

Troop Committee Minutes – July 31, 2007

Meeting Opened – 7:10 pm

Attendees: Barbara & Chris Counts (Chris - p/t), Doug & Jody Williford (p/t), Susan & Danny Wright, John McLean, Lori Johnson, Rick Ferguson, Amr Abouleish, Dave Wisniewski, Jane Hall and others totaling 23 adults (I did not have an attendance sheet available at this meeting).

Dave's agenda included the following topics...

- 1) **Calendar Overview** - August adjustment; elections for Senior Troop leadership will be Tuesday, 28 Aug. There are several leadership positions that are available for the elected individuals. CoH will be Tuesday; 4 Sept.; pot-luck at CLCC. Will be many advancements, but no FoS presentation or troop picture.
- 2) **Scoutmaster & FCE** – An instructor from the boys is needed for First Years, we currently have 14 First Years. The election is scheduled on 8/28 along with the other elections. These positions will be outlined and available soon for viewing on the troop 975 [website](#).
- 3) **Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader** [Doug]
Reminder that merit badge work should be current work in progress. As always, MB Counselors, Leaders and Liaisons are available for questions and MB completion status.
- 4) **Trailer Storage Status** – Pending action by Jerry Graham (post meeting note – Jerry will be discussing at 14 Aug. Troop meeting.)
- 5) **Treasurer Report**
 - a. Susan presented the latest financial report. Recapping, we are \$4,767 in the black, recognizing that the Scout's individual reserves are not included. Scout dues receivable are \$15.50.
 - b. Susan presented the proposed new reimbursement guidelines are as follows:
 - i. Reimbursements (REI) will be made from Troop 957 when a "Request for REI" form is filled out, receipts(s) are attached, and someone other than the person requesting the REI has authorized the expenditure.
 - ii. A check to reimburse expenses will be written from Troop 957 funds and signed within a week of the approved "Request for REI" being submitted to the Treasurer. This will allow people to use a personal credit card for expenses and be reimbursed before the billing due date, if the "Request for REI" is submitted in a timely manner.
 - iii. Blank checks should not be given to anyone. A blank check may be given to an authorized signer with the payee completed in cases where a check is required and the total amount of the check can not be obtained.

- iv. Checks written for cash must be supported with a REI form containing detailed explanation and authorization signatures from committee members or scoutmasters. An itemized accounting of the cash expenditure with receipts should be submitted as soon as the event is completed.

These guidelines were accepted without formal challenge of exception; Committee Chair wanted to further review with Scoutmaster and ASM, as they were not in the room at the time.

- 6) **Sea Base Florida SCUBA Trip** (August 15, 2007) – Wow, what an opportunity for our scouts! Seven (7) days of adventurous SCUBA diving in FL. The Jan 15th lottery yielded two crews available and snapped up by Jody for our Troop. There are rigorous requirements for this trip, in addition to the age limit of 14 (by 8/15/7). More details to follow by emails and troop meetings
- 6) **Fund Raising** – An abbreviated discussion summarized that a spring fundraiser sale will be for the air filters from Air Filtures USA, and the fall fundraiser will be the greenery sales from Mickman Brothers. See the calendar for finalized dates for these fundraising events.
- 7) **Calendar Overview** – Our very dynamic Current calendar can be viewed online at <http://www.troop957.com/calendar/plans.cgi> - Highlights of the calendar include:
 - a. **Aug 7th** - Wacky Tuesday at Bay Forest Pool; FCE Swimming Merit Badge
 - b. **Aug 14th** – Pack for Florida Sea Base
 - c. **Aug 15th** – Florida Sea Base Scuba
 - d. **Aug 27th** – CCISD – Classes begin
 - e. **Aug 28th** - Troop Elections
 - f. **Sep 4th** - COH
 - g. **Oct 13th** – Troop Fundraiser (Wreath Sales)
 - h. **Oct 27th** – CLCC Harvest Festival (Troop Service Project)

Meeting adjourned 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully,

Jane Hall
Troop 957 Secretary