

Troop 870 Committee meeting December 7, 2009

I. Called to order at 7:10 by Carolyn Van Kirk

a. Open volunteer positions - Carolyn Van Kirk

- Friends of Scouts Chair
- Fundraising Chair
- Scouting Parents Unit Coordinator

b. Mark Kuhlman will be the new Re-Charter Chair; Bernie Roan will begin to train him. Mark will also join the outdoor committee.

C. In Julie Lovelace's absence, Carolyn will give the report from the Troop Advancement

- No SMC's this month
- Jan 25th we will have a Court of Honor. If your scout is advancing, please be prepared to join him on stage when he receives his advancement pin.
- Next SMC will be January 4th with Board of Review January 11th.
- There will be two Eagle Courts of Honor this month, December 12th - Daniel Muratore and December 26th - Kevin Bradbury. Please plan on attending if you can. NOTE: See troop website or calendar for location. NEITHER is at UBC!!

d. Note the change in date of campout in January to January 22- 24th.

e. Each month Philmont parents will meet. See the schedule.

f. Jared Dalpe Eagle Project work days have been added.

g. We will need canoes reserved for the month of March.

II. Treasurer Report - Audrey Muratore

a. Financial update given.

b. If there are any questions about the email Audrey sent out yesterday about the fundraising effort for the opportunity to pledge a donation to the troop for the trailer, please let her know. She has already received a donation tonight, and will be present at the holiday party to collect any donations.

III. Board of Review Chair- Jennifer Crucian- not present.

TYPED DIRECTLY FROM AGENDA:

Congratulation to scouts for their completion of their board of review:

Daniel Willi (Scout), Lane Francis (Tenderfoot), Eric Layden (Star), Alan Stepcinski (Life), Jeffery Myers (Life), Matt Lovelace (Life).

IV. Head of Outdoor Activities -Marilyn Hockenberry

a. Summer Camp- Save the date--June 20th-26th. We will leave one day before and come home one day after. Mike Lovelace will be head Scout Master. First payment due in January. Website to the camp has been sent out. More information will be forthcoming.

b. Philmont- up and running! 9 boys and one adult going. \$285 due in the next couple of weeks. We will start meeting the week after regular meetings. - see the schedule.

V. Outdoor Activites- Cheryl Paul

a. Holiday party is next Monday. Families are invited. Pizza will be provided by the troop. The patrols will be assigned something to bring, so ASK YOUR SCOUT WHAT HIS ASSIGNED ITEM IS.

b. Bastrop State Park- orienteering Challenge weekend is January 22-24th at Lake Bastrop. We will have to pay an extra fee per person camping to stay here, so we will raise the camping rate to \$30.00 for THIS CAMP OUT ONLY per scout.

VI. Outdoor Activities -Joe Layden-

a. Fall camp feedback

- Liked the camp
- Food was better than some of the past camps
- Facilities were better than some of the past camps
- Some scouts came back with completed merit badges, not sure if they were completed, will be looked at.

b. Thanks to Ed VanBlarcom who got us a trailer and fixed it up with boards and a tarp so that our gear stayed dry, and to New Assistant Scout Master Brian Conley, who went camping with us.

VII. Health Form Chair- Erica Stepchinski

Everybody will need to fill out Part A & C of the Medical form. Part B is the Physical part of the form and will only need to be redone after it has been one year.

There was a discussion about whether or not we should require Part B of the Physical form for the E. Rock campout? It was decided not to, unless you are a part of the PHILMONT group going to E. Rock. Then you WILL need Part B of the Physical form.

Service Projects Chair- Jed Login

a. Good Turn -June to October is done.

b. Stephen Levy of Levy Enterprises would like to sponsor a trash clean up on the Bayou, if the troop is interested. The area would be Middlebrook, next to the water treatment center. The company would supply all of the supplies necessary. This could be done as an Eagle project, perhaps, or as a troop project. If a Life Scout is interested in doing it as an Eagle Project, please see Mr. Login.

C. Epicurean Event- February 4, 2010, from 6:30-9:30. The older guys need to stay later than 9:30 and help clean up.

d. St. John's trash pick up went well. It was cold, so there were not many runners, so there was not much trash to pick up. Everyone got 1 ½ hrs of service.

VIII. Training Chair- Sam Sukkar

a. Recharter Training is Dec. 8th & Jan. 12th. Mark Kulhman is going.

b. University of Scouting, this is a very fun event- Feb. 13th.

c. Woodbadge Training - March 4-6 & March 25 - 27 SR 1023, April 9-11 & April 30 - May 2 SR - 1024.

d. Mark Francis went to Webelos Woods and got trained.

e. If you do any training online, email your certificate to Sam Sukkar.

IX. Recruiter -Mike Lovelace

a. Fall camp lessons learned

- Weather- we end droughts- so, bring a good tent- with rain fly that goes all the way to the ground, aluminum poles, big enough for 2 cots, 2 trunks and 2 scouts so that they don't touch the walls of the tent. The tent should have 2 vestibules.- if you have questions about a tent, ask a scout master. Good places to shop- REI, LLBean.
- Cots – recommended style is army style that folds up like a camp chair inside a bag. Cots that fold in half with some kind of mattress pad and metal springs take up considerably more space in the trailer and in the tent.
- If you cannot travel with the group, send your packed stuff with the group and ask someone to put up your tent when they get there and stow your gear in your tent, so you have somewhere DRY to go when you get to camp.
- Camp chairs- BRING ONE- better if it is in a bag; put your name on it.
- Loading the trailers the night before worked well and allowed us to leave quickly on Friday.
- Bring 2 sets of shoes on EVERY campout. Flip flops DON'T count.

b. We will have a lot of Webelos visiting in January. Our scouts need to be on their best behavior when these visitors are present. Please talk with your sons about this.

c. Webelos woods attempt was good. We had some visitors, got some email addresses and sent some emails out.

d. January 4th - if your scouts name was on the Order of the Arrow ballot in October, he will want to make every effort to come to this meeting. There will be an Order of the Arrow Tap Out (a call out ceremony performed by members of our OA Chapter). Be There.

X. Jared Dalpe- Presenting his Eagle Scout Project