

**Troop Committee Meeting
Monday, 17 Sep 12**

1. The following people were in attendance:

Present:

Jamie Gayton, Troop Committee Chairman
Ron Whittle, Scoutmaster
Elaine McConnell, Advancement
Ed Sobiesk, Treasurer
Cal Christensen, Assistant Scoutmaster, Eagle Coordinator
Carl Ohlson, Assistant Eagle Scout Coordinator
Adrian Delarosa, Assistant Scoutmaster

Not Present:

Dave Raymond, Quartermaster
Brenda Sparrow, Fund Raising

Reports submitted:

Brenda Sparrow, Fund Raising

2. Treasurer's Report, Ed Sobiesk

- 2 yr audit complete – thanks to members for submitting all receipts. Thanks to Gail Yoshitani, Mike Nowatkowski, Dave Raymond for completing audit – no issues noted
- Savings Balance: \$191.54
- Checking Balance: \$4450.99
- Troop ISA Balance: \$1,751.46
- Working/operational balance \$2699.53
- Totals include 20 scouts who have paid dues already
- Dues deadline 15 Oct 12 (for AY13)
- DUSA check \$900 – looking for June check (for camping equipment we already purchased. May void and get new issued from Margaret Moten (treasurer)
- Need to send equipment purchase receipts to DUSA/WPWC – Ron Whittle forwarding to Elaine McConnell to forward to DUSA/WPWC
- Treasurer to develop 12-month major expenditures list to put better visibility on timing of known expenditures (rechartering, awards/patches, shirts, etc.)
- Michael Hanson & John Robert – senior scouts unlikely to attend camp asked to use ISA to fund annual dues – board approved for dues – and will address requests on a case-by-case basis
- Major purchases (additional sports equipment) – must assess staying power of equipment (general in nature, easily maintained, transportability, and availability from MWR

3. Rechartering, Elaine McConnell:

- There are 48 scouts registered in the troop. Dues \$60 for 1st child and \$50 for additional children (Boys Life discount)

4. Fund Raising Report, Brenda Sparrow

Wreath and Garland Sales Proposed pricing

- Brenda Sparrow provided updated costs from vendor and proposed pricing scheme for 2012. Calculated revenues using 2011 sales numbers as \$76.78 higher with modest price increases. Committee unanimously agreed.

Wreath and Garland approval to sell

- Submitted request and insurance to garrison for approval to sell.

Dates

- Oct 17th: Sales Start (Hand out orders forms)
- Nov 7th: Money and Orders due at Troop Meeting or to be dropped off to NLT Sunday, Nov. 11th.
- Nov 10th & 11th: PX and Commissary Booth Sales (this is the day of the Rutgers game. We have home games on Oct. 27 and Nov. 3
- Dec 3-5: Requested delivery date
- Dec 5th: Wreath Orders picked-up by scouts.
- Dec 6th: PX/Commissary orders delivered
- Dec 8th: Army/Navy game

Pop Corn Sales vs. Dowry

- Committee decided against selling popcorn at Herbert Hall during football games
- Jamie Gayton or Ron Whittle will discuss with John Grantz (pack committee chairman) options for dowry. Options include, sharing sales (different dates) at commissary/PX. Working together on sales dates Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts and splitting proceeds. Splitting the on post houses between B/C scouts. Maintaining the old Dowry system to pay for neckerchief, badges, awards, and camping during remaining 6 months until New Year's dues are due.

Court of Honor AAR comments

- YS – desired location for future BBQ COH at end of summer
- Grill – continue to rent super cooker for \$75 (45 minutes to cook all food)
- Food costs \$216; snow cone costs \$25
- RSVPs 107 ; attendees 110
- Validated order – video, dinner, awards, dessert
- Tempo/timeline – good pace; kept everyone active/involved
- Skit – great to execute for parents but - rehearse with boys
- Recognize ASMs and committee (to thanks and promote involvement by other parents)

Possible new fundraiser – gift wrapping at PX proposed

- Concerns raised about ability of scouts to do a good job with this – may be an option for high-adventure scouts (usually older). Will be revisited.
- Additional high-adventure fund-raising ideas: car wash, wreath sales at locations, additional concession stand opportunities

5. Eagle Report, Cal Christensen

- Four Life Scouts working toward Eagle
 - John Robert – working MBs – stalled on project/interaction with Cal
 - Michael Hanson – working MBs and project in Cornwall (Storm King Mountain trail)
 - Alex Combs – just starting (initial meeting with Scout and parents)
 - John Crawford - just starting (initial meeting with Scout and parents)
- Ron Whittle and Cal agreed to directing JR and MH to Ron to develop “plan of involvement” to ensure an acceptable plan for participation that satisfies developmental expectations of scouts.
- Cal starting retirement process and wants to transition Eagle Scout Coordinator (Carl Ohlson leaving shortly thereafter). Names as possibilities (John Hamilton, Greg Ebner, Shaw Yoshitani)

6. Advancement, Ron Whittle

- Board of Review held in September resulted in 5 advancements.
- In general the troop is young and the Venture Patrol has been greatly reduced.
- All patrols have been re-organized to spread the experience levels across them. New lists going out this week.
- Need more ASMs to match with patrols to serve as mentors – Ron Whittle canvassing adult leaders.
- Jason Hales – firmly in charge of trail to First Class (along with troop guide tracking status, developing training plans, selecting instructors, coordinating rehearsals, and teaching classes).

7. Quartermaster, Dave Raymond

- Should develop prioritized list (UFRs) for all desired purchases purchased five tents and four lanterns with grants from DUSA and WPWC for a total cost of approximately \$1,206.
- Need to develop SharePoint like site to post all pertinent documents – minutes, recertification documents, etc. Understand Dave Raymond working with Grant Nawoichyk to execute this.
- No new input.

8. Scoutmaster, Ron Whittle:

- Young troop but young leaders are stepping up – need more ASMs.
- ROUND POND CAMPOUT – Eagle project and work to pay back for use of canoes during two campouts. Focus is completing work in support of Round Pond.
- Committee (Elaine) will develop letter/certificate for signature by SM and CC. Cert to Pete Spinning and scanned email version to Garrison Commander to provide visibility to boss.
- COLUMBUS WEEKEND DISTRICT CAMNPOREE MONROE, NY – Adrian DeLaRosa coordinating
- Backpacking campout – 19-21 Oct 12 – All boys may participate. ~14 miles total distance. Must have legitimate backpack and hiking gear to attend. Cal is POC
- Need to get more ASMs certified/trained to allow for camping/high adventures.

- WTC trip – Tom Flynn – may be as large as 150 folks able to attend (troop 78 invited). Tentatively scheduled for Sunday in November.
- Food Drive – need to get dates on calendar
- Calendar – currently updated through December – committee should all review and send comments to Ron Whittle by Monday 24 Sep 12.

9. Other announcements

Scout Hut.

- Mike Meese working option with GC
- Jamie Gayton working option with USMAPS
- Ron Whittle possible equipment storage option with TMP Dave Rasmussen
- Are we looking for short- or long-term fix?
- Plan is to review options and wait for Mike Meese option

Merit Badges.

- No issues

Volunteers Needed.

- New Merit Badge coordinator - Elaine will absorb this.
- A volunteer is needed to organize the few concession events Troop 23 has each year (assistance is available through Brenda Sparrow). Gail Yoshitani and Michael Nowatkowski were suggested as possible volunteers. Elaine will contact Maria Hoagland, but we need to find someone to volunteer to take this on (usually one or two events at Holleder Center in January/February timeframe).

High adventure Opportunities

- Ron Whittle will put our name in lottery for Sea Base
- Ron Whittle coordinating possibility for USAF lift to Alaska with either guided tour or self-guided tour
- Troop 78 to Canada canoeing

Senior Scout Involvement.

- Addressed earlier – not a percentage of meetings but a participation plan negotiated with SM

(Mandatory) Training, All Assistant Scout Masters must take Youth Protection training online every two years at:

http://www.boyscouttrail.com/external_frame.asp?goto=http://olc.scouting.org/info/ypt.html

Once this is completed your paperwork needs to be handed-in to Elaine McConnell. A verification of who is trained will be forthcoming and confirmed by the Troop Scout Master.

Uniforms

- More inspections and desire to improve appearance
- Define Class A for meetings (sash, neckerchief), specific meetings or all meetings
- Shirts – Adrian needs to order some mediums

Next (tentative) Troop Committee Meeting, Monday, 3 December 1900. (more to follow)