

BSA Troop 338 Troop Committee Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2007

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Attendees: Julie Hundley-Chairman, Dave Walker-Scoutmaster, Steve Shea-Asst. Scoutmaster, Patty Olsen-Asst. Scoutmaster, Lenny Andrews-Secretary, Colleen Walker-Activities Coord., Tracy Grogan-Treasurer, Committee Members Tim Allen, Rick Young, Gary Adams, Susan Hourihan, Barbara Hanson

Opening:

Julie Hundley opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and having the Secretary read the minutes of the last Committee meeting.

Secretary's Report:

Lenny passed out copies of last month's minutes and read them to the committee. Julie motioned that the minutes be accepted as-is, concurrence was unanimous.

Lenny reported that the Troop website has been updated as follows: Minutes posted to Events page, the latest schedule from Steve was posted to the main page and the Events page. The scanned map of South Berwick sent by Jack Kareckas and was converted to pdf format so it can be viewed in detail, and also shrunk to fit on a printout. Broken link to Spring Camporee 2003 page was fixed and additional pics posted on the Photos page. New Space Exploration page added to site with a worksheet in rtf format to help the boys work on the merit badge plus links to cool NASA shuttle pics. Another new page for Spring Camporee 2008 was added with various documents posted to help us plan the event. Our Eagles page was updated to add Jake Adams as Eagle # 18. The "Life to Eagle guide" was posted on the Links page along with an Eagle Court of Honor ceremony. Patrols page updated to add Gage Zickefoose to the Ravens.

Outdoor Activity Coordinator's Report:

Steve Shea reported that we are 1st on the list for two flights on a KC135 fueler in April. Colleen reported that the next meeting activity was all set for-Dutch Oven Cooking with Rick Young and that she would get a fire permit just to be safe. She is also going to confirm either Tuesday 12/4 or Wednesday 12/5 for a Spring Camporee planning meeting at the S.B.Town Hall. She reported that the recent VFW flag ceremony at the Town Hall and the Flag Retirement at Malcom Kenney's went well with a good turnout. She said 'Merit Badge Monday' was going well, with several classes being taught. Patty is moving forward with plans at the Dover Climbing Gym.

Treasurer's Report:

Tracy Grogan reported that we received a check to repay Jesse's loan. She noted that she had also cut a check for last month's website costs. She had sent \$200 to Council to cover expenses. When all the popcorn payments are in, Tracy will post the profit split. Some boys still have outstanding fees and some checks have not been deposited yet.

Advancement Coordinator's Report:

Jason King was home sick, so general discussion ensued. Jesse Young's Eagle Board is set for Wednesday, 11/28, 7pm at the Sanford LDS. Julie Lenny & Gary will attend. Julie suggested again that we do Boards of Review on the third Thursday of each month so as not to distract the boys from their activities. She will contact Committee members for a count of attendees. Dave is looking for more merit badge counselors to sign up for our troop. Julie has the list formatted with our Troop sorted out. Lenny will send out Troop Resource Survey.

Old Business:

No old business was brought up.

New Business:

Due to the condition of the Troop tents, Steve Shea motioned that he would like to get eight L.L.Bean tents, which were on sale for only \$139.95. He proposed that where they were on sale for only a short time, and they carried the lifetime guarantee, that he would pick them up on his own card and seek donations from Troop popcorn profits, the VFW, SBRGA, St.John's Masonic Lodge, and the Knights of Columbus. The motion was seconded, and carried unanimously. Dave Walker mentioned that the VFW is very happy with the boy's involvement. He also informed the Committee that two scholarships are available for Eagle Scouts. Lenny advised that the VFW had a scholarship program as well. Dave announced that with Brian Nichols taking a new job in CT, we will need a new Chartered Org Rep, and Brian will ask around for us. Dave also motioned that the Troop buy a couple of dust mops to help take better care of the new floor. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Dave also proposed that we use a simple Excel spreadsheet and create an official budget to track our yearly expenditures and income. Steve Shea talked about how an independent organization could be created for fundraising that could go entirely to the Troop. Patty asked for the Squirrel patch info for the Squirrel Patrol, Lenny will send info and picture of badge.

Roundtable: No Roundtable report.

Scoutmaster's Report:

Dave checked out the town-owned camp in Lyman that is used by Scouts as an idea for a campout. Steve Shea noted that there was an old house in the Great Works Forest that we might look into for camping possibilities. SPL Tim Jefferson presented a summary of upcoming events: The Christmas Parade on Saturday 11/24, Dutch oven cooking at the 11/26 Troop meeting, a Christmas party for the boys on 12/17 (Committee meeting will move to Town hall), organizing tree removal after Christmas as a fund-raiser, a December or January snow-shoe event at Camp Nutter and possibly also at the Lyman camp.

The Meeting wrapped up and Julie moved for adjournment.

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Addendum to Minutes:

Rod & Gun Association meeting 11/27: Lenny Andrews attended the meeting to represent the Troop, during which Jesse's letter of thanks was read aloud. During the Reports of Committees, Lenny told the group that Jake Adams was confirmed Eagle #18 on 10/28 and had signed up for Asst Scoutmaster as an adult leader . Lenny announced that Jesse Young was scheduled for his Eagle Board of Review the very next night, 11/28, and would be Eagle #19. The club was also told that two more scouts, Sam King and Kevin Kareckas may be also be ready for their Boards before the year is out. Floyd Palm interjected that the Rod & Gun has traditionally given a \$50 gift certificate to the Eagle Scouts and motioned that the group authorize the funds immediately for release as needed. The motion was seconded and carried. Lenny will email Barry with addresses and report when each boy reaches the Eagle rank. Lenny continued by reporting that our Asst Scoutmaster Steve Shea had just purchased eight L.L.Bean tents which were not only on sale, but had a lifetime guarantee and that we would be seeking donations from several local organizations. Clayton Ferry asked that we submit a request to the club as they would like to help. Lenny said he would get the figures from Steve. Lenny reported that Steve had us signed up for two flights on a KC-135, but was keeping it from the boys as a surprise in case a higher ranking official usurped the positions. Lenny told the group that we had two new scouts from neighboring communities and another scout had rejoined to the troop. The boys were planning a campout at Camp Nutter or possibly the Camp at Lyman. An appeal was made to the group for anyone interested in teaching a merit badge to please let us know, that there were many different skills and life experiences that they could draw on. Lenny told the group that we were hosting the Spring Camporee and if any of the members knew of a suitable event site, to please give us a call. I emailed Barry the basic requirements we were looking for. Lenny closed by expressing the Troop's appreciation of the club's support and offering our assistance for work projects. An idea to pass on to the Committee would be to build a couple of long, wheeled dollies, one for chairs and another for the tables, to save wear on the new floor.

Eagle Board at LDS 11/28: Gary Adams, Julie Hundley and Lenny Andrews attended Jesse Young's Eagle board of Review at the monthly York District meeting. After the interview, Jesse was confirmed as our 19th Eagle scout! Jesse would like to sign up for Asst Scoutmaster as an adult leader so he can give back some of his experience to the Troop. Julie is sending the project paperwork to Council.