

BSA Troop 338 Troop Committee Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2007

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Attendees: *Brian Nichols-Charter Org Rep, Jack Kareckas-Acting Chairman, Dave Walker-Scoutmaster, Patti Olsen-Asst. Scoutmaster, Lenny Andrews-Secretary, Tracy Grogan-Treasurer, Barbara Hanson, Rick Young, Tracy Goller, Susan Hourihan.*

Opening:

Jack Kareckas opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing guest Susan Hourihan, parent.

Secretary's Report:

Lenny handed out copies of the minutes from the last meeting and briefly reviewed the new business items. Jack proposed that the minutes be accepted as-is. Lenny reported that the Troop website has been updated to reflect the new South Berwick town website, the S.B.Rescue site and Pack 338 links. Lenny had Roberta Orsini update the Town's website with our troop link. He also had the York District site updated with current leader names and emails.

Treasurer's Report:

Tracy Grogan reported no real change since the last report of \$2568.01 except for a transfer to Council account, a reimbursement to Patty Olsen for patches and the applications from Jason King that just came in for summer camp. Tracy reported that she had Max Willette's application and fee to enter also. Tracy said she would be stopping in at Council to square up accounts and make deposit for next year's camp. T-shirt orders were consolidated and given to Patty.

Old Business:

Sat. June 30th Strawberry Festival: Jack reported that the event went very well and that the scouts did a good job. Jack reported that he has not received a check from the Strawberry committee as of yet.

Court of Honor Mon 7/23 at Rod & Gun Club: Stephen Shea & Jesse Young helping to plan. Dave Walker suggested that Jim O'Loughlin and Mike Grogan be invited for recognition of past service. Besides Merit Badges, it was brought up that patches should be obtained for current and past positions of responsibility. Jesse Young was missing Family Life MB, Brian will try to get the badges sent to Tracy Grogan at Camp Hinds. Dave sent email to troop asking for snack volunteers. Some boys who took the First Aid merit badge had lost their blue cards and Dave arranged to have Dave Carey come in to sign them.

Summer Camp: We have the Baden Powell campsite at Hinds again this year! There are currently 20 boys signed up for summer camp. Tracy gave Lenny the list for camp so he could make sure their med forms are -updated. He sent e-mail out to 10 scouts and 2 adults and some have been updated. It was reiterated that parents download and print their own copy of the info package from the PTC site <http://www.pinetreebsa.org/>. A couple of copies were available for those without internet access. Ed H & Wes G are doing well as counselors & CIT up at Hinds. Sam K will be staffing Funpack. Some of the adults covering summer camp are Dave Walker & Steve Shea for the week, Mark Spezia & Colleen Walker part time, possibly some others visiting.

Maine Jamboree: Tracy reported that she was unable to get to some of the info on the PTC site due to website issues, Dave offered to call them.

Campout in the Town Forest to work on 1st class requirements was a success, Patty reported. The boys will get their books to Jason to be recorded.

Advancement: Jason King reported that he has reviewed over 65% of the boy's books and recovered most of the database. Jack Kareckas suggests still getting a wall chart as a visual aid for the boys.

New Business:

Patrol Leader Council Retreat was announced for Fri 8/24. The focus will be planning yearly activities and advancement plans. Attendees should be SPL, ASPL, PL's, & APL's, Jason King and Scoutmasters. The location will be at the Hundley residence.

22 Shooting: It was suggested to bring up 22 shooting on the range during the 7/30 Monday meeting.

Troop Computer: Dave suggested building a lockable cabinet so we could keep a Troop computer at the clubhouse, and that some parents had the talent to help build one. Brian will ask the Club if we could use the extra space required and if they would be willing to donate a portion of the money needed. Dave Walker will have the boys do some research to get a good deal on a newer computer. We will want to check with Jason King to see what software version he has and possibly update, if that seems appropriate.

Kennebunk Banks: Jack reported that this bank donates money to organizations that their clients vote on in their year-end statements. He said, that if you are a member, keep an eye out and vote for us, but that he wasn't advocating joining the bank just for that.

Roundtable: No roundtable this month.

Scoutmaster's Report:

The boys will have sign-ups at next meeting for rocket launching dates. Brian found out about a rocket group in Salisbury, Mass and will try to get more info. Dave reported that the boys like the idea of the Patrol Leaders Retreat. This format worked out well in the past, Brian said.

Future camping trips or hikes: the Land Trust is open to 'Leave-no-Trace' camping(call Mr. Kareckas), Camp Bunganut (call Mr. Walker or Mr. Shea), Warren's Pond (call Mrs. Hundley), Douglas Memorial Woods (call Mr. K)