

TROOP 117
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2008

Doc called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and determined a quorum was present. Others in attendance were: John M, Jim L, Joel R, Diane Y, Phil Berg, Alice K, George F, Ed O, and Lynn H.

Financial Report: The February financials and the end of the year report will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Committee Minutes: The minutes from the January 9, 2008 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Scoutmaster Report:

- Troop elections will be Feb 18th. The candidates for patrol leader are 13-14 year olds, and will need a lot of ASM support.
- John M is temporarily filling in as ASM for the Green Moose Patrol.
- Jordan L will be leading the court of honor on 2/25/08. Carl S. will do the Troop Scoop.
- John K will do an OA presentation. Troop-only tap-out is March 17th. We are missing an Indian headdress, leggings, and loin cloths. Justin H is the last one we remember using them.
- The Troop Guides will be the patrol leaders of the new scout patrol. The Troop Instructors will also help out. They will work it out so that some on them are at each troop meeting, two meetings on and two meetings off.
- March 3rd- the new scouts arrive. Pack 462 is sending 6-7 boys, Pack 359 will send either 7, 3, or 0 boys. Pack 174 will not be sending any. Lou M has previously agreed to manage handing out new scout notebooks, but we're not sure if he will be doing it again. In addition to the new boys, there may be 4-5 scouts wanting to transfer from another troop.
- March 10th is the new parent meeting, Ed will give hand outs. George will have troop numbers, loops, and books ready.
- There are added requirements for rank advancement that have been added and are retroactive to Jan.1, 2008. If a scout is half way through rank, they will be required to do the new ones as well. If they are not in their current books, we'll staple them in if needed.
- The calendar is planned through March. Ed will email the calendar for April-August to committee members and discuss it next meeting.
- Ed will offer JLT training in March for the older boys.
- The new scouts will be working in their own group for the first month.
- The regular scouts will work on Scout Show stuff in March.
- Older Boys: Ed meets with them quarterly. In order to comply with the "active participation" requirement prior to receiving the rank of Eagle, some scouts who are busy with other extra-curricular activities will write up their own plan and present it to Ed and the committee.

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Summer Camp: Medicine Mountain July 19-27. John M will lead some boys in taking inventory of the lodge poles we have. Jim L has access to lodge pole pines if we need more.

Bahamas: Alice agreed to do some fundraising, and has 3 ideas. A motion was passed to allow her to go ahead with exploring the options and emailing the committee for approval.

Moab: Joel needs to send \$160.00 by March 9th to reserve the campsite. A motion was passed approving of providing the money from the trip fund. There will be about 14 people going for 4 nights during spring break.

Philmont 2009: John M reports that there is space reserved for a crew of 12, he won't know dates or details until April.

\$2500.00 gift to troop: discussion of ideas for purchases included tents, backpacking stoves, and a complete set of Merit Badge Books, with duplicates of some of the most popular.

Klondoree: moved to Peaceful Valley due to weather/snow depth at original location.

Troop Size: The troop guidelines were previously amended to accommodate 60 scouts, keeping in mind that only 45-50 would show up at any one time. We currently have 41, plus 17 possible new = 58 boys, which is under the 60 maximum.

Items to discuss next month:

-Currently, the trip coordinator determines how to manage the trip, including food purchases and payment. We may want to consider making it troop policy for payment before, rather than after, the trip.

-Do we want to make a "Campmaster" position for doing administrative work, forms, funds, etc. for trips?

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Submitted by Diane Y, secretary