

BSA Troop 338 Troop Committee Meeting Minutes

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Attendees: Julie Hundley-Chairman, Patty Olsen-Asst. Scoutmaster, Lenny Andrews-Secretary, Tracy Grogan-Treasurer, Jason King-Advancement Coordinator, Colleen Walker-Outdoor Activities Coordinator, Barbara Hanson, Susan Hourihan, Jack Kareckas arrived later.

Opening:

Julie Hundley opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and announcing that Susan Hourihan was interested in joining the Committee. Julie had the Secretary read the minutes of the last Committee meeting.

Secretary's Report:

Lenny handed out copies of the minutes and briefly reviewed the items. With two errata corrections (Tracy Goller is with Troop 338, not Pack 338; and the letter of thanks had already been sent to the Spezia family), Julie proposed that the minutes be accepted with corrections. Concurrence was unanimous. Lenny reported that the Troop website has been updated to add the current events, a link for the "summer camp what-to-bring" list and med forms, and updated the map to Camp Hinds with the new directions. Lenny will convert the gif file of the map to a pdf file, so it will print properly on all computers.

Outdoor Activity Coordinator's Report:

Colleen reported that there will be sign-ups for the **Space Exploration** merit badge and **rocket launching**. She said some of the boys have already completed some requirements and just needed the classwork portion. There will be more opportunities for **shooting** on the range. It was also reported that the **Patrol Leaders Council retreat** date and location has changed to September 14th & 15th at Patty's camp on Mousam lake. There won't be any need to pre-make meals, as she has a kitchen at the camp.

Treasurer's Report:

Tracy Grogan reported that Patty was still collecting for T-shirt orders. Tracy purchased needed supplies while at camp, namely camp lamps, lamp mantles, and a fire extinguisher, for \$51.55, plus patches & pins at 171.50. She found Shamus McManus' camp payment, but no payment received for Cory. A yearly budget or expense report was discussed, as was fundraisers. Tracy reported that we have been self-supporting with the Strawberry Festival and Popcorn sales. It was agreed that some sort of plan will be looked at to plan finances long-range and for unexpected events.

Advancement Coordinator's Report:

Jason King reported that only two absentee scouts did not get their awards from the Court of Honor. Jason has started recording summer camp advancements and will continue during the PLC retreat. Jason reported that the database is all caught up and is as good or better than before. There are about 14 more books to review for updates. Colleen is working on the wall chart for the boys' advancement. Jason and Patty discussed the process for partial merit badges, where they are filed in the drawer, and that Colleen will help coordinate.

Old Business:

Troop Computer: Discussions about the computer included the wisdom of having limited access, no internet, and who will actually do the research for a source. It was agreed to put some thought into this before we act.

Maine Jamboree: Barbara Hanson handed out some Jamboree pamphlets that Ed brought from camp. We'll need to finalize a number soon and make sure the med forms are still up-to-date for participants.

New Business:

Discretionary Account for Scoutmaster to cover miscellaneous expenses was proposed by Patty. It was generally agreed to be a good idea, with a petty cash limit to be further discussed at the PLC event. (See Scoutmaster's Report for details of justifications.)

Patrol Leader Council Retreat was changed to Fri 9/14-15. The focus will be planning yearly activities and advancement plans. Attendees should be SPL, ASPL, PL's, & APL's, Advancement & Outdoor Activities Coordinators and Scoutmasters. The location will be at Patty Olsen's camp on Mousam Lake.

Memorial Tree planting: Patty reported that Heidi Fogarty is planning a tree planting ceremony for Thomas Fogarty, the boy killed during last year's Christmas Parade in Portsmouth, is planned for August 30th on Buttonwood Drive in Agamenticus. Class A uniforms required.

Sign-Ups for Boards of Review, Scoutmaster Conferences and merit badges was suggested by Julie, to better plan and utilize the time and resources of the Committee. It was suggested to do the Boards on the 4th Monday. Everyone generally agreed it was a good idea and will be implemented.

Bonny Gould will be coming on Monday 9/10 to speak of Citizenship responsibilities for the First Class requirement.

Adult Leader Training has changed to Saturday September 22nd at Camp Nutter. Anyone thinking of attending the New Leader training or Troop Committee Challenge should pre-register, so they don't cancel for lack of attendance. Tracy brought up that we should also do the online training yearly.

Popcorn Report: Patty the Popcorn Kernel informed us that with the 'Show & Sell' program, Council pays for the popcorn up front, and the boys have an easier time of selling for immediate gratification. We can return the unused units that don't sell.

Volunteers were requested by Jack Kareckas for a Land Trust project to make a small drainage ditch up by Pumpkintown Rd. He would like to boys to pick a date.

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Roundtable: Maine Jamb was the subject. We have 20 boys and 5 adults (Gary Adams, Patty Olsen, Brian Nichols, Steve Shea, and Barbara Hanson, who may or may not actually be with the group. We need to get the reservation numbers into Council. The new leader training dates were discussed previously during the meeting and handouts were distributed. Popcorn was also discussed during New Business earlier in the meeting.

Scoutmaster's Report:

Summer Camp: Patty reported for Dave, who is in Bangkok. Camp week went well, the boys had lots of fun with no incidents. The Baden Powell campfire ring seating was pretty much gone and rotted, so they built new seating with uprights and 2x12 benches for \$58-68. This and the equipment Tracy had purchased were justifications for the Discretionary fund. It was agreed to reimburse Patty for the materials, but that the Troop will treat it as a donation to Camp Hinds. Patty informed us that Tim Jefferson earned Honor Scout for camp week.

The Meeting adjourned after some miscellaneous discussions.