

TROOP 117  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
January 9, 2008

Doc called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and determined a quorum was present. Others in attendance were: George F, Jay B, Ed O, Diane Y, Joel R, Lynn H, and Andrew H.

Colton P presented the plan for his Eagle Project. The committee approved for him to move forward with his plan to construct an outdoor reading area at Moody Elementary School tentatively planned for April 26<sup>th</sup> with a May 3<sup>rd</sup> alternative.

Andrew H presented the plan for his Eagle Project. The committee approved for him to move forward with his plan to build a storage shed for Grace Presbyterian Church planned for April or May.

Financial Report: There were no transactions /changes during the past month. Therefore, a new report was not prepared.

Committee Minutes: The minutes from the December 19, 2007 meeting were reviewed and accepted

Scoutmaster Report:

Ed O. reported that he, and each patrol leader, will research and present information about summer camp options for the troop to vote on at the January 21 meeting.

All patrol leaders were present at the January 6<sup>th</sup> PLC meeting.

Winter Camping: A winter camping lesson was presented at the last troop meeting. Ryan M will call other Troop Instructors to organize and carry out a winter camping pack check at the January 14<sup>th</sup> troop meeting in preparation for the camping trip the following weekend.

Spencer Swalm, our representative to the Colorado State House of Representatives, will visit the troop on February 4<sup>th</sup> and give a presentation regarding the workings of government.

The January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting is designated as the troop merit badge night, which will be like a mini-merit badge college. Judith E is coordinating these, which are planned to occur every 6-8 weeks. Ed O will be gone that night, and will ask Judith to be in charge of the meeting.

Keys to the church building: Todd K, Doc, John M, Ed O, John D, and Lynn have keys. The ASM's: Joel R, Gary H, John M, and Judith E, also need keys. We will make keys available for them.

Scout uniforms: Doc will put out a mailing regarding the uniform requirements for scouting events, including troop meetings.

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Old Business:

District Outstanding Scouter Awards: Judith E, John C, and Gary H were voted on by the committee to receive this year's award.

Winter Camping trip January 18-20: The committee voted for the troop to pay the cost of the camping sites. Those attending include: 9 adults, 9 first year scouts, and 11 middle-older scouts.

High Adventure trip: George F will be scheduling planning meetings in the near future.

Benefactor Donation to the troop: Doc will look into having a plaque made to send to the benefactor of a significant donation to the troop as a token of gratitude. The quartermaster and others in the troop will continue to explore the best way to use the money to benefit the troop, especially looking at purchasing troop tents.

New Business:

The committee passed a motion for Joel R to pursue planning a trip to Moab during spring break. Joel will confer with the PLC at the mini meeting following the next troop meeting.

Family camp: Phil B will coordinate a troop family camp opportunity at Camp Hale on August 1-3.

Doc will explore doing a family outing to Grand Junction during the last week of September to see the Blue Angels Air Show.

Other New Business:

Recharter time is coming up. Doc will hand out application forms.

Doc will ask Mr. Martinez if he will help with putting together the new scout kits: scarves, notebooks, applications, etc. for the incoming scouts expected this March.

Friends of Scouting: A representative will be at the February court of honor. The district considers us a premier unit, and has high expectations for our contributions. Our troop budgets \$5.00 per scout, or about \$200.00 toward the fund. The remainder (about \$1500.00, or about \$45.00 per scout) of the district goal is left to the individual contributions of each scouting family.

At the next committee meeting we will formalize the calendar of events, plugging in dates through August, which will go into the electronic calendar.

It was suggested that Judith E lead a parent meeting to inform everyone about the troop activities that are being entered and available on "Google calendars" so every member of the troop can stay informed about upcoming events. It was suggested that the ASM's call everyone once a meeting time is set. The meeting should also include recruiting adult leadership positions for current openings.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Submitted by Diane Y, secretary.

