

Troop 957 Committee Meeting Minutes—4/29/03 Meeting

Attendees: Rick Lisk Mike Berno Lori Jacobs Earl Hughes
Barbara Counts David Payne Warren Hall Darlene Stokes
Jody Williford

The meeting began with the Treasurer's report.

Balance= +\$2253.82 of which only about \$800 considered available for expenses

Future Puts and Takes

Portion belonging to boys accounts= -\$500 est.

Astros, camp refunds= -\$150 est.

Portion needing to be held for summer camp= -\$800 est.

Current debt (trailers, equipment etc.)= -\$3770 est.

The Chairman (Rick) brought up the fact that now that we have the trailers, we need a place to store them, preferably free. Air conditioning is not required. With so little operating money the troop cannot afford to pay a storage fee. The church is afraid of vandalism and will not allow us to keep the trailers on church property. David Payne talked the possibility of locking them in a large shipping container and storing that container at his worksite. In the meantime all parents are asked to forward other ideas to Rick.

A 10 year URL has been donated to the troop so we will have our own website. Until then the Scoutmaster (Chris) will continue to post things on Yahoo Groups.

There has been a good response to the campouts.

The rest of the meeting concerned filling key committee positions desperately needed by the Scoutmaster, especially Outdoor Coordinator and Equipment Coordinator. The Outdoor Coordinator is responsible for working all logistics associated with the campouts, including tour permits, reserving the camp sites and setting up transportation of boys and equipment to and from. David Payne and Jodi Williford expressed interest in job-sharing along with David's wife Mary. The Equipment Coordinator is the committee member responsible for inventorying and maintaining all equipment used by the troop such as the grub box building and trailer mods Chris has been spending so much time on for the past couple of months. Dave Wisniewski (by proxy), Warren Hall and Mike Berno expressed interest in job-sharing this one. Darlene and Earl mentioned that this position in other troops goes to one of the assistant scoutmasters.

Other positions discussed include Health/Safety (keep track of boys medical forms) which Mike Berno is interested in, Troop Historian/Librarian (keep track of program materials, the boys notebooks as well as troop event photos) which Melissa Rehak may be interested in, and Fundraising Chairman (Popcorn Kernel) which Lori Jacobs may consider. Positions without any takers include Secretary (minutes, resource inventory and parents newsletter), Advancements Coordinator (run board of reviews), Merit Badge Coordinator (track parents willing to act as POC for various badges), Training Coordinator (track which parents need what training to

remain current as scoutmasters or committee members) and a Membership Coordinator (address/phone no./e-mail address updates, registration form tracking etc.). This last one is another Chris badly needs help with. He had thought Mary Payne was interested in helping in this area.

The last thing discussed was when to have the committee challenge, a training event for possible committee members. Dates talked include May 18th, May 19th and May 29th. For anyone reluctant to volunteer until after the challenge because you think you will find out a lot more about the duties of the various positions, based on my experience last year, it doesn't make that much difference. We need you now, not a month from now.

Barbara Counts

Troop 957 Treasurer, Secretary and Advancements Coordinator

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