

## Troop Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: August 14, 2011

Present: Mechelle Coppock, Jeff Englander, Michael Keays, Dieter Leach, Kathleen Norman (by conference call), Jim Pala, Colleen Parker, Maria Ross, Tony Ulses, Steve Valley, Monique Wong, Wally Zampella

### 1. Role of Committee Chair – Tony

See Scout Handbook. Essentially in charge of troop. Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, and members all report to the Committee Chair. More of an organizer, planner, setter of goals, like a CEO. For example, for fundraising, the Chair would find a member to take on this job. Reports to Chartered Unit Representative and Host (American Legion).

Chairs meetings of Troop Committee.

So we will now open the nominating process. All parents of registered Scouts are members of the Troop Committee and may run.

Steve Valley asked if they must have been with the troop for one year to be considered for the role? That is rule for Scoutmaster.

No nominations, so we will table it for now. Tony Ulses will cover in the interim. Put on agenda for September.

### 2. New Troop Scoutmaster – Tony

Jim Custer has nominated Michael Keays.

Affirmation – consensus in favor.

### 3. New Assistant Scoutmasters – Tony

Mike Ross, Jeff Englander, Wally Zampella

### 4. New Scout Patrol Leader – Tony

Ian Griffin. No ASPL yet.

### 5. Coast Guard Trip – Michael

Will be held Sunday, August 21 from 1:00 – 3:00.

Coast Guard station in Washington, DC. Liases with other national, state and local law enforcement agencies to prevent terrorist attacks on the Capital.

Will take the boys out on small boats on the Potomac.

### 6. Events Update for September and October – Michael

Steve Valley – Seamus in charge of calendar.

Tony Ulses will send updates, 18 months out.

Monique asked if Seamus also does updates to website? Steve Valley answered, no, they theoretically do it together, but for now it is just Steve.

Michael: Tuesday, 9/20, Board of Review – need adults for this.

9/27 Patrol Leader Council

9/30 – 10/1 – Fort Frederick George Mason District Camporee. Reenactment of the French and Indian War. VA Fifth Infantry.

Jeff Englander pointed out have 7 new Scouts who will finish 2<sup>nd</sup> Class. Can we do BOR at Camporee, because following Tuesday 10/4 is Court of Honor?

Michael - No, let's have special BOR meeting Monday 10/3.

Jeff asked for date to invite Webelos to meeting for recruiting? 10/18?

Tony – November campout at Valley Forge.

Monique – ASMs believe each event should have a Scout leader and a parent to jointly coordinate the event. Would be great to assign both for each event in advance on calendar.

#### 7. Treasurer's Report – Mechelle

\$6,700 – in good shape.

Don't want to go below \$1,000.

No one can spend more than \$200 without approval of Committee.

90-day deadline for submission of expenses.

Scout Bucks – in progress.

Mechelle - Parents and leaders who go on campouts should have their expenses covered.

#### 8. Fundraising – Steve

A. Aeration – have done two years in a row. Cleared \$1,000.

Motion not to do it this year – vote 9 in favor, so will not do it.

B. Mistletoe – all other troops sell something at holidays. Steve proposes these funds can go toward ski trip. Proposed for consideration.

C. Mulch – last year we came into this late. This year start in January. Last year did 1 ½ truckloads. This year shoot for 4 truckloads.

#### 9. Other -

Michael K - October will do Public Speaking Merit Badge.

November will do Scouting Heritage Merit Badge.

Jeff E - City Arborist will do Forestry Merit Badge.

Jeff – New Webelos can make a new patrol, or mix with older boys.

Tony – make proposal to Committee from ASMs.

Troop Size Limit – spoke of 32.

Tony – Propose we bring troop size issue to Committee by October or November, so we can discuss with parents. Discuss once we have a better idea of how many new Scouts will be interested.

Steve – we always pick up one or two in the fall.

How many age out each year? Haven't gotten to that point yet.

Monique – new Venturing troop?

Eagles go off on High-Adventure under umbrella of Venture Crew Troop 349.

Tony – propose we discuss all of this once we have an idea of our new numbers.

Jeff – I'll continue as New Scout ASM. Tony is ASM for Eagle. We don't have an ASM for Star or Life.

Monique – sometimes the middle ranks get forgotten.

Tony – Need a proposal on numbers and troop size. Will put on agenda for November.