

TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

1/26/09

In Attendance: Ted West, Steve White, John Biebighauser, Dietz Froehlich, Jay Harvey, Dave McCowan, Tom Jensen, Black Chaffe, Jay Emery, David Lackey, Jeff Pannell, Frank Wagnon, Wayne Crandall, Nitin Soni, Al Kepler, Charlie Savage, Craig Neill, Rich Jacot, Mike Mrasek, Scott Flynn, Karie Edson.

Jeff Pannell called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The invocation and pledge of allegiance were said. The minutes from the last meeting were approved as posted.

Jeff Pannell

Adult Leadership – We have two open positions, Fundraiser and Campout Awards Coordinator.

Troop Policy Handbook – This is usually updated the first of every year. Scott Flynn will be reviewing/wordsmithing for changes and updates. This is currently open for discussion. Anyone that has suggestions or recommendations should forward those to Scott. The updates will be presented at the next Troop Committee meeting.

Eagle Advisory Committee – This is a newly formed committee that works with prospective Eagle Scouts to ensure that they complete all of their requirements in a timely manner, plan and execute their projects and complete and submit their applications in the proper order following Scouting guidelines. Charlie Savage is chairman and Scott Flynn, Frank Wagnon, Craig Neill, Steve White and Jeff Pannell are on the committee. Anyone wanting to serve on this committee should contact Charlie. The decision was made to expand this from a one-person job to a committee as we could potentially have many scouts going through this process at one time. The committee will make a couple of presentations a year to get scouts and parents to think down the road as their Eagle approaches

Treasurer's Report – Tom Jensen

We currently have \$3,900 for troop operations plus the \$3,000 reserves. Discussion ensued about the large amount of training fees the troop was incurring and with the current size of the troop, could we continue to afford to cover these fees. The price for Twin Arrows has recently increased to \$150 and we have 7 scouts attending during Spring Break. The troop also covers adult training expenses including Woodbadge. It was decided that the troop would continue to cover all training expenses, as this is an important incentive and reward for taking the time and effort to get trained. However, the troop will begin to control who and how many go to Twin Arrows at one time. They will now need Scoutmaster approval. The Scoutmaster will base approval on the scout's rank, maturity level, leadership, attendance, etc. We will try to send 2 in the spring, 2 in summer and 2 at Christmas so we can avoid the large number going at one time. The right to go should be earned. This will help keep the expenditures under control as well.

The troop will charge for food at the upcoming Camporee so that the troop is not covering this entire expense.

Scoutmaster Report – Frank Wagnon

Summer Camps – sign ups are currently going on. We have 16 scouts and 2 adults signed up for Colorado and 10-12 scouts signed up for Worth Ranch. We need to set the deposit due dates to try to close sign ups. For Colorado, the transportation needs to dictate how many can go.

Year Round Recruiting and Spring Rallies – These are happening on a District level. There is a special meeting this week that we will attend. We need to support the District but obviously we cannot handle taking too many new scouts.

Court of Honor – Sunday, Feb. 1 at 2:00. Boys should be there at 1:30 for a run through. We will have a brief parent meeting during the run through.

Updated Campmaster Guide – Scott Flynn will update and we will have a discussion at the next Troop Committee meeting.

Misc .

- List of campouts, campmasters and grubmasters will be posted to the website.
- 2/24 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. This is a church event that the troop puts on as service to the church. We need 7-10 scouts. Scouts should be there at 5:00 to set up and start cooking and the event is from 6-8pm. Scouts will earn service hours.
- Crossovers are coming up. We will need Assistant Scoutmasters and 1-2 scouts to attend. They are 2/13, 2/27 and one in March (date unknown).
- Read The Lanyard, the District newsletter. There is good info there for Eagle Scouts, including project ideas, and this is a great resource to know what is going on at the District level.
- Kimball Cleanup will be April 4.
- We need to get all our Eagle Scouts on the website. We need a picture of them and have each write their story. Scott Flynn is working on updating the plaque and the trailer. The plaque, which hangs in the parish hall, and the trailer both list the names of all our Eagle Scouts.
- OA Elections are coming up 2/15. There are new requirements this year. Boys must be First Class rank, be in scouting for 2 years, have gone to a summer camp, and have camped for 17 nights.
- Nick Kepler did a great job with the slideshow of the last campout running at the troop meeting. This keeps all the boys excited about scouts and not wanting to miss out on anything.

Website – Black Chaffe

Two areas have been redone – the calendar and the pictures. Google Calendar and Shutterfly are being used for these areas. The goal is to get the boys to upload pictures directly. Google will allow for meeting announcements if you subscribe. Black wants to get a website committee together to discuss options and to think of ways to incorporate

the scouts' input. This would be a way to earn the Communications merit badge. We ultimately want to have summer camp signups take place on-line with links to the camp website and all the forms needed. Frank Wagon, Scott Flynn, Dave Lackey and Dietz Froehlich volunteered to be on this committee. The cost for the website is \$100/year which needs to be added to the troop budget.

Email problems were discussed. There should be no emails sent directly from a parent to a scout. If a scout has emailed an adult asking a question or requesting info, the adult should respond to the scout and to the parent or scoutmaster so that another adult is also receiving the email. This is per Youth Protection guidelines. Also there should be no broadcast emails to the entire troop without Frank's approval.

Scout Parent Coordinator – Jay Emery

Cub Scout visitations have begun. It was decided that we would take no more than 10 new scouts to form one new patrol. Jay will email all Cub Scout dens that have contacted us to tell them of our 10-scout limit. We will accept new scouts on a first come-first served basis with the agreement that all new scout parents will be Youth Protection trained, signed up for Rocking Chair in the first year and serve on a troop committee.

Adult Leadership Training – Mike Mrasek

Rocking Chair training is coming up on 2/21 for the classroom and 3/6-7 for the outdoor. Den Chief training is 2/7. This is a great leadership idea for First Class scouts. If anyone is interested in training for archery, guns, etc., please let Mike know and he will find it.

Venture Crew – Craig Neill

This discussion was pushed to the next Troop Committee meeting.

Diversity Committee/Scholarship Fund/Advancement – Wayne Crandall

Scholarship Fund -- A draft of the scholarship fund program was presented. Start-up funds have been made through a private donation. Tom Jensen to add a box to the reimbursement form that will allow reimbursements to go to the scholarship fund instead of being paid to the adult. It costs \$400 to send 1 boy to NAYLE. The selection of the scout to receive the scholarship to NAYLE will be made by a small committee, not the large Troop Committee.

Advancement – Wayne and Ted West are going to sit down with each Scout to check their handbook against the troop software to be sure that the software is up-to-date and accurate. Steve White will help add leadership positions held, Twin Arrows attended, etc. When the scouts start their leadership office, the date should be logged into their handbook. The handbook should also be checked at all Boards. Leadership cards should be handed out after completion of TLT.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karie Edson