

TROOP 117  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
November 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: Vickie , Stu Sweet, Les C, John M, Alice K, Julie D, Todd K, John C, Diane , and Joel R.

Financial Report: Vickie presented a financial report showing total assets of \$21, 964.82. Only two scout dues from '08 and 11 from '09 are outstanding. Doc is continuing to pursue them. He intends to have this handled before recharter 2010. We reviewed the current Scout Account report. Vickie will review and revise the form before she publishes it. Also, she will work to clear off scouts who have left the Troop. Vickie needs a list of participants for Craft Fair and Camporee to post \$20 to each scout's account. **Todd moved that we accept the financial report as presented. Stu seconded. The motion passed.**

Minutes: Alice presented the minutes from October 14, 2009. She asked for clarification about who made the motion about Committee Chair – it was John C. Also, the event for Ed will be at the Knolls club house (not Cherry Knolls). **Les moved that we accept the minutes as corrected. Vickie seconded. Motion passed.**

Scoutmaster Report: John C reported that the PLC discussed the Troop being too “boy led.” There is a need for more ASM mentorship – for every event. There should be a list to mentor the boy through each event to increase organization. Several events haven't happened recently. The next two Troop meetings are planned. The Monday after Thanksgiving will be a Patrol Night. Austin is doing a good job of leading the meetings.

Recruitment: John C met with Pack 333. They have eight scouts who are 2<sup>nd</sup> year Webelos. Some of them will be at the next Court-of-Honor. We are attempting to recruit from Pack 559 but the recruiting committee is boy led and needs guidance. We are starting to reach out to several other Packs. John wants to visit more packs. The committee raised the question – how many scouts do we want to recruit? Currently we have approximately 55 scouts and we expect to lose eight to age in the next year. Recruiting 10-18 scouts will keep us between 50 and 60 scouts. Other Packs to visit are: 358, 462, and 559.

We discussed encouraging the older scouts to seek out venturing in existing ships and crews to expand their activities. We also clarified the requirements (age, grade, etc.) to join the Troop if a boy is not coming from Cub Scouts.

The celebration for Ed will be at the Knolls clubhouse on January 4, 2010. Judith E is heading a committee. She will be creating a memory book using an online system. She is working to contact all scouts who made Eagle while Ed was Scoutmaster and encourage them to attend.

#### Old Business

Craft Fair – Vickie is still processing receipts. We expect to have about \$2100 net profit.

Ropes and climbing equipment – these are still in Jim L's possession. The Troop will use any leftover rope from what Jim can't sell. Doc will try to close this by the end of November.

Philmont – Scout X has been counseled on requirements to continue with the Troop and has neither returned nor complied. Doc will contact him prior to recharter to confirm his status but we believe his has dropped from the Troop. Philmont has closed the report they sent to Denver Area Council about the incident.

Church move – We discussed the geographic boundaries for the search for a new church or other sponsoring organization. The limits will be Arapahoe Road on the North, Broadway on the West, County Line Road on the South, and Holly on the East. We do not want to continue in our current location because of the instability of our Charter Organization (Grace Presbyterian Church). If the new buyer is still interested, we may have an opportunity to continue, but we need to have another location available.

Arapahoe Baptist Church has turned us down. Other possibilities discussed include: Salvation Army, St. Timothy's, South Fellowship, Bethany Free (just outside our footprint), Powell Middle School, and Highline Community (also just outside our footprint). Some of our known needs include: solid organization, shed/storage space, secure parking for the trailer. The desire to have a bus available was discussed as a want, not a need.

If we get everything set with a new organization and decide we don't need to move, Arapahoe District could work to put a Troop into that space.

Doc will send an email to recruit people willing to form a committee to find a new space. **Stu moved that we form a committee to find a new charter organization with Doc as the chair. Julie seconded. Motion passed.**

#### New Business

FOS – Friends of Scouting. Our presentation will be set for the Winter Court-of-Honor which is now scheduled for February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Adult Training Update - John C needs to document his Scoutmaster Training before recharter. He knows he took it as an ASM, he just needs to find and turn in the paperwork. Todd and Stu will work to update the other leaders on their standing within the next two weeks.

Quartermaster - Todd asked John M to get a current inventory. John M announced his intention to resign as Quartermaster ASAP but no later than January. He will complete an inventory before he hands off to his replacement. Suggestions for a replacement were offered. He will try to engage the scout Quartermaster in the inventory process. He will ask the scout to put the inventory into a spreadsheet. John M will do his best to get the equipment ready for the next campout and John C will help.

Open adult positions – Doc will send Todd a list of open adult/committee positions. The important needs are for OA Rep, Secretary, and Quartermaster.

Calendar Updates – Stu will follow up with Holly to see if she needs any help and will offer to help if she wants. We suspect the primary issue is getting the data from John C and/or the scouts.

**Vickie moved to adjourn the meeting. Stu seconded.**