

Troop Committee Minutes – August 15, 2006
Meeting Opened – 7:12 pm

Attendees: Barbara and Chris Counts, Doug and Jody Williford (p/t), Mike Berno, Aracelli Casso, Steve Beisert, Rebecca and Max Musso, David Lopez, Jane Hall, Missy Adam, Mike Massimino, John MacLean, Lori Johnson, and Dave Wisniewski.

Dave's agenda included the following topics...

- 1) Troop Leadership and Elections – New goals for this election include a stronger relationship between boys' leadership and adults, leadership and SPL, and APL's, Scout Liaisons and patrol leaders. Doug spoke with the boys prior to their elections to strongly suggest that they review the responsibilities of their elected office, and that the scouts could lose credit for their term if responsibilities are not met.
- 2) Patrols and Assistant Scout Masters – Four patrols were established based on scouts' experience. A roster will follow.
 - a. High Adventure [HA – “Sharks”] – (David Lopez, Jody Williford, John MacLean)
 - b. Skills Development – [Name TBA] - (Mike Massimino, Pat Zimmerman, Danny Wright)
 - c. “Pink Panthers” – (Chris Counts, Jerry Graham, Fletcher Counts)
 - d. “Coyotes” - (Chris Counts, Jerry Graham, Fletcher Counts)
- 3) Scout Promotions and Board of Review – Dave reviewed typical events that occur at a BOR for the newer parents. Some mentioned were wearing class A uniforms, books with completed sign-offs, reciting the scout oath, law and outdoor code (Chris noted that the outdoor code is not published in the current handbook), completion of Scoutmaster conferences (one week prior to BOR), and notify Advancement Chair - Aracelli Casso by the previous Sunday to insure enough parents attend the BOR.
- 4) Campout Commitment Process – main issue here is to insure we have enough leaders and adults to cover transportation and adult supervision. Timely commitment forms and parent involvement were encouraged.
- 5) Partial Merit Badges – Dave stated that MB's that were started during summer camps can be completed by finding the appropriate counselor (via the scout liaisons) or the Scoutmaster for final sign-offs. Age 18 is the only time limit on MB's.
- 6) Committee and Parent Support – Dave encouraged parent involvement, and illustrated the many rewards for all with supportive parents.

7) Calendar Review – Current calendar can be viewed online at <http://www.troop957.com/calendar/plans.cgi> - Highlights of the calendar include:

- a. **August 22nd** – BoR
- b. **September 5th** – COH – Our next Court of Honor will be handled a little differently with patrols sitting together with assignments for food by each patrol. This is to eliminate duplication of meal items.
- c. **October 7th** – The one day fundraiser plans are to have a garage sale at CLCC (details to follow), with opportunity of selling greenery wreaths at the same time. Many parents are needed to insure success. So mark your calendars folks!
- d. **October 28th** – CLCC Harvest Festival – The festival is designed for the kids 10 and younger with lots of fun service opportunities for the boys with set-up, tear-down, clean-up and game supervision.

Financials – Barbara noted that our account is in the black for about \$3,000.00. Our fundraiser noted above will be a one day program that will not include popcorn sales this year. Scout dues outstanding are \$273.00 – Summer holiday is over and monthly dues of \$5.00 will commence in August.

SM Report – Doug announced the results of the elections. New SPL will be James MacLean, with his APL's being Garrett Johnson and Chase Payne. Other positions will be included in the updated roster, which will be distributed.

SPL Report - Alex Berno made his farewell report to the committee as SPL. He explained the procedures of the PLC meetings and planning of the yearly calendar, and all MB opportunities.

Summer Camp – Jody introduced the summer camp at Camp Ben Delatour in NW Colorado. We are hoping to schedule this for one week in July (more details to follow).

Meeting adjourned 8:20 p.m.
Respectfully,

Jane Hall
Troop 957 Secretary