

BSA Troop 338 Troop Committee Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2007

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Attendees: *Brian Nichols-Charter Org. Rep., Julie Hundley-Chairman, Dave Walker-Scoutmaster, Steve Shea-Assistant Scoutmaster, Lenny Andrews-Secretary, Tracy Grogan-Treasurer, Jason King-Advancement Coordinator, Colleen Walker-Outdoor Activities Coordinator, Susan Hourihan, Tracy Goller, Barbara Hanson.*

Opening:

Julie Hundley opened the meeting with introductions all around. Dave Walker announced that he had to catch a flight and asked if he could present his report early in the meeting so he could leave early. Everyone agreed that was fine. Michael Remick then asked to read a letter to the Committee, which encouraged him to do so. He first thanked the leaders for setting up the successful popcorn sales, then read the letter. Signed by several scouts, it expressed a dissatisfaction with current boy leadership and asked for changes so other boys could have a turn at the jobs. Dave Walker responded by thanking him for bringing this forward, adding that he showed courage and leadership by doing so. He replied that it was already planned to go back to the standard 6 month elections, starting at the next meeting and that he'd sit down with the boys to discuss their ideas. The committee thanked Michael for speaking, then Julie had the Secretary read the minutes of the last Committee meeting.

Secretary's Report:

Lenny neglected to bring copies of the previous minutes, and no one else had a copy, so Dave pulled them up from his laptop PC. Lenny briefly reviewing the old minutes. Julie proposed that the minutes be accepted as-is, concurrence was unanimous. Lenny reported that the Troop website has been updated as follows: all current events added to Events page & Home page, Home & Links pages have links for the scouts to study the Space Exploration MB, the broken Norwich link is replaced with an info page, including an article about the retired Col. who started the event, an article about John & Diana Vermette being presented the Award of Merit posted to the History page, the article about the Flag retirement ceremony was gone from the on-line newspaper, but the photo and caption are now posted to History, a note about the giant trebuchet demos on the main page, adult & scout attendance forms, generic permission slip & photo release form now posted on the Photos & Downloads page and that the Minutes will now be linked next to their dates on the Events page. Jason was asked to print out the health form report so we can check for outdated ones before the Jamboree.

Outdoor Activity Coordinator's Report:

Colleen reported that the rocket launching was a success and there will be a class for the **Space Exploration** merit badge the first Monday in October. She said some of the boys have already completed some requirements and just needed the classwork portion. She reported that the PLC Retreat went well and left comments to the Scoutmaster's report. There will be more opportunities for **shooting** on the range, sign up with Brian.

Treasurer's Report:

Tracy Grogan handed an account report to the Chairman, and reported that Patty's expense report was approved. She'll be having Patty bring payments to Council while she's on vacation. She also reported that there was about a \$100 discrepancy in the Council account she had no receipt for. She will call Council to investigate. Access to the account was discussed and Tracy will see what is involved with adding or removing authorizations.

Advancement Coordinator's Report:

Jason King reported that we need 11 badges for the Mile Swim. 10 were picked up at Council and we have one in the drawer. He noted that all data from summer camp is in the database and there are 61 merit badges entered. He also informed us that Jake Adams has his Eagle Board of Review set for Wed 9/26 at the Church of LDS in Sanford and that Sam & Kevin are working on their Eagle applications and will bring to Brian for review. He hasn't heard from Jesse lately. Regular Boards of Review will be on the 9/24 and 10/22 meetings and there will be a Court of Honor on 10/29.

Old Business:

Troop Computer: It was agreed to put some more thought into this before we act.

Maine Jamboree: Colleen reported that we have 20 Scouts and 5 Adults pre-registered.

Discretionary Account for Scoutmaster was discussed further and what it would take to set up.

Adult Leader Training Saturday September 22nd at Camp Nutter. Some scouters are already signed up.

Memorial Tree planting: Steve Shea reported that we had scouts attend this event and offered to send a link for the newspaper article. Lenny said he'd look into downloading it for the History page.

New Business:

Popcorn Report: Susan reported that the boys sold \$208 worth from 9:30 to 6 on Sat and \$234 + a \$50 donation on Sunday for a total of \$492. Securing a tour permit and two-deep leadership for the next event was discussed.

Jake Adams is signing up as an Assistant Scoutmaster, Tracy Goller has volunteered to be Equipment Coordinator

Roundtable: No report from Roundtable.

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Patrol Leaders Retreat: Dave Walker reported that they set up and socialized for fun on Fri. night. Sat. they did team-building exercises and discussed major objectives, which they chose as Outdoor Activities, Eagle required merit badges, Advancement, and Scout Skills. They planned out most of the year and will revisit it in a few months to fill in and give the new guys a chance to influence it. They planned to have **troop elections next meeting** 9/24 and in February and discussed eligibility pre-requisites for SPL & ASPL: Both positions will be elected and they need to be 1st Class. They will have a 2-term consecutive limit, with a waiting period of one term before holding it again. Dave also talked about re-engaging the older boys, plans to have conversations with all of them regarding the importance of active participation as they look forward to their Eagle SM conferences. He discussed having smaller Patrols for more boy leadership opportunities and better management.

Dave then had the Senior Patrols Leaders come up and present their year plan. Stephen and Ryan put up a chart and ran over some of the plans. The 1st Monday of each month will be for merit badges, like Auto Maintenance, Space Exploration, Dog Care and others. The 2nd Monday will be a Troop Meeting, the 3rd Monday will be Leader meetings, the 4th Monday for Scout Skills and 5th Monday would be Games and Reviews. They announced the Court of Honor on Oct 29th and it was suggested we invite the officers of the Rod & Gun Club to attend. Brian said that would be a nice gesture and they would enjoy it. The Committee then asked the boys various questions about how they chose their priorities and activities, letting them express their motivations.

The Meeting wrapped up and Julie moved for adjournment.