

Troop Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: September 11, 2011

Present: Mechelle Coppock, Chris Cozadd, Jim Custer, Julie Custer, Jeff Englander, Julie Griffin, Michael Keays, Kathleen Norman, Jim Pala, Tony Ulses, Monique Wong

1. Selection of Committee Chair – Tony

Discussion of options. Tony said he will do it on interim basis if no one else steps up for now. Jim stated that he is opposed to Jim, Tony or Steve taking this on because we need new blood with new contributions. Tabled the issue as no solution apparent, with Tony as Interim Chair.

2. Treasurer's Report – Mechelle

- a. \$5,245 currently
- b. Lenhok'sin participants owe more (Jim Pala paid advance). Julie Custer will contact them for payment.
- c. Steve Valley provided a credit card reader to Treasurer. There is a 2.75% charge to the purchaser. The Committee approved the use of the device as needed.

3. Committee Vacancies – Tony

a. Advancement Chair: Tony proposes establishing Advancement Chair to take over TroopMaster. This work is taking away from troop leaders time with Scouts. Mike Ross has volunteered to do this. Monique said she has seen other troops that have ASMs filling this role, as they are familiar with the boys' advancement.

Mike Ross will do TroopMaster.

Eric Autor will take over advancement and buying patches.

Maybe Michael Korn will help.

b. Merit Badge Counselor: Monique has been covering this.

Tony will take time at next Court of Honor to speak to parents to request help. Jim said that perhaps we need to express to parents as they join troop that they must take on some volunteer role. Chris suggested a message to this effect in the weekly e-mail in advance of the COH.

4. Support for Campout Planning – Tony

Again, need more assistance from parents on this. Would like to have one Scoutmaster pair with one parent on each camping trip to divide the responsibilities, such as reserving camp sites, preparing the campout packet, etc. Tabled the issue for now.

5. Philmont, August 2012 – Michael

We can take eight Scouts and four adults. If they meet the requirements, then they will fill spots, and then we will go to a wait list. Must be prepared to pay approximately \$2,000 per person.

6. Court of Honor Planning -

Need one parent to do the Program side of things - Eric Autor

Another to do the social side - Kathleen Norman

Monique pointed out that for the Communications Merit Badge, a Scout needs to help with either a campfire or a Court of Honor, so they could play a role sometimes in COH.

7. Eagle Scout Presentations -

Preston Custer - lighting for the flag pole at George Mason High School

Jack Ulses - Introduction to Music Workshop for 1st - 3rd graders

Truman Custer - repairs to public right of way in Howard Herman Park

Jonathan Gilmour - repainting Falls Church Presbyterian parking lot lines