

September Parent Meeting Minutes September 12, 2011

Taken by Robin Barrett, Troop 870 Secretary

- Kari Francis, Committee Chair, opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.- Rudy Balciunas, Chaplain, began the meeting with a blessing
- Announcements
 - Kari has membership cards: If you have not received yours please let her know. Once you receive these you can log on <http://scouting.org/> and do some online classes.
 - In order to maintain our Quality Unit Status the majority of the committee needs to have taken the following short classes.
 - “Troop Committee Challenge”
 - “Fast Start”
 - “This is Scouting”
 - YPT, required
 - We would like to welcome 2 new families to Troop 870- the Struss and Salois Families
 - Leah Galliker has stepped up and is transitioning into the Advancement Chair position. Leah was Troop Treasurer and with this transition she will step down and we will need to fill the Treasurer position. If you are interested please see Kari or Leah as soon as possible. **(NOTE: Liz Dimopoulos has volunteered to serve as Treasurer since the 9/12/11 meeting)**
 - Fall Camp is in November and your Scout will need 3 hours service to attend.
 - Some opportunities include:
 - (NOTE: this has already happened): Pack 95 is looking for scouts to volunteer to help cubs build their boats for the Rain Gutter Regatta. The meeting is September 13. Scouts can earn 2 service hours credit for this event. Please contact James Hartfield (Pack 95 Service Chair-832-498-2265)
 - Cub Scout fishing Tournament is at Sylvan Beach and is looking for scouts and adults to help with this event. It will be held the same weekend as Lake Livingston campout (9/24), but if your Scout is not going to attend camp this is a fun way to earn service hours. Contact Nicholas Coccia via email at Nicholas.Coccia@bp.com if you are interested.
 - HMNS Scout Schedule is posted. See their website for available merit badges and times offered. Act quickly as classes fill up.
http://www.hmns.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=164&Itemid=174
 - Texas A&M Vet School is offering an open house to earn the veterinary medicine Merit Badge. Registration is 11/14-18 and fills up fast. Registration fills up fast so register early. If you are interested contact Al Estes (alan_estes@sbcglobal.net or 281-841-7727)
<http://vetmed.tamu.edu/open-house/boy-scouts>

- Scouting on the boardwalk is Oct 1st – This event is sponsored by Bay Area council and requires advance online registration. For more info visit:
<http://www.bacbsa.org/Special%20Events/Scouting%20on%20the%20Boardwalk.aspx>
- Also look online at University of Houston merit badges:
<http://www.core.tech.uh.edu/MBU.htm>
- Be sure your scout requests their Blue Cards from Leah Galliker at least **one week** (if possible) BEFORE you go to any of these classes.
- PLEASE talk to your scouts about APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR at Scout Meetings, and RESPECT FOR OUR CHARTER ORGANIZATION, UBC. Several scouts at the last meeting unraveled all of the toilet paper in the boys bathroom and left it all over the floor, as well as rearranged several of the flyers on the bulletin boards around the church. This is NOT how we show our appreciation to the church for letting us use their space for our meetings.
- Report from Treasurer-Leah Galliker- Leah intends to stay on for the budgeting process for 2012. Books are open if you have any questions or if you want to see what is involved prior to taking over.
 - Per September 870 Receipts/ Disbursements “Beginning Cash=\$7,211.76 and Ending Cash= \$17,586.15” If you would like a copy please see Leah Galliker
 - We have enough money to put troop logo on the trailers- We are looking for volunteers to help Equipment Committee get price quotes for getting the logo on the trailers
- Report from Advancement- Jennifer Crucian
 - There are scout master conferences tonight- Jennifer will send out an email when we know how many parents will be needed for the Board of Review. Please remind your Scout what a full and complete uniform is. Make sure they are in complete uniform for their Scout Master Conference as well as their Board of Review.
- Troop Triathlon-Erica Stepchinski- We currently have 26 boys plus 14 visiting Webelos. We still need more volunteers to help out.
 - Scouts MUST wear good-fitting helmets or they will NOT be allowed to do the bike ride.
 - Food will be limited to the scouts participating only unless there are leftovers.
- Lake Livingston Campout- Nadine Senderling- 9/23-25 We will load the trailers Thursday night at 6:00 p.m., Meet at UBC Friday night at 5:30 and return Sunday morning at 11:15 a.m.
 - We are short drivers so please see Nadine as soon as possible. **NOTE: As of 9/21, we have enough drivers.**
 - We will keep an eye on the wild fire situation and will follow all cooking restrictions- as of today can use charcoal and propane ONLY! NO WOOD fires.
 - Concerns about Naegleria fowleri- bacteria- contacted River Authority Lake Livingston and they have never had a case. Look over the FAQs- if you need a copy please see Kari Francis
- October Campout Preview- Joe Layden- 28 spots- 10/14-16 (second weekend) intends to teach the boys how to backpack. This is a SHAC sponsored event. If your scout is going to

Philmont it is strongly recommended that your Scout has this training. Please be on the lookout for upcoming email.

- Report from Fundraiser Committee
 - Flags come back in tomorrow, 9/13 between 4:30 and 7:30. The traffic flow seemed to be much better organized.
- Report from Scout Master Mike Lovelace-
 - Troop Triathlon- By having the little guys (Webelos) we have a 3rd shorter distance and this is hopefully going to encourage some of the boys to participate that may not have participated before. Do not need to wear uniform.
 - October campout- SHAC event- El Rancho Cima Oct 14-16. Troop has 28 slots available with first availability going to those Scouts who will be attending Camp Philmont.
 - The first Monday in October (10/3)- part of the Parents' meeting will be spent listening in on the troop meeting with Glenn Juenke (an HPD officer) talking about internet safety, bullying etc.
- Further business-
 - Al Estes- If you want to know your service hours contact Al Estes. Service hours projects that are coming up are Shrimporee, UBC Fall festival, Clear Lake United Methodist fall bizarre, Ballunar Festival, Space Center Houston Fire Drill, etc. Reminder: a Scout going to an extended camp needs to perform 3 hours of troop service since summer camp and prior to Fall Camp
 - Ryan Mays Eagle Court of Honor will be held October 29th at UBC.
- Report from SPL Jeff Meyers- if your son signed his leadership agreement Jeff has his position badge. If he has not signed their agreement, see Jeff.