

TROOP 117
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 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: Stu Sweet, Julie Doolittle, Todd Kreinbring, Alice Kreinbring, Kathy Davis, John Cheever, and John Dawson.

Financial Report: Total assets in the Troop are \$18,810.41. Vickie was unable to attend the meeting but had given a report to Doc. The report does not reflect dues collected recently or recent Eagle Award expenses. Doc plans to go through the budget line by line with Vickie to confirm the numbers and help her understand the Committee's thinking in each area. **Alice moved that we accept the financial report as presented. Julie seconded. The motion passed.**

Minutes: September 9, 2009 minutes were presented. **Julie moved that we accept the minutes as presented. Todd seconded. Motion passed.**

Scoutmaster Report: John C. reported the Troop has completed JLT (four hours of Junior Leadership Training). At the JLT, the scouts spent 45 minutes discussing PLC. They've decided to have two PLC meetings each month but to keep them shorter. Julie brought a list of outstanding requirements for the scouts to focus Troop meetings around. They decided to try having clean-up before flags so the Troop would dismiss directly after flags. They also decided to have a Patrol meeting once a month for fun or an activity. The committee gave John feedback about a lack of communication through the boys.

Camporee had 13 Scouts and 5 Scouters. John felt this was the best campout recently in terms of a lack of strife or fighting.

John felt August had been a very "boy led" month. Julie asked John to have Austin R. contact Holly about updating the Google calendar with scout activities. We also need to ask Holly to have a training for parents new to the Google calendar and to update the instructions so she could send out an email. We also suggested putting the instructions as a link from the Troop website. Julie will give an updated list of emails to Holly to make sure we're current.

John C. feels that Austin R. is stepping up as SPL.

We discussed who should be attending PLC and it was reiterated that all scouts are welcome to attend, but any scout with a leadership position, including Assistant Patrol Leaders, are expected to attend.

Old Business

Summer Camp – Kathy reported that money is closed with Vickie. There was only a little money left so it will be posted back into the scout accounts. The Troop is still cleaning up Summer Camp. Kathy intends to send an email to Peaceful Valley giving feedback about the pluses and minuses. We discussed some issues, especially Merit Badges which were not completed or in some cases not even offered after scouts had signed up. Also, that as the last camp of the summer, PV had allowed the supplies for certain Merit Badges (especially crafts) to be depleted so that the boys had few choices for projects. The Troop has a few equipment issues from Summer Camp – missing trees, broken lanterns and awnings, etc.

Craft Fair Prep – Doc reported that the costs were \$1205.92 and the net profit was expected to be \$2084. We discussed organizing the equipment that is only used at Craft Fair into separate tubs in the shed for storage. The adults had to keep reiterating to the scouts that boys at Camporee were also contributing to the Troop and entitled to a cut of the proceeds. Julie does not yet have a list of the participants

We discussed the distribution of funds. Since Grace Presbyterian's buyer has fallen through, their move may be pushed out an additional one to two months, so we don't feel a need to set aside specific funds to help with a move that may or may not happen soon.

Todd moved that we distribute \$20 to each participating scout. Stu seconded. The motion passed. The remainder of the profit will not be distributed until needed.

Church sale – We should open discussion with Arapahoe Baptist Church to see if they might be a good fit for us. We need to conduct a facility assessment to make sure they have the space configurations that we need.

Rope and climbing equipment – Doc is continuing to follow up with Jim L. about the climbing equipment.

Todd asked to get a report from John M. showing the current inventory of equipment so we can discuss at the next Committee meeting if anything needs to be purchased. Doc will follow up with John M.

The Troop calendar shows a campout coming up on October 23rd. It may be combined with the November campout and may have an astronomy theme.

New Business

Committee Chair Replacement and update on other Troop Adult positions – Todd Kreinbring and Stu Sweet are both interested in replacing Doc as Committee Chair. Doc proposed that Todd take the position officially in February, with Stu acting in a supporting position. The intent will be to prepare Stu to take over when Todd's son ages out in approximately two years.

Doc is interested in succeeding John D. as Charter Organization Representative (liaison to the church).

Todd spoke about his qualifications, including having served as CubMaster at the Pack level and in several District positions, and his availability to serve two or more years. David (his son) will turn 18 in September of 2011 but Todd could continue as Chair until the following recharter.

Stu will continue to serve as an ASM and act as Assistant/Vice Chair.

Doc and Todd will transition the work to Todd during the next few months. The official transfer will happen at recharter. Doc has numerous commitments to scouting throughout the District which he will continue to fulfill and some he will transition out of. He intends to continue to support scouting after his boys age out.

Kathy has begun the early transition to replace Julie as Advancement Chair. She has training scheduled at the October 24th, University of Scouting, which should complete her training needed for this position.

We need to find a person to take over Summer Camp for 2010. After discussion, we asked John C. to encourage the PLC to make a selection this fall for a location for next summer – no later than January. Kathy will look into possible camps and feed information to John C.

John moved that we transfer from Doc to Todd as Committee Chair. Stu seconded. Doc noted that Rev. Dolquist, our Charter Organization Head, is supportive of this transition. **The motion passed.**

Website – Todd asked for feedback about the website. He would like to clean up old data.

Todd asked for an updated Scout Account report to be made available.

Todd suggested John C should get the recruitment manual/binder from Ed. At the Roundtable on Nov. 5th, there will be a Round Robin of Troops available for Webelos recruitment. Our scouts have already begun discussing what to do.

The question was raised about when popcorn orders were due. The deadline is October 19th. John C. will follow up with Lou. The committee expressed disapproval that a scout had been encouraged to lead this fund raiser.

Todd moved that we allocate \$200 for a recognition gift for Ed. Kathy seconded. The motion passed. The money will come from the Craft Fair profit. John C. will form a committee to oversee the party. Tentative date is set for January 4th, possibly at the Cherry Knolls clubhouse.

Evan C.'s Eagle Board of Review will hopefully be on October 20th.

Doc presented some award opportunities:

A Year of Celebration – Troop Initiative – is a patch to be earned in 2010. It also has colored tabs (award ribbons) which can be earned. Information is available at www.scouting.org/100years.

US Heritage Award – this is a civic (not Scouting) award available for learning about topics relating to The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Pledge of Allegiance, States, etc. There is an award for both Scouts and adults. Doc intends to lead sessions about this, not during Troop time, for anyone interested. Some of the information will overlap with Citizenship Merit Badge requirements.

Todd wants to confirm the Youth Protection Training status of all adults and conduct a training class at least annually. We need to also review Health and Safety Training and general position training. We need to make sure we have met the requirements for training for the key positions before recharter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.