Troop 957 Committee Meeting Minutes—7/20/03 Meeting

Attendees:	Rick Lisk	Lori Jacobs	Dave Wisniewski
	Chris and Barbara Counts	Danny Wright	Dean and Judy Hulsey
	Jody Williford	Darlene Stokes	Missy Adam

Going down Rick's agenda:

1) For the Treasurer's report, the troop currently has $1430.55 in the troop account after CIMA expenses. Of this, about a third really belongs to the boys. The liability account remains at $3770.88 logged and another few hundred in unlogged receipts from recent work on the trailer etc. Future expenses will include misc. items to fill out the patrol kits discussed below (minor) and, eventually, a second trailer. It was very obvious during the CIMA trip that once the boys' equipment was added to the troop equipment the trailer was maxed out in terms of weight.
2) CIMA happenings were briefly talked. The same issue with inaccurate merit badge card signoffs occurred at CIMA as had happened previously at Strake. Boys were given credit for completing work that they did not do. The nature badge was the biggest offender. One of the requirements involves 30 days of record keeping, which is obviously impossible during a 5 day camp. This is similar to what happened at Strake where some boys got credit for completing a basketry kit that they hadn't even bought.
3) The troop will be reorganizing in August into 4 patrols from the current 3 (Frilled Lizards, Scorpions and Falcons). We are limiting the troop to a maximum of 36 boys. There will be the 4 boy patrols, plus the adult "pizza" patrol. The green bars or PLC (Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, plus the 4 Patrol Leaders elected by each patrol) will be part of the pizza patrol on campouts. All of this means we will need a work day before the August campout to ensure the troop equipment can support this. Since David Payne and Warren Hall have stated they are sharing the Equipment Coordinator task, it is their responsibility to set this up. They will need to inventory the equipment, split it into the needed sets, identify any needed or missing items that need to be bought, go buy them and mark everything accordingly. The current stamp process didn't work; model airplane paint was discussed as a possibility. David and Warren will need to go figure out if this will work. Since Brosig is closed, the August campout will most probably be in Huntsville so the boys can work on their backpacking and compass requirements.
4) The troop still needs a secretary (generate minutes) and a training coordinator (track adult training needs). Any families that do not have a parent either active on the committee or acting as a scoutmaster should consider volunteering. Our troop is small enough that we need every one to help out.
5) The troop still needs volunteers to help the boys with getting their merit badges. We have boys interested in merit badges for which no one has stepped up to help out. There are over 100 merit badges in all possible areas of interest. Check out www.meritbadge.com to see what is involved (not much).
6) The board of review will be Tuesday. Fletcher and D.A. will have their boards for their Star rank while Chase P. will have his for his Tenderfoot rank.
7) The associated court of honor will be hosted by Missy Adam at her house in Pinebrook July 29th. Ice cream sundaes and swimming after the ceremony will be the plan. Every boy will be getting some kind of award, whether merit badges or rank advancement acknowledgement, so please try and attend.
8) Commitments for the August 2nd fishing trip are due to Danny Wright by this Tuesday,