

Troop Committee Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2010

Attendance

Tim Durham	Rhonda Bill
Earl Mast	Jane Mast
Regina Mares	Mike Mares
Peggy Dupriest	Rachel Masten
Tom Clutts	Diane Kamradt

Welcome

Tim opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Prayer

Rhonda Bill gave the opening prayer.

Chairman Introductions

- ◆ The relocation committee will get moving in the next week or so.
- ◆ Recharter due this month. Will recharter 31 Scouts and 30 leaders. Should have ready next week...waiting on a couple of adult applications.
- ◆ Reviewed the 2011 budget. See draft budget on the website. Discussed the idea of adult registration fees. Regina pointed out that a potential new family would be turned off by having to pay leader fees. Was generally accepted that the Troop should continue paying the \$16.00 fee. Modified the event detail to include webelos visitation supplies. Reduced the bottom line surplus to \$270. Was accepted pending final review and will be formally voted upon at the next committee meeting in January.
- ◆ Review the 2011 calendar. Many changes made. See draft calendar on the website. Was accepted pending final review and will be formally voted upon at the January Committee meeting.

Secretary Report

- ◆ Tim pointed out the meeting minutes. Apologized for just now getting them out. Was noted that Peggy and Jim Dupriest were not in attendance last month. Motion to accept by Tom Clutts, 2nd by Rhonda Bill.

Scoutmaster Report

- ◆ Earl reported that we've got at least 3 probable commitments from Webelos to join next spring. He is instituting a planning and communication process with the PLC for meeting planning. The recent outing went well. He was anointed the supreme fisherman. Some rank work was completed and overall was a good backpacking skills test for our outing in January. The Troop Leader Training will be held in February at Strake and will again include parents for support.

Quartermaster Report

- ◆ Rhonda reported that most of our Backpacking gear is good and sufficient. Though a lot of boys will need true backpacking tents. Most are using heavier tents that just won't work. Recent campouts have had issues in getting Troop gear returned. She has instituted a checkout process so that we can better account for the gear. QM Aaron J. is doing a great job. The shed cleanout dates were proposed by him initially. Request to purchase waster bags (~\$65 ea.) was proposed. Budget may not be able to handle it just yet....Rhonda will check out the REI garage sale and see if they are available through that. Otherwise, she'll report to Tim afterwards and come up with a purchase plan. Also, request to possibly purchase backpacking tents was put on hold as well due to budget concerns.

Committee Reports

Treasurer

- ◆ 2011 budget was already reviewed. Gina reported that we have \$2198 in Troop Account, \$1680 in Scout Accounts. Recharter will cost \$1128. That will leave us around \$1000. Peggy said we haven't included popcorn income yet....that will net the Troop another \$700ish. Also, December outing expenses haven't been included yet....and we'll have expenses for the Christmas Party to include as well.

Fundraising

- ◆ Popcorn wrapping up. Need to pay the bill. Final amounts being collected. Couple issues with chocolate that was delivered late. Received \$50 wal-mart card from Trail's End. Decided to turn it over to Gina for budget relief. Also need to get back with the Council, we only received one of 10 recognitions for Scouts who sold the chocolate product.
- ◆ Briefly discussed other options. Will attempt to get group together to discuss fundraising after the holidays.

Advancement

- ◆ Rhonda absent. No report. Tim reported that new Board of review process being discussed.
- ◆ Rachel reported working on MB Counselors. Will be getting together with Roy Springfield to set plans for spring Merit Badge University.

Outings

- ◆ December outing was 154 miles. January outing will be 364 miles. This is for reimbursement procedures.
- ◆ January - Perdinales State park. Reservation already made.
- ◆ February – Troop Leader Training at Camp Strake. Still working on reservation.
- ◆ March – El Rancho Cima. Reservation made.
- ◆ Tom reminded everyone about the new procedures for permission slips. 3 Mondays before an outing, they are distributed. 2 Mondays before, they are due. Final list is compiled by Tom and turned over to outing leader week of the outing. This will be in a packet containing maps, directions, phone lists, tour permit, etc. Outing leader will keep up with attendance of youth and adults at the event and will then submit a final report on the following Monday to Tom, Tim, and Gina.

Health and Safety

- ◆ Frances absent. No report.

Training

- ◆ Roger absent. No report.

Hospitality

- ◆ Troop Christmas party next week. Pot luck list distributed. White Elephant for participants (\$15 or less). Need setup on Sunday 6-8pm. Tim to email church for approval.
- ◆ Received \$50 Wal-mart card for expenses.

New Business

- ◆ Tim reminded everyone that all positions are "for a year" coinciding with the recharter cycle. We don't want to get into the business of "jobs for life" and leaders feeling like they can't ever get out when needed. Basically it's an open door to do new things if desired. Talk to Tim.

Closing comments

Tim thanked everyone for their participation and attendance and adjourned the meeting.