

TROOP 117
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2008

Doc called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM and determined a quorum was present. Others in attendance were: Alice K., George F., Julie D., Dale S., Diane Y., Jay B., Karen M., John M., Les C., Ed O.

Minutes: The September 10, 2008 meeting **minutes were reviewed and approved.** There was no October meeting.

Financial Report: George reported total assets of \$16,304.16. Craft Fair profit was \$2,226.78. 50% went to Troop needs and 50% to scout accounts based on hours worked. We have a new donation to Troop of \$2300 designated: \$1300 to Trip fund and \$1000 to Equipment fund.

We discussed the outstanding dues from Scouts. Doc will continue to follow up with individuals. We will use Scout Account monies where available after notification.

The financial report was reviewed and approved.

Scoutmaster Report:

PLC met on November 9, 2008.

SM assigned project – Luke R will run this weekend's (Nov. 14-15) campout: at Chris Dobbins; including archery; with Webelos from three different Packs: 559-Sandburg, 462-Runyon, 466-Ames– recruiting 10-15 new scouts. Luke will be SPL at the campout with support from Justin, Josh, et al.

Nov. 24 – Travis S. will host Court-of-Honor. Webelos from the three packs will attend.

Ed received feedback that the boys are not seeking out the adults they need to meet with about Merit Badges. Ed affirmed that they boys know this is their responsibility.

Dec. 1 – Merit Badge Night - Judith E is coordinating. Ed will be at Pack 559 to present five Akela Awards.

Dec. 6 - Toilet Bowl – coordinators are not available. Time 12:30 until 3:15 PM. Webelos will be invited.

Dec. 7 – PLC – planning holiday social

Dec. 15 – Holiday Social

No Troop meetings until January 5th.

Jan. 8 – Roundtable (note changed date)

Older scouts – moving along: Evan C. and Robbie L. have completed their Eagle projects. Wes L. and Josh C. have projects in process. Logan B. and Colton P. ready for Eagle Board of Review. Jordan L has completed project but needs Merit Badges. Doc noted some issues with certain (unnamed) scouts lacking scout spirit and participation.

Old Business:

Open Treasurer position – Vicky M is willing but is very busy. She can do bookwork but not weekly face time. Doc is recruiting a second person to work with Vicky. We discussed that each event coordinator should handle details of income collection and should give the funds with a report to Treasurer – the treasurer should not be tracking details.

Julie **moved that we accept Vickie M as Treasurer with a second person to help her at Troop meetings.** Karen seconded. Discussion - the second person should not be brand new to the Troop. Karen volunteered to be second person if no one else can be found. Doc will recruit. **Motion passed.**

Reconfirmed that Committee Chair, Scoutmaster, Treasurer are signers on Troop checking account. Others, such as second person, may be added.

Guideline Review – September 17, 2008 – Attended by Doc and Jay. Active input from Julie, Alice, and Karen. Doc will compile and send for review by Sunday. Expect to ratify at December committee meeting.

Philmont update – John M – has verbally solicited boys – expecting 5-6 boys and one additional adult. He will begin to collect commitments and deposits before Dec. Committee meeting. We will not fill this crew ourselves. We may fill spots from a Council waiting list or we may drop spots and allow Philmont to fill. We discussed how to fill the spots with no decision reached. Jay will put in a request for one crew for 2010 expecting that we will not succeed. In future we will request two crews.

The motion tabled from September was discussed. **Motion: “That the Troop replace the epaulets, numbers, and trained patches to the new style to be paid for from the donation fund.”** The uniform patches and epaulets have changed from red to forest green per directives from National BSA. It was estimated the cost would be \$7.00 per member times 90 = approximately \$700. Karen brought an update. To purchase Numerals as a single patch – 100, “trained” patches - 50, shoulder loops (epaulets) – 100 sets = \$510.40. \$2000 is available from prior donation. **Motion passed.**

New Business:

Advancement Chairman concerns:

Scoutmaster assigned leadership projects to provide leadership opportunities to scouts. Julie asked - the scouts who were given these assignments are so new to 1st class and haven't completed other requirements - why rush this? Also, are there guidelines for the scope of these projects? Should the Troop set guidelines? Ed defended these opportunities as an alternative method to learn and demonstrate leadership. Ed clarified that these projects are clearly defined and substantial. After much discussion, we asked Ed to document the project and results to the Advancement Chair. Ed stated that he would encourage a scout to not repeat this process for a subsequent rank advancement; instead encouraging him to hold a position of responsibility.

Julie also expressed a concern that the Scoutmaster gave titles (such as Troop Guide) to older boys who have not fulfilled the duties associated with those titles. These scouts did not need positions for Rank Advancement. Ed was not given the opportunity to rebut.

Trailer Tires – we need to replace the tires for the trailer. Julie **moved that we allow John M to purchase three new tires for the trailer before the trip on Friday.** Karen seconded. Estimated cost was \$300 but no limit was set. **Motion passed.** Also, we need a written maintenance plan for the trailer and its tires.

Keys for the church – Doc and Ed will get more sets of the keys for the ASMs – for the church only. Quartermaster will have keys to the shed to check out as needed.

Summer Camp – Cathy C will take the leadership role. Diane will help her.

Karen expressed her concern that she is not being used as our Unit Commissioner - concerns are going straight to professionals, not through the Commissioner core. Also, special needs scouts need special approved accommodations – Scoutmasters and Merit Badge Counselors should work with Doc and Karen who are trained Special District Scouters.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

Respectfully submitted by Alice Kreinbring.