

Minutes from Parents Meeting on Monday, November 8, 2010

Taken by: Committee Secretary Robin Barrett

Committee Chair Kari Francis called the meeting to order

- She stated that we need more parents that are involved with the Boards of Review and in order to do that they need to be REGISTERED as members of the troop. It was discussed that when a new boy joins the troop to suggest that at least one parent becomes an active member. Another option would be that at re-charter that all scouts would have at least one parent becomes an active member. This would entail 45 minutes for training and \$15.00 fee- if the troop would pay for this (at least part) it would help persuade the parents to join.
 - We are going to just be asking the parents to register, not necessarily require them to participate but if they ARE registered then it is easier for them to participate where/when the troop may need them-ie. BOR
 - It is our goal to have at least one parent per Boy Scout. We will encourage this by making all of the information easily accessible to the parents.
 - Kari would like to have the adult forms sent home with the boys.

Calling all Exxon Mobile Employees- (see Steve Ludovice for details)

- Exxon Mobile will donate money to the troop when you volunteer your time
- For BP please see Ed Van Blarcom

Report from the Treasurer- Audrey Muratore

- We got \$1000 from Exxon- Thank you Steve for your volunteer hours
- The checkbook is showing \$1100 less than the bank because we have a couple of check out

Report for the Scoutmaster- Mike Lovelace and SPL- Kevin Roan

- Kevin would like to thank all of the adults for putting all of the flags up yesterday
- Mike got 2 emails in the past 24 hours for subscription
- The Space Center will be offering a Scuba merit badge at the NBL- the cost is \$300 and there can be one adult per scout who can also register. For more questions email reservations@spacecenter.org.
 - The dates will be on several Saturdays- beginning in 2011 until November 2012. Below is the website for more details
 - <http://www.spacecenter.org/ScoutCampinsBoys.html>
- Carpentry merit badge will be offered at the Francis' house on Sunday December 5th. Among other things to be made will be making stands for the patrol flags. See below for more information
- Mission to Mission charity bike ride in San Antonio will be held December 3-4. We will leave UBC on Friday December 3rd and return Saturday December 4th.
 - <http://www.missiontrailrotary.com/> and watch for emails for more information

- St. John's 5K Reindeer run is also on December 4- Boys and adults can run and pick up trash or just help pick up trash.
- BTR and High Adventure- signed up for base camp but there are still opportunities for high adventures. We are looking into taking Amtrak train to Alpine. Logistics are still being worked out. The dates are July 2-9

Report from Troop Advancement and BOR chairs

- Please see email from Julie Lovelace regarding proper attire when having a Scoutmaster Conference and advancing to your BOR. We are going to be very strict on proper uniform and if you show up to BOR not properly in uniform you will have to wait until the next BOR.
- November 15th Scoutmaster Conferences
- November 29th Boards of Review
- November 13th Andrew Eaton's Eagle Court of Honor 2:00 p.m. UBC

Fall Camp- Outdoor Activities Committee Joe Layden/ Steve Ludovice

- Planning, loading, departure and return
 - Email went out on Sunday about tent mates- make sure your son has a tent mate in order and that one of them has a tent to take
 - Thursday November 18th- loading personal gear
 - Friday- depart 5:00 (or as close to this as possible)
 - Return Wednesday the 24th 10:30 a.m.
 - 23 scouts going to Fall Camp!

Webelos Woods

- Planning, loading, departure and return
 - Loading Saturday 9:30 a.m. November 20th
 - Return Sunday morning- Keep in mind that this is a one night camp and the boys will get service hours.
 - Adults going include Mike Lovelace, Mike Fodroci, Rafael Morales, Alison Muratore, Carolyn Van Kirk and Sam Sukkar- (Secretary's note: Rafael and Sam are doing training that will have them away from the troop)

Report from Health Form Chair- Erica Stepchinski

- There are 3 boys and one parent that still need to turn in Class B Physical form for Fall Camp, however, they are aware of this

Report from Equipment Chair- Patrick Stepchinski

- Q & A- What to take to fall camp
 - It will rain and most likely be cold- bring 2 pairs of shoes, extra large plastic bags to pack stuff in so that it can stay somewhat dry.

- Parents please help hold your scouts accountable for maintaining/ cleaning patrol boxes and equipment- Nadine suggested that the person responsible for the boxes should make a list of who takes what home and check it off when it is returned. A laminated version of this was given to Mike Lovelace this evening per Joe Layden.
- They keys to the trailers have disappeared so if you have them, please return them as soon as possible

Report from Fundraising Chair- Mark Kuhlman

- Feedback from Sundays Flag put out for Veteran's Day
 - Some of the difficulties we have seen in the past we got over, however, there were a couple of maps that stated every home on the street got a flag. There are still a few lessons learned that will help out our efficiency and it is just a matter of time before we get it to run more smoothly. There were 7 groups that each had about 40-50 flags each- it was stated that it would be better/ more efficient if there were 10 or more groups putting out flags. As of now we have over 300 flag subscriptions!

Report for the Service Project Chair- Jed Login

- Reindeer Run 12/04/10- more info will be emailed to you
- Seafarer's drive- no contact as of right now but will look at the website and Jed will work with Mike on this
- The Ballunar Festival was a great success with the boys picking up trash. It was a very worthwhile cause. There was also a great turnout for the UBC Fall Festival. Thanks to all who helped out. The Webelos Woods training also went very well.
- Phase 1 of Colin Schneider's Eagle Scout Project went very well. There were 12 scouts who cut out 113 bodies and 90 heads. Phase 2 will hopefully be before Thanksgiving and an email will be sent out soon about this
- Upcoming service activities include Webelos Woods and a tentatively scheduled for December 10th Garage clean out. NOTE: UBC has asked we wait on the garage clean out until March 2011.
- If you have any photos of any of these events get them to Troop Historian Devon Login
- Jed still has a summer sleeping bag if you or anyone you know may still need one please contact Jed.
- Mr. Galliker will be deploying to Afghanistan and it was suggested that we try to do a shoe box drive to send snacks/goodies to him and his troop. More info to come.

Carpentry Merit Badge will be held Sunday December 5th from 11-4 at Mr. Francis's house. Interested scouts should email Mr. Francis by 11/12 at mark.francis@jedunn.com

- Alison Muratore introduced Steve **SCHNEIDER** as a new Merit Badge Counselor.
- NO new PT badges after this Saturday (it was cancelled due to weather)- see email for more details

Holiday Party will be held December 13th. Pizza will be served with everyone bringing a designated item. An email will be coming out soon with more details!

Report form Chaplain- Rudy Balciunas- If anyone wants to pursue religious badge then let your Chaplain know by December 23rd

Cheryl Paul stated that BTR Summer Camp has 25 boys and 6 adults signed up for base camp but there are still opportunities for high adventures. See upcoming email for more details!