

BSA Troop 338 Troop Committee Meeting Minutes

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Attendees:

Ernie Weswill-PTC, Troy Gerry-YD, Brian Nichols-Charter Org Rep, Jack Kareckas, Jim O'Loughlin, Dave & Coleen Walker, Mike & Tracy Grogan, Steve Shea, Lenny Andrews, Julie Hunley, Patti Olsen, Barbara Hanson, Gary Adams, Tracy Goller-Pack 338

Opening:

Jack Kareckas opened the meeting with a recap of his May 21 e-mail regarding annual Committee elections and the official structuring of the Troop, including the responsibilities of the Chartered org Rep to select a troop committee chair, and approve all committee members and adult leaders. Handouts from the *Troop Committee Guidebook* were distributed. Jack then announced his resignation as committee chair and nominated Julie Hunley as his replacement. Jack offered to continue his support as needed for Julie and the committee, which was gratefully accepted by all. Jack turned the table over to Brian Nichols.

Brian thanked the committee for their attendance and service, approved Julie Hunley as the new committee chair and turned the meeting over to her.

Julie distributed handouts of a proposed general meeting agenda format, accepted subject to review, a troop roster, and official committee position duties. She announced that there would be changeovers in leadership positions: Jim O'Loughlin was stepping down to attend family matters, but continuing on the committee, Dave Walker was appointed Scoutmaster, with Steve Shea and Patty Olsen as Assistant Scoutmasters. Lenny Andrews was nominated as Secretary and Webmaster. Some discussion ensued regarding the organizational structure and the need for annual review and elections. Julie continued by encouraging attendees to apply for the positions of responsibility listed on the duty handout. Review of documents and procedures, including the Code of Honor was suggested, to be looked at and commented on by various members for discussion.

Old Business:

Sat. June 30th Strawberry Festival: Jack Kareckas reminded everyone of the sign-up sheets for service hours, Jim O'Loughlin said he'd be there all day, Patty said she'd take a time slot also, Gary Adams volunteered to help procure recycle bins. Discussed about the June 16th activity that didn't happen, also talked about a wet-erase board for posting activities in the back wall.

Roundtable: Dave reviewed Roundtable minutes and distributed handouts: The OA had thanked everyone for participating in elections. Clint Staples announced the **Maine Jamboree** at the Oxford Fairgrounds on October 19th-21st, and that we needed to register quickly. Gary Adams and others volunteered to participate. A CD of **merit badge councilors** is available. Next 'Fly 1st Class' is scheduled for April 8th with 32 positions available. Cost is \$150. Dave suggested reserving 4 positions after summer camp is out. Discussed encouraging Swimming MB and Lifesaving during summer camp. New Leader Essentials training is being offered during the last week of September.

Patty Olsen, this year's **Popcorn Kernel**, announced incentive plan to get an extra percentage of profit for the troop. Discussed having other fundraisers to have scouts earn their dues and help with summer camp.

Dave Walker continued with notice of **Funtown/Splashtown tickets** available, **Winter Camp** during week of Feb 17th-22nd for boys 13 yrs or older, cost \$230.

Troy Gerry announced that Kittery Trading Post was having a **Great American Campout** event this weekend with reps from Coleman and other vendors. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help with the event stations, please go in and page John Peterson, or also e-mail Troy at tsgerry@comcast.net. He also needs to have us complete the current troop inventory, with new positions.

Treasurer's Report:

Tracy Grogan reported that there was \$2568.01 currently in the account. Tracy announced that part of that money was a \$200 donation from Mark & Kathleen Spezia, accompanied by a letter, which was read. Julie said she'd send a thank you letter from the committee, and there was general agreement that the money should be spent on something concrete, such as equipment, that could be related to. Patty Olsen also mentioned that the account at the Scout Shop needed to have some more money transferred to cover badges and patches, and that she had a slip to bring in for reimbursement. It was also discussed that we should purchase patches for current positions and for those scouts that had held a position, but hadn't received a patch for it during this past year. It was reported that Jason King had several checks and paperwork from new scouts, as well as T-shirt orders. Tracy has a list started which she can add the names to.

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New Business:

Jim O'Loughlin handed **Camps Hinds** camp booklet to Dave Walker, suggesting that we try to have parents download and print their own copy from the PTC site <http://www.pinetreebsa.org/> to save copying expenses. It was agreed that we could make a limited number of copies for those without internet access. Patty reported that a group of the newer scouts got together and planned a **campout** in the Town Forest to work on 1st class requirements. Julie offered access to Warren's Pond for a possible **future camping** trip or hike. Steve Shea brought up the availability of **Camp Bunganut** and maybe teaming up with another troop.

Jack mentioned that the **Land Trust** was also open to 'Leave-no-Trace' camping. He also mentioned a service project opportunity at **Douglas Memorial Woods** this weekend, and other similar projects in the near future...contact Jack Kareckas for details.

Steve brought up that we need to have a **Court of Honor** on July 23rd to recognize all the advancements and positions before summer camp. Jack suggested that all the boys bring in their books next meeting and we record on paper their level of advancement until Jason can get the database updated. Colleen suggested we plan to keep a paper backup in our files as a contingency.

Dave reviewed **proposed annual plan for meetings** and distributed handout with outline. It was agreed that with some flexibility it would be a good outline. The 1st meeting of the month would be Merit Badge Monday, the 2nd would focus on outdoor skills, the 3rd would be the Committee & Patrol Leaders Council, the 4th Monday would work on scout skills and the 5th, when they occurred, would be Games. Jack elaborated that we should focus on activities that get the boys up to 1st class quickly. Dave gave feedback on the proposed **Committee Meeting Agenda**, specifically that the Outdoor Activities Coordinators report be moved up to item 4 and the Scoutmasters report be moved down after New Business, allowing him to bring items from the Leaders meeting down to the Patrol council, then report back with updates during New Business Steve Shea brought up that the SPL had suggested doing a **Rocket Launching** on July 8th Sunday around noon. Later discussion indicated this was not a good weekend and alternate dates of July 1st, 15th and 22nd be proposed. Dave, Steve and Patty will work on a **several-month plan** and present it at the next meeting. Julie handed out a blank summer calendar to use in planning.

Other items from a previous meeting:

Shotgun Shooting on the Rod & Gun Range, sponsored by the club: two boys have signed up, there is room for a couple more at a time, as well as rifle shooting with opportunities for Merit badge, or just for fun.

Elections: The New Patrol, self-named "Squirrels eating iron wolf" to be abbreviated here as "The Squirrels", formed a new patrol and named Seamus McMannus PI, Patrick Houriman as APL. The Ravens elected Conor DeSelva as SPL and Dan Olsen as APL. The "Flaming Chinese Eggroll Dragons", abbreviated as "The Dragons" elected Matt Shea as PL and Doug Hilton as APL.. Stephen Shea is SPL and Ryan Grogan is ASPL.