

## Troop 870 Committee Meeting Minutes March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011

NOTE: There is a 1<sup>st</sup> Year Parents (strongly encouraged) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Parents (invited) meeting on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> where MANY questions will be answered. Please plan to attend if at all possible.

- I. Call Meeting to Order Kari Francis
- II. Announcements/Discussions Kari Francis
  - Open Committee Positions-
    - Service Project Coordinator- Mr. Login is stepping down as service project coordinator.
    - Parent Participation Coordinator
    - Outdoor Committee needs more members!!!- They help coordinate/ plan campouts etc.
  - Thanks to Incoming/Retiring Committee Members
    - Ed VanBlarcom –Incoming “Equipment Guy”
    - Jed Login- Retiring Service Project Coordinator
    - Tessie Bauder- Philmont 2012 Expedition Coordinator
    - Anita Fluharty (retiring)/ Kevin Dix (incoming) Uniform Exchange Coordinator
  - Policy Question—“Do adults need to be registered with troop before they can camp?”
    - SM opinion- not necessary to be registered but would like to require YPT, Safety Afloat, and/or Safe Swim Defense if participating in a water activity.
      - For long term camps it seems that it has been that it was required to be registered.
        - A motion was made by Nadine Senderling that all parents of scouts are highly recommended to be registered members to camp out. It is not required. The motion was seconded by Tessie Bauder and approved by the Committee.
    - Who checks to make sure all adults who are camping have met policy requirements (Medical Forms Chair or Campout Coordinator)? Joe Layden is keeping track of the YPT forms.
  - Parent Participation Sign Up Sheet
    - Requesting each family to sign up for at least 2 events between now and end of June- we know that it is not always easy to get here and involved on Monday night, however, it is very IMPORTANT to commit to AT LEAST 2 events.
- III. Report from Treasurer Leah Galliker
  - Snapshot picture of the troop budget approximately \$12,000 in bank currently, however, with our bills we expect that will end up with \$8468 in the troop account.
- IV. Report from Advancement/BOR Lovelace/Crucian
  - Scoutmaster Conferences tonight- 2 boys sitting tonight
  - Boards of Review 3/21/11- will need 3 parents to help with this!!!
  - Carpentry Merit Badges came in and they are being handed out this evening

V. Report from Fundraising Chair

Mark Kuhlman

- Subscription letters going out soon
- Need **LOTS!!!** of parent involvement for door to door sales on Mon. 3/28 and Sat. 4/9
- Please make participation in any and all fundraiser events a PRIORITY for you AND your scout(s)! Remember—**participation in flag install and flag pickup for 2 holidays is mandatory as well as participation in 1 sales day or flag assembly/repair day.**
- Mark will be out of town for Memorial Day- Cheryl Paul will be the “Go to” girl for that holiday.
- NOTE: Troop T-shirts are required attire for the door to door sales. BSA will not allow us to do selling in our full uniforms (Class A’s). Contact Kevin Dix to get a Troop T-shirt if you don’t have one yet!

VI. Report from Service Chair

Jed Login

VII. Jed Login was not able to attend, however, Kari Francis filled us in on these details;

- \*\*\*Each scout is required to have 3 service hours to attend long term camps
  - NOTE: We waive this requirement for brand new members of the troop—although we still encourage them to try to perform 3 hours of service this spring any way.
- Lots of Bridging Ceremony opportunities—see troop calendar for dates
- 3/19 Allen Vinson’s Eagle Project at Clear Lake United Methodist Church 8-12 or 12-4- see emails for details
- 3/26 MD Anderson 5K Colon Cancer Run
- 4/9 Rebuilding Houston Together (details coming soon!)
- TBD Care Package Drive for Marines
- 4/16 UBC Vegetable garden and brush clean up

VIII. Report From Outdoor Activities Committee

- Enchanted Rock Feedback Bauder/Senderling
  - Everyone liked the trip but some of the older boys wanting to split up into two groups and have a longer hike.
- Battleship Texas 3/26 - 3/27 Leah Galliker
  - Several biking options as well as spending the night on the USS Texas. Lunch will be provided after the bike ride in the park next to the battleship.
  - There is a waiver that needs to be filled out prior to sleeping on the battleship. Dinner will be pizza served family style by the troop (instead of cooked by patrol like a normal campout) and delivered from an area pizza place like Domino’s.
  - Will need MANY parents to help out with everything from the bike ride to spending the night. The battleship has a 1 adult to 6 scout ratio.
  - If you will be riding your bike you need to bring a bike lock.

- Camp-O-Ree 4/29 - 5/1 Joe Layden
  - Patrols compete against each other- sponsored by Bayshore Council.
- Buffalo Trails Summer Camp July 3-9 Cheryl Paul
  - Sign up due NOW. \$320. \$110, \$110 and \$100 installments.
  - Merit badge list will be coming out at a later date.
  - NOTE: The troop's flag fundraiser allows us to subsidize the actual cost of summer camp by \$150 per scout. This results in each scout only needing to pay the \$320.
  - \*\*\*SEE SECRETARY NOTE BELOW\*\*\*
- SeaBase 6/15 – 6/23 Leah Galliker
  - Really need scouts that are going to participate in the campouts for the boys to work on their team building. There will be some competitions between the two teams.
- Philmont 2012 Tessie Bauder
  - Required to be 14 by 2012

IX. Report From Membership/ Training Chair

Joe Layden

- ReCharter Results
  - Registered 51 scouts and 41 adults
  - Registration forms, medical forms and Personal Data Sheets for incoming Webelos must be in NO LATER THAN March 21 in order for them to participate in the Bike Hike or the overnight on the ship.
  - Adult forms must be completely filled out with YPT form attached along with 3 references.
- **Goal** is to have (at least) 1 adult per family registered with troop and YPT trained
- Please turn in all completed training certificates to Joe Layden

X. Report From Scoutmaster/SPL

Lovlace/Francis

Bike hike- 3/26-27- there are 3 routes leaving UBC on Saturday morning: 15, 25 and 50 miles and 1 route returning to UBC on Sunday morning: 15 miles

- No matter what route you are riding we will have a vehicle pulling the troop trailer that you can put your overnight or at-the-park gear in. You won't have to carry that on your bike. You will only need a helmet, water and food for the ride on your person Saturday.
- The 50 mile route will consist of 35 miles to the battleship and 15 miles back to UBC after lunch at the park. If you are spending the night, you are expected to go home and shower before getting a ride from your parents back to the battleship in time for the pizza dinner. Not sure what time this group will return to UBC- best guess is around 2:30 or 3:30 p.m., however, we will keep in touch. This group MAY also leave UBC slightly earlier on Saturday morning than the 15 or 25 miles group. Stay tuned.

- If you WONDER if you are a 50 mile bike ride then you are NOT. Please do the 25 mile route.
- The **25 mile group** is for riders who have completed the shorter rides for the Cycling Merit Badge. The two 10 mile rides and the two 15 mile rides for the Cycling Merit Badge.
- If you WONDER if you are a 25 mile bike rider, then you are NOT. Please do the 15 mile route.
- The **15 mile group** is ideal for new scouts or riders who haven't biked much prior to this. It will move quite slowly and take 2 or 3 breaks to let guys catch their breath.
- If you WONDER if you are a 15 mile bike rider, go ahead and try it! There will be a vehicle to give you a ride if you decide half way to the battleship that you're really more of a 5 mile kind of guy!
- **Sunday morning** there will be a group of guys who ride their bikes back to UBC from the battleship. These guys will take the 15 mile directly back to the church. This ride is NOT suitable for guys that road the 15 mile route on Saturday as this group will be moving much faster than Saturday's 15 mile group. Mr. Lovelace will provide the SAG support for this group.
- 15 mile route will move at the speed of the slowest ride.
- 35 mile group will move a little earlier.
- Safety and Gear (SAG)- needing 3 parents to sign up to follow the 3 routes for safety purposes
- Kevin Davis gave a great meeting about gear tonight-\*\*\* please bring your bikes and helmets to the next meeting- 3/21

3/28- door to door flag sales. In lieu of the meeting we will go door to door. Meet at UBC with your Class B uniform.

3/26- Team Steve Nicklow fun run (at M.D. Anderson)- please see previous email for information. Mr. Nicklow was a former Asst. Scoutmaster who passed away earlier this year from colon cancer.

3/27- bike ride back to UBC if you want to do the bike ride

Thirteen new boys have joined/ are joining our troop this Spring:

- 3 boys joined our troop from Pack 95
- 6 from Pack 957
- 1 from Pack 1004
- 1 from Pack 958
- 1 from 869
- 1 brand new to scouting

Allen Vinson's Eagle project is coming up on 3/19<sup>th</sup>. Please see email for details.

\*\*\*\*Secretary's note about travel for BTR- Buffalo Trails Scout Ranch

The outbound seats on the train are being assigned first come first served based on the reservation date. Any overflow scouts will take the express vans to camp (it actually is quite a bit faster to drive than take the train).

For the return, ALL scouts who took the vans TO camp will have the option to take the train home. We will ask for volunteers from among the boys who took the train TO camp to give up their seats for those who take the vans TO camp (not unlike an overbooked flight). If we can't get enough volunteers, we'll have a drawing and the names drawn from among those who took the train TO camp, will graciously take the vans home FROM camp in order to allow those who want to take the train but didn't on the way TO camp will have the opportunity to ride the train.

There will be a drawing sometime in May so you will have time to adjust your schedule. If you have any questions please contact Mike Fodroci, The Scoutmaster in charge of summer camp.

NOTE: Mr. Fodroci made a comment to the boys at the end of the troop meeting that the parents needed to hear: If you are going to BTR, it is **imperative** that you have appropriate footwear!

Hiking boots with ankle supports are ideal. At a minimum, high top basketball shoes that provide at least some ankle support could do. The terrain is very rocky with plenty of up- and down-hill walking. Tennis shoes are only appropriate in camp – otherwise you run the very real risk of spraining an ankle like one of the new scouts did at Enchanted Rock last month.

NOW is the time to get these boots and start breaking them in. That process takes more than a few days of walking around in the house. Otherwise, you'll end up with blisters – and that makes for a miserable summer camp experience!

Please see Kari for an updated calendar/ roster/ treasury budget etc. if you were not in attendance at the meeting as it was given out with the agenda. Mike Lovelace also sent out an updated roster via email