

## Troop Committee Meeting—February 8, 2004

**Attendees:** Mary Payne, Rick Lisk, Dave Wisniewski, Chris Counts, Barbara Counts, Jody Williford, Lori Jacob, Mike Berno, Dan Burbank

Preliminary results of the recent inventory party are in. Ten of the twenty boys showed up to support this mandatory event. They found 1 of the missing tents and the food box. That means we are missing 2 tents, a large frying pan and two coolers. Warren and John were taking notes, but have not yet passed them on to the committee.

The troop balance stands at \$15810.85, with \$12013.90 of that held in reserve for the ski trip or the boys (popcorn earnings and assorted overpayments). Expected incoming funds include about \$800 in corporate volunteer grants, \$1200 in registration and the \$300 in back dues owed by the boys. Outgoing funds include \$1500 for t-shirts and equipment related to the new boys and the \$600 or so spent on the trailer enclosure. Troop debt is currently at \$5847.40.

The spaghetti dinner fundraiser is set for Wednesday February 18<sup>th</sup>. So far 30 tickets have been sold. The boys can buy tickets at tomorrow's meeting. Tickets are \$5 and will cover a dinner and drink there starting at 6pm or a to-go plate starting at 5:30. The boys need to show up at 5:00. Initial prep will be Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:00 and will continue at the Tuesday meeting. Lori is checking to see if her crawfish strainer will work. If not, the troop can purchase equipment from a restaurant supply store.

For scouts interested in rank advancements, the Brosig campout February 27-28 with the large amount of cooking that will occur should be a high priority. For the March ski trip, there will be a planning meeting February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

As always, there is a lot of scheduling detail that I do not give here. Please, please, please go to the website and view the calendar.

Chris gave a two page Scoutmasters report, which I have included here:

- TMME DotNet going well, still need to get a bit more consistent on inputting requirements updates
- Scout Sunday –
  - Brentley and Alex did great leading parts of worship
  - Renny handled the ushers well
  - Great response – David Layman wants to work with us on other service items
- Bastrop Orienteering went well. Not as many completed course as was expected. Brentley Rehak and Steven Jacob came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in S-T-2 division out of about 50 teams. Scouts had fun but probably took skills needed for granted.
- Firearms Training – Scoutmasters are continuing with training in prep for Shooting Sports this summer. These folks that have completed the NRA training will run courses but we will need plenty of help from parents to stay safe. See CO also.
  - Rifle Trained – Counts, D. Williford, Rehak
  - Shotgun Trained – Counts, D. Williford, REhak, Hulse
  - Muzzle Loading Rifle – Counts, D. Williford
  - Muzzle Loading Shotgun – TBD (Counts for sure)

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- Movie Night – less turnout than what was “reserved”, Scouts seemed to have fun with movie and we had a good discussion of various leadership and character traits. Continuing this month with The Emperors Club.
- Purchases
  - Neckerchiefs, Loops, Slides, Unit Numbers for incoming (have notebooks)
  - Class – B Design voting on Tuesday 2/10 then will press with shirts
  - Tents – 10 7x9 Unipens on order (need to make ground tarps)
  - Still Need – 2 red water coolers
  - Looking at printed gym shorts for Personal Fitness in the fall
- Trailer Cleanup – only 10 Scouts showed up (< ½ of Troop)
- Scoutmaster Meetings – will continue about once a month
- Elections – PLC and OA on Tuesday 2/10. We will need to work another reorg and are going to have Scouts figure out patrols in a more controlled environment.
- Rising Star Canoe Clinic Training – Flatwater and Whitewater Training was originally planned for adults but has now been opened up to Scouts also. Adult training required to take Troop on canoe trips. Youth may not be allowed to do Whitewater if they don't have sufficient strength during flatwater.
  - Adults – Counts, Rehak, J. Williford, D. Williford, Burbank, Wright, MacLean
  - Youth – Counts, Rehak, Williford, Burbank, J. Wright, E. Wright, Berno, Hall, MacLean
- Jamboree – Forms need to go in ASAP or will be on waiting list.
- Cooking MB – started last week – great smells from the kitchens
- Need to work with CLCC on schedules and Danny on repairing range in kitchen
- February is a cooking campout at Brosig. Free time for advancements.
- May Campout – being held at Bludworth Farm (Jody's family's farm) the weekend after school is out. Leave Friday – come back ??? (late Sunday or late on Memorial Day?) Would be a three night CO if we stay till Monday. Will have canoes on stock pond, lots of spots to explore, and the shooting sports. Will definitely need adults to monitor activities.
- Incoming Scouts
  - Pack 957 - David Jacob, Weston O'Neill, Robert Beisert, Drew Manning, Ben Musso, David Levy, C. J. Primm (parents have not come to meeting yet), Garrett Johnson,
  - Pack 956 - Mike Lloyd, Allen Wild, Julian Gallardo.
  - Current Troop level – 21 on the books
- Summer Camp
  - Buffalo Trails – will take all Scouts interested if we have enough adults
  - McDonald Observatory + ????
  - Camp Strake – rotate leaders but need one there all week for continuity

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- Florida Sea Base
  - Summer 2005 – have entered lottery – 5 Scouts eligible to go – first HA activity
  - Survivor type island adventure vs sailing the Florida Keys or Bahamas
  - ~ \$1000 / person includes airfare
  - Would require meeting Troop's HA activities
- Older Scout Program
  - Opportunities for older Scouts to work on MB outside TM. Example is Hiking MB.
- March 9 Webelos / Scout Open House
  - Need photos to Darlene for Slide Show. Any and all you've got. Any activity.
  - Probably need to cut CD-Rom and hand out to everyone with all pix
  - Will show past Camp Strake video and BTSR slides
  - Need snacks
  - CC/SM – talks to adults
  - Scouts get to know patrol members
  - Expect some 956 Scouts to begin attending in 2 weeks.
  - Will be in fellowship hall due to primary election
- Troop "Official Photo"
  - Would like group and individual photos of each member
  - History + pix when on campouts in case of emergency

The final order of business was to unanimously nominate Dave Wisniewski as the next committee chair.

The next committee meeting will be Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. This meeting will also serve as final prep for the March 9<sup>th</sup> Webelos Welcome parents intro meeting the following Tuesday. Dave has suggested that all committee members give a two minute summary of just what it is they do as a committee member and what positions need additional support. Everyone who has one is supposed to wear their uniform to the Webelos Welcome to make it obvious that they are with the troop and will be happy to answer basic questions.

Barbara  
Troop 957 Treasurer, Advancements Chair and Secretary