

TROOP 117
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 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., Ed O., Les C., Judith E., Julie D., Jay B., John D., Joel R.

Financial Report:

Vickie was unavailable so we did not have a financial report.

Minutes: The December 11, 2008 minutes were not available. There was no meeting in January, 2009.

Scoutmaster Report:

PLC – Snow Shoe Trip scheduled for Saturday, February 21. This will be a two tiered event – day hike for families with option to campout overnight. Jim Leffingwell will coordinate. Details will be sent by GoogleGroups.

Campaigning is complete. Troop elections will be 2/16.

Mike Myers, from District, will handle OA elections on 2/16. Six boys are eligible. Four adults are eligible but only two may be elected based on our number of boys participating.

Webelos recruitment - Troop will be attending two Blue and Gold banquets. Our expectations are:

Pack 466 – three scouts

Pack 559 – two or three scouts

Pack 462 – none - all intending to join Troop 114

Court of Honor will be March 2 to avoid conflict with Pack 559's Blue and Gold.

Feb. 23 – Troop will spend time straightening out the Rank Totem, cleaning candle holder, etc.

Most ASMs are attending their planning meetings.

Mar. 9 – March campout planning and Scout Show planning.

There will be a shift in the Troop meetings to add more activities/fun.

Joel R. gave a brief review of other Troops in the area and stated his appreciation for the open style of Troop 117.

We have closed the gap with Older Scouts so we will no longer report them separately.

Old Business:

Philmont – we have five slots open and John has a plan to solicit other scouts. Tracy Ryan will be the second adult rather the Joel.

FOS – We will have an FOS presenter (not Doc) at the March Court-of-Honor. Doc gave us an overview of the FOS program. Our Troop goal is \$1800. FOS supports scouting throughout the Denver Area Council. District goal will be met if every family contributes \$28. Doc would like 100% participation from Troop 117. The Sports Breakfast is April 15 at Pepsi Center – keynote speaker is the head of US Major League Soccer – Don Graber. This is primarily for businesses to sponsor a table of potential donors. Jay mentioned that our dues are lower than many other Troops so we can encourage our members to contribute more. DAC has a long term goal to fund operations from proceeds from invested endowments.

New Business:

Nominations/Selection of 2008 Outstanding Scouters – District Dinner is in March. Cost is \$16 per person so three Outstanding Scouters and guests will cost \$96 – budget is \$100. The Troop has voted to send: Steve Koerwitz, Les Van Vleet, and Les Cowger.

Adult Participation – we discussed ways to increase the general adult participation in the Troop. Jay suggested a more direct approach to recruitment at opportunities like the Court-of-Honor. Doc wants to see increased participation at the District Roundtable. Judith reported that the ASMs have agreed in principle to go, but they haven't worked out a schedule yet. March's Roundtable topic is Exploring. April's Roundtable topic will be on Venturing (how it can support Boy Scouts). Les suggested calling all non-participating parents with a list of jobs and going down the list until they sign up. Ed agreed that face-to-face is the most effective. Doc went over a list of registered adults and their current involvement. Ed added other adults who have active scouts but aren't participating.

Scoutmaster transition – Ed's term will be up at the end of May. We need to schedule an adult meeting to interview a candidate for Scoutmaster. Our recommendation will need to be approved by our Charter Organization head, Dan Dolquist. Doc will send a second open call for anyone who would like to become Scoutmaster. We have one candidate already – John Cheever.

Spring Break campout – Joel asked if he could coordinate a trip to Moab during LPS Spring Break. This has not been approved by the PLC and needs to be approved at the March PLC before he can promote it to the Troop as an official activity.

Projector cable – **Judith made a motion that we allocate \$46 to purchase a 100 foot cable for use with our projector. John seconded. The motioned passed.** This cable will be made available to the District for use at their annual District dinner.

Judith made a motion that we purchase a replacement light bulb for the Troop's projector at the best available price. Jay seconded. The motion passed.

Ed gave an update about publishing the Troop calendar. It has been emailed to all ASMs and Holly will post it on the GoogleGroups site. We would like to move to a different system – possibly the Troop's website.

Meeting adjourned by attrition by 9:00 PM.