go on outings and campouts again. The Scouts must follow the Scout Law at all times and any other misbehavior will be grounds for dismissal from the Troop

Joan will meet on Tuesday night, August 12, with the KUMC Board of Trustees. She will present several scenarios regarding the Scout hut to the Church leaders. The Church could raze the Scout hut and move the Scouting program into the church; the Church could rebuild the existing trailer piecemeal; the Church could raze the Scout hut and move the Scouting programs to the church's house; the Church could raze the trailer and rebuild a free standing building for the Scout hut. Joan will ask the Trustees to approve her recommendation to raze the Scout hut and rebuild a free standing facility. The Board of Trustees can approve and put their approval in writing. Joan thanked Mike LaPrade for his excellent service as Troop Treasurer. Rich Butera will be taking over the job of Treasurer over the next several weeks. The Troop's share of the cost for tree removal was \$212.50. The other half will come from the Troop's account at the Church. Congratulations to Gene for completing his Wood Badge. His recognition may be at the Court of Honor on September 4. The use of the gym by Scouts on Thursday nights will be discussed.

Camping report was given by Gene Gwaltney. The August campout will be climbing at Atlanta Rocks. It may be an overnight campout. Joan will be there and will recruit a few other leaders. On September 19-21, Doug Newlands will be campmaster for a mountain biking campout. On August 23, the Troop Planning meeting will be held at Kingsley Swim and Tennis. Lunch will consist of cold cuts. Kingsley is reserved. Kingsley Cleanup Day will be held in the fall. They will email the Troop and let us know the tasks the Scouts could do. The second NT crew had a great trip. Both crews and the Troop will participate in a cleanup day at the Dog Park. Team building activities went well, but more could have been done. Gin Shaw has produced a Northern Tier memory book. Jeff Glaze suggested running our own summer camp and coordinating a merit badge clinic during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. Joan suggested a trip to the International Scout Center in Switzerland over the summer for a Troop outing. There is skiing in winter and many activities in summer.

Health and Safety Thanks to Jeff Sheiner who will take over this role. All the forms have been alphabetized. The suggestion was to make a copy of the original on colored paper for the Campmaster to use. When a new current health form is received from a Scout, the older one should be shredded.

Treasurer Mike LaPrade reported a balance of approximately \$7700. Kathy Yoakum will be our Popcorn Chair again. The Troop needs last year's balances for the Scout accounts.

Publicity Jeff Glaze needs articles on Tuesday for the Troop newsletter.

Advancements Peter reported 10 merit badge and 3 rank advancements. Bill Kelly has volunteered to be a merit badge counselor. Peter puts the Scout history in the Patrol Box every few months and the Assistant Scoutmaster goes over it with the Scout and updates his Scout book.

Hospitality The next Court of Honor will be on Thursday, September 4. The Troop will provide fried chicken and the PLC will assign Patrols to bring side items, desserts and drinks.

Scoutmaster Bob Melton reported on the progress of the Life to Eagle Scouts. Michael Fessenden has completed all his requirements and will have his Eagle Board of Review on August 10. Nick Lichirie plans his Eagle project at DUMC. Dan Farrey did most of his Eagle project during the summer. Three other boys are thinking about projects. The Troop needs to have an Assistant Scoutmaster's meeting.

The next Troop Committee meeting will be on September 8 at 7:45.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.