

TROOP 117
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2009

Doc called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM and determined a quorum (minimum four voting members) was present. Others in attendance were: Alice K., Vickie M., Kathy D., John C., Jay B.

Financial Report: Vickie is waiting on the Fed Tax ID and does not yet have access to accounts. We have outstanding dues from 2008. Doc is following up. This year's dues are in still in process. Climbing equipment fund is \$150. Donation fund is \$1804 with a few contingencies. The reserve fund has \$1863.54. There is an outstanding balance on the Troop jackets. Vickie will follow up with Karen M. Total assets \$12784.

Vickie had several questions for specific reimbursement requests to understand which budget line items or funds to draw against.

Minutes: March 11, 2009 minutes were presented. **Jay B. moved that we accept the minutes as presented. John C. seconded. Motion passed.**

Scoutmaster Report: John C. gave his observations:

Poor attendance – missing scribe, two of the Patrol Leaders, and others. Justin H. and ASPL need to call boys before the meeting to remind them. Main discussion was about the Scout Show booth – it will be a bean bag toss through a plywood display. The OA tap out has been pushed out to first week in May. We're waiting on scarves from the supplier and then will present them. There will be a five mile hike on Saturday (April 8).

Older scout report: Wes L. will not complete his Eagle rank; Josh C. is ready for his BOR – possibly on 4/15.

Christian R. will be acting as a Troop Instructor for the next six months and working closely with Ed O. to accomplish his leadership requirements. The PLC and Ed did not feel Christian completed his leadership duties during the past six months.

Scout X (named during discussion) had “unscoutlike” behavior at the Sand Dunes campout. At least three parents and five boys have complained about language and other issues. Progressive discipline is in action. He was asked to leave by the SPL at a recent scout meeting, before the end of the meeting, because of his behavior. The next step will be a meeting with Doc, Ed, the parents, and the scout, hopefully in the next week. The request will be that at least one parent need to be present with him at all scout functions. Doc will follow up with the Committee at the May Committee meeting.

Also, at the Sand Dunes campout, there were other issues of a failure of the buddy system and possible lapse of adult leadership which should be reviewed and corrected with additional training and discussion.

Old Business

Philmont – Doc – as of Monday we had three (possibly four) open slots. They will be opened for the middle of this month. All participants have made at least partial payments. Doc and John M have a plan to use in-district scouts who have expressed a desire to go to fill the open slots. They have a list to work from.

Climbing Equipment – Doc has attempted to contact Jim L. about selling the excess equipment with no progress. We have no urgent need to dispose of this.

Ed O has possession of Camping merit badge blue cards for about 25 scouts. Hopefully he can follow up with Jim L. for Jim to sign off. Otherwise he will handle it.

New Business

Summer Camp – Kathy D. – she handed out an update. We currently have 30 scouts and five adults planning to go. Dates: July 19-25, 2009. Camp will be at the Independence campsite at Peaceful Valley – Camp Dietler. Since two adults can go for free, we decided that the total adult cost of three adults would be divided over the five adults. **Jay B. moved that we offer a scholarship of \$72 for one adult who has asked for it. John C. seconded. Motion passed.**

One scout will also be going on scholarship of \$210 and will pay for other incidentals from his own funds.

Kathy D. will approach the boys about designing a T-shirt for camp. Doc will give her details about how to order them.

There will be a family night offered on July 24th for anyone interested in camping with the Troop. Forms will be due by May 1st.

Craft Fair Prep – George F. passed information about this to someone? None present had the information. Doc will follow up with George to find out who has the information.

Memorial Day Parade – Doc will have a signup form to solicit scouts to participate. He is also trying to get DAC to get involved in the Memorial/Tribute which follows the parade. He will have a Life Scout lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the Memorial. Doc asked for input from the committee about how best to select the scout.

Jay B moved that we adjourn at 8:35 PM. John C. seconded. Motion passed.