

Committee Meeting Minutes – 8/19/08

Present – Dan MacEachern, Keith Wagner, Paul Burwinkel, Kent Plunkett, Michael Poirier, Greg Czech, Bill Charters, John Lint, Keith Jones

Opened meeting with a prayer

Briefly went over minutes of May meeting

Treasurer's Report We have approximately \$1179.65 currently in the account but are expecting roughly a \$1000 refund from summer camp.

Paul gave us a review of summer camp. It sounded like a good time was had by all.

Dan gave us status on Boshears (October 18th and 19th) No cost to Troop 8 members, A Monster Truck will be featured this year (it will crush cars)

John Lint reported on the progress of the Eagle Projects at the end of the parking lot.

New Business

Dan brought up the idea of having a Chairman's award. An award that can be awarded to a youth or adult scout that has gone above the call of duty in leadership or scouting principles. Everyone was in agreement with having such an award. Dan would take responsibility of overseeing the award.

Dan has gone through the Scout House property (inside and outside) and made a list of things that needs to be done. He said he would e-mail that list out and would like feedback on it.

There was lengthy discussion as to the make-up of patrols. We currently have our patrols divided up by age. An alternative method would be to mix them up into fewer patrols. (we have patrols consisting of 4 and 5 in two patrols) Ideally 8 to 12 would be a better number. Having them grouped by age causes competitiveness and causes some of the inappropriate behavior

problems that we have had in the past. Mixing them up could create more opportunities for the different ages to interact. It also would allow the younger scouts to get a better opportunity to get help from the older ones in the patrol. The biggest obstacle was to get the boys to buy into it. Everyone was in basic agreement to revamp the patrols. Bill will bring it up at next weeks PLC meeting and Dan will be there to discuss it with the PLC. We will see where it goes from there.

There was discussion that we were not having enough PLC meetings. It was decided to get fixed dates for these. One suggestion was having them one Monday a month for 1 hour preceding the regular Scout meeting. Pre and post meetings were brought up as well. The youth leaders must be elected, committed for 6 months and trained.

Bill brought up some up coming dates for the Troop and Council. Dates to be e-mailed when finalized. The District Camporee is September 5, 6, and 7.

Mr. Plunkett brought up idea of collecting weekly dues and having uniform checks at every meeting. This is a way to teach responsibility and fiscal awareness.

Mr. Lint brought up a concern in how popcorn money is divided up. We only have a couple of Scouts that have sold it but yet they give 50% of the profit back to the Troop while the other 50% they got to use in their own scouting account. Is it fair that these few help with the overall Troop budget while the others do not? This will be brought back up at the next Committee meeting. No real solution was made.

The next Committee meeting will be Tuesday November 18, 2008
Items on this agenda will be dues, popcorn money, creating a Troop budget, and the possibility of getting a troop trailer.

I apologize if I have made any mistakes with these minutes. If I have please let me know and I will stand corrected. I will e-mail any corrections.