

Troop Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 28, 2006, 6:30 p.m.
Papa's Café

Committee members in attendance were: Warren Swader, Harold Clipper, Lisa Parker, Joyce Brown and Jennifer Boyd.

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m. by Warren Swader.

Minutes from the August 24th committee meeting were reviewed and approved. Lisa Parker made a motion for approval which was seconded by Jennifer Boyd.

Eagle Project Status:

Scott Lantis finished his project last weekend. Scouts who should be next are Trevor Mellburg, Bruce Brown, Erin Broihier and Chris Chambers. Erin has two years to go with only one merit badge left to complete. Harold mentioned that he did not make the Scoutmaster Conference and has not been attending Troop meetings so there was a question as to his status. Chris Chambers has until February and still has four merit badges to complete with one of them being Personal Management, which is required and takes 3 months for completion.

Court of Honor:

The Court of Honor went well considering the boys were running it. Warren added \$150 into the budget for COH supplies. It was noted that we need to purchase a Boy Scout banner for the front table and that we need to build up decorations over time—which is why the \$150 was included.

Reports:

PLC Review:

They are meeting. The idea that SPL's and ASM's go camping on a Saturday (without the rest of the troop) was suggested.

Treasurer:

Popcorn: Joyce reported that we made approximately \$1000 in Show 'N Sell in two days. Take Order sales are on now. Warren said that there are more popcorn forms in the cabinet at the church. Approximately \$2000 for popcorn is due to council tomorrow. Joyce will need a check or cash and will need Jenny and whomever signs checks to get it to her tomorrow. Joyce received some cash from Harold from the last SNS. If she still needs a check, she will contact Warren. Profits from the SNS go to the troop and Take Order profits will go to the individual Scout accounts.

Treasurer: The FY'07 budget was approved. The motion for approval was made by Lisa and seconded by Joyce. All were in agreement that it is subject to being adapted as we go through the year.

It was also approved that the troop purchase a prepaid card for \$200 from HEB to purchase groceries for campouts. The card can be refilled as needed. That will save the "purchaser" from having to get a check each time. The purchaser will need to have a

copy of the Tax Exempt form. It was suggested that we print out several copies so we have them on hand for this.

Derrick Mellberg ran into a problem and had to pay out of pocket at the Scout Shop. We need to set up a Troop account at the Scout Shop. We had the choice to set it up with our council in Waco, or in Austin. Austin was decided and agreed upon due to a larger supply and selection, more courteous employees, and their willingness to ship if needed. We will need to get with Derrick to get an estimate from him of an amount to start an account with and will approve at the next committee meeting.

Outdoor Event Coordinator:

Guadalupe River Cleanup: Harold mentioned that during the trip, they encountered a bad storm. He stated that he would have left the area, but due to a lack of cars for the amount of Scouts, he was unable to do so. He stated that we need to make it a rule that for every Troop activity, we have a minimum of 3 adults. That will not only take care of the transportation problem, but if a boy gets hurt and an adult takes him to the hospital, there will still be two deep leadership at the activity. He also mentioned the idea of looking into the cost/access of a 15 passenger van. We will check with car lots and investigate ideas. It was also mentioned that we could see about merging with other troops for camping trips in order to get enough adults if we don't from our own troop.

LBJ Campout: Campout is October 7-8. Permission slips will be due to Lisa on Monday or Thursday to Harold at the shakedown. The Boy Scouts will work with Webelos from Pack 207 on the Outdoorsman Activity Pin. This will not only help the Webelos fulfill the requirement to camp with a Troop, but will be a recruiting event for us. We need to be prepared for a burn ban. They will plan and cook a meal. We will have a campfire program and the Webelos can do skits too.

Haunted Hayrides: October 28-29. We will be acting as "ghouls" and "Star Wars" type characters for the hayride. The boys will need to do some type of scary acting for the event. We will have a Scouts Own Service on Sunday morning.

We need more leaders/parent volunteers to help with activities.

Troop Website: Jennifer stated that a website is completed and had just got the domain name this evening. It hadn't updated or been working online prior to the meeting, but said it would be by Monday night's troop meeting since the web address would be announced in the troop newsletter. She set up the site so there are no pop-ups or other ads and registered the domain name. She is currently paying the monthly fees but said she would have the fee info for the committee at the next meeting.

Boulders: Harold stated the total cost is \$400 but that they need \$200 of it as a deposit. This is for 20 Scouts. They are not certified in CPR/First Aid to BSA standards, but Harold and Warren are. Harold will call them tomorrow to plan this as a summertime activity (if they have air conditioning) or if not, may plan earlier.

Equipment: Warren requested permission to purchase 2 new lantern globes. He also stated we need another patrol box which will cost approximately \$200 per box (and we eventually need 4). We also need to purchase a dining fly or canopy, either 10x20 or 20x20 with poles. The motion was made to approve by Jennifer and seconded by Joyce. The troop would also like to purchase troop tents. These would be two man tents of all the same style to have some uniformity. Jennifer mentioned that Wal-Mart gives grants. It was also mentioned that the Fort Hood Officers Wives Club and Thrift Shop give grants as well. We will get with Jenny to have her do the forms/letters of request.

Membership: Warren gave recharter forms at the Court of Honor. Will do the recharter at the end of October so that it's done on time. Fees are \$12 membership and \$12 Boys' Life for a total of \$24. That will help us make Quality Unit with 100% Boys' Life. We expect to have 6 new Webelos from Warren's den, approximately 7-10 total crossing over into the troop.

Scoutmaster: Needs more leaders or adults to help on campouts. Harold will be conducting the Protestant religious course. Look for it in the beginning of November.

Roundtable: Will be held on Tuesday, October 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Food for Families: Will be held at the Special Events Center

Business items:

Newsletter: Jennifer presented previews of the October newsletter. They will be ready and given out at Monday's troop meeting.

Merit Badge College: November 4th and 11th. Also have an opportunity for MB college in Austin.

The next committee meeting will be held on Thursday, October 26th at Papa's Café.

Joyce made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Jennifer. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.