

Committee Meeting Minutes November 25, 2008

Members Present: Dave Besel, Paul Burwinkle, Dawn Diver, Keith Jones, Dan MacEachern, Kent Plunket, Carolyn Poirier, Michael Poirier, Michelle Wiley, Christine Williams, Bobby Williams

Opening: Dan opened the meeting with a prayer

Purpose: Dan stated that the purpose of the meeting was to elect a new Scoutmaster. He further explained that he would give each nominee 5-7 minutes to explain his vision of the Troop and where it is headed and how we would get there. Dan stated that after each nominee had spoke he would allow committee member to ask specific questions.

Paul Burwinkle – Paul stated that if the Troop was to excel there was a three part solution. First that it must be a boy led Troop. Secondly, he stated that the adult leadership needed to utilized. Finally he said that we need to retain the older boys in Scouting. He wanted to bring the youth leadership to visit an already existing Troop to show them how a boy run Troop works. He wanted to them to see their SPL meeting and let them work as a patrol at their Troop meeting. He also stated that there has to be effective leadership training for them. Paul stated that the skills of the adult leaders needed to be utilized. He wanted to put adults into positions that would help the Troop function better. An example he used was to have an adult leader oversee the quartermaster and help him organize all of the Troop equipment. If we are to retain the older boys we must offer some high adventure activities for them. He stated that some of that had been done but he wanted the Scouts to realize that they could accomplish almost anything they wanted to do.

Dave Besel – Dave stated he had been along side his oldest son throughout his Scouting adventure. He stated he had been through good experiences as well as the bad ones and that he has learned from them. He stated that being a boy run Troop was of the utmost importance. The boys need to learn leadership skills. He also said that utilizing the adult leadership needed to be done. Dave also stated that visiting another Troop would benefit the youth leadership. He further stated that the adults needed to visit as well. He stated that if the boys lead it will build confidence. Leadership training would also be part of his plan. Dave felt that the upper ranked Scouts were better for leadership and that others could learn from them. He wanted to make sure that each boy gets everything he can out of Scouting and that there was a push for all of them to make Eagle.

There were no questions asked at the end of the nominee presentations.

Vote: Dan passed out voting slips to the members present and asked that they circle the name of the nominee they wanted as Scoutmaster. Dan also stated that he had received one e-mail vote and that he got phone confirmation of two others. He also was given a proxy for another. Dan asked Don Elam to witness the vote tally. After all of the votes were tallied Dan announced that Dave Besel was elected as the new Scoutmaster.

The meeting was then adjourned.