

Troop Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: October 9, 2011

Present: Eric Autor, Mechelle Coppock, Chris Cozadd, Jim Custer, Julie Custer, Jeff Englander, Julie Griffin, Elizabeth Hilton, Jeff Hilton, Michael Keays, David Korn, Kathleen Norman, Kathleen O'Connell, Jim Pala, Maria Ross, Chris Roussey, Tony Ulses, Steve Valley, Monique Wong, Wally Zampella
Guest: Jim Lindfors, Troop 589, Chaska, Minnesota

1. September Minutes - Kathleen

Approved.

2. Nominations for Committee Chair – Tony

Unanimous vote in favor of Melissa Dana.

Int

3. New Troop Committee Meeting Time – Tony

New Committee Chair cannot make Sunday meeting, so trying to find new time convenient for all. Steve Valley will send out a survey to find best time for the majority.

Jim Custer – do ScoutMasters need to be at the TCM? If not, can be held at same time as PLC.

Mechelle – Perhaps an ASM can be assigned to the TCM as liaison.

4. Open Positions for Parent Volunteers - Tony

Tony explained positions which are open:

A. Merit Badge Coordinator: Monique explained that Eric Autor will do Internet Advancement and David Korn will be responsible for TroopMaster. Mechelle offered to give up Treasurer to take on Merit Badge Coordinator, and Kathleen O'Connell took on Treasurer.

Discussion of how time should be built into Troop meeting for boys to manage their Advancement (check TroopMaster, keep Handbook up-to-date, plan next requirements, etc.).

Perhaps Patrols could take turns doing this each meeting.

Monique, Mechelle, Eric and David will work on this at next Troop meeting.

B. Assistant Committee Chair: Julie Griffin?

C. Parent Volunteers for Campouts:

January Snowshoeing - Chris Roussey

February Ski Trip – Steve Valley

March Lashing - ?

April Horseback Riding - Mechelle Coppock

Summer Camp – Jim Pala w/ Jeff Englander

D. Communications Merit Badge Counselor – Jim Custer

Will require four 90-minute blocks of time.

Monique will work with a volunteer parent on this. Next Weekly Announcements, request parent volunteer for this position.

Jim will provide Two-Year Merit Badge Cycle to also post to Announcements and website.

5. Training - Monique

Dieter Leach is becoming an Assistant Scoutmaster.

Monique also announced that if you have served two years as a registered adult Boy Scout leader (Committee Member, ASM, or SM), you may be eligible for the Boy Scout Leader's Training Award. See her for application for this award.

6. Volunteer Activities – Tony for Millie

See info on agenda page.

Scouting For Food coming up this fall.

Chris Roussey will arrange a visit to Arlington Cemetery.

7. Linking with Troop 589, Chaska, Minnesota – Jim Lindfors

Jim described troop, offered to “brother up” with 349, host us if ever headed in that direction, Northern Tier High Adventure Base.

Tony said this sounds like a great idea. Eric asked if this is a formal process, but Jim said it is completely informal. Tony will present this to the Scouts at the next PLC.

8. Treasurer's Report – Mechelle

Ending balance \$1,800. Had to pay deposit for Philmont.

Scouts who attended Goshen will be invoiced for their merit badge and participation fees.

9. Philmont – Michael

Currently have space for three more boys and one more adult. Jim suggests letting boys who have signed up now talk to relatives and friends to fill those spots. We will advertise in weekly announcements one more time.

10. Fundraising – Steve

Elizabeth asked about how boys can raise funds for activities. Steve said individuals can do Popcorn. Kathleen mentioned Scout Bucks will start with mulch fundraiser.

Tony proposes we start moving Scout Bucks forward, link to Popcorn, Kathleen O'Connell will make presentation to the boys. Asked Michael to put it on the agenda for an upcoming meeting.

11. Communications – Steve

Asked to limit weekly e-mails to one. Only another if it is an emergency.

12. Court of Honor Recap – Tony

Last week was best ever, thanks to Michael and Monique's hard work. Table this until next meeting though, as we are out of time.