

Troop Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: 3/13/11

Present: Mechelle Coppock, Jim Custer, Julie Custer, Jeff Hilton, Ash Johnston, Michael Keays, Kathleen Norman, Jim Pala, Millie Sjoberg, Steve Valley, Monique Wong

1. Treasurer's Report – Mechelle

Current balance is \$3,472, after paying Sea Base fees.

Dues are due March 1, but we will change that to April 1 in order to get the new Scouts at the same time.

2. Summer Camp – Jim Pala

Will be held at Goshen July 3 – 9. Everybody takes the bus together. Departure point of bus may change this year. Money for Summer Camp is due April 27.

We need to identify three adult leaders ASAP for Lenhok'sin and Bowman.

Discussion of preparations for Lenhok'sin led by Michael Keays. Need to identify the Scouts going to Lenhok'sin, and then plan shake down hikes for them.

Michael also suggests we seek a second crew reservation for Philmont next summer.

3. Community Service – Millie Sjoberg

She is checking on volunteering with Walter Reed and Bethesda Naval.

She will also be starting the Disability Awareness Merit Badge.

4. May Camping Trip – Ash

This is scheduled for May 21. A family has asked to move it to a different date. After a discussion, it was decided that we do have a calendar and a policy on dates for when campouts will be held, so we must stick to the calendar as scheduled. We cannot start changing dates for each parent that requests this.

5. Training and Roundtable – Monique

Order of Arrow elections will be held on Tuesday.

If a Scout is elected, the troop can submit one adult for OA.

Tour Plan information was discussed.

Journey to Excellence – Monique will send the contact information in the weekly announcements.

6. Policy for Electronics on Troop Outings –

Long discussion of alternatives. Final language: "Electronic devices are allowed, but only to play music in the car en route to camping (no headphones), and to make phone calls. No movies are allowed in cars. Adults dealing with work issues may use their devices." Vote: all in favor, Steve Valley recused himself.

Regarding electronic device use during troop meetings, it was decided that this would be dealt with at another time.

7. Fundraising – Steve

Mulch orders will be due Monday, March 28. Each Scout will be responsible for selling a minimum of 80 bags.