

Boy Scouts of America  
Troop 270  
*Doug Moore, Scoutmaster*

Minutes of Committee Meeting, 09/14/2010.

In attendance were Don Herweck, Doug Moore (aka THE SCOUTMASTER), Lou (I'm only a pipe salesman) Leonardi, Michael Houlihan, Ray Beckwith, Nick Beckwith, Michael McVeigh, Trish McVeigh, Brian (Book 'Em) Callahan, Rick Pfadt, Randy Hughes, Carlos Valdez, Mary Valdez, Dave Whittlesey and Robin (the star of the show) Woolsey.

1. Treasurer's Report. Jim Grace was unable to attend the meeting, but did provide a Treasurer's report. Between the checking account balance, petty cash and cash and checks not deposited, we have \$3,828.60. After deducting the boy account money of \$1,435.46, the scholarship account (\$765.85), the gas fund (\$242.95) and Sea Base money collected (\$642.63), we have liabilities of \$3,786.89 in allocated funds. This leaves us with only \$41.79 in unallocated monies. Concern was expressed by the Committee about the low amount of funds available that are not allocated and an opinion was expressed that we should have a cushion of at least \$1,000.00. It was noted that \$547.02 remains to be collected on Summer Camp 2010 and between that and between that and funds owed by adults and boys for past dues, campouts, etc., we would likely have that \$1,000.00 cushion. It was agreed that serious collection efforts need to be made to get these outstanding funds paid. The possibility of a dues increase was discussed but tabled. It was also noted that the report indicates we have \$161.80 in scout books listed as not sold, but we only have 1 book left in the cabinet. Consequently, this amount needs to be adjusted.

2. Roster: Thanks to Betty, we have up to date Rosters reflecting 31 boys and 41 adults. Four 18 year old former boys and now adults need to complete adult applications and youth protection and we need to obtain David Weiss' approval on those applications.

3. The Committee expressed thanks to Randy Hughes and other adults who headed a successful cycling campout and Summer Camp at Whitsett. David Mendoza is in charge of BSA 100 and in October we have a fishing campout scheduled at Big Bear from 10/15/10 to 10/17/10. Lou and Tony are in charge. A possible change to a deep sea fishing day excursion at an approximate cost of \$55.00 including rod and tackle was discussed as an alternative and Lou will look into this.

4. Eagle List: The Eagle list on the wall needs to be updated by Stan with the names of our latest Eagle Scouts, Timothy, Josh, Nick and Derrick.

5. Court of Honor: Court of Honor is this Friday at 6:30 p.m. with over 75 merit badges to be awarded, many from summer camp.

6. Fundraising: The Scrip program headed by Mary has gotten off to a somewhat slow start and we need greater participation to raise funds for the Troop. The mailing costs for the Scrip that is ordered were discussed and this runs about \$16.00 per month and should not be borne by the Troop. Rather, it should be covered by the individuals participating. As to popcorn, Sondra is doing a great job (I'm so glad her husband is not in charge) and sales will continue until October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

7. Historic Merit Badges: Rick is conducting a session this Saturday for the Carpentry Merit Badge. 13 boys are signed up and we have plenty of adult help.

8. Website: We need to be certain that all adult leaders are providing to Betty the expiration dates for their certifications for Youth Protection, Safety Afloat, First Aid, etc. Stan has prepared a new scout promotional packet that is primarily for the parents of boys who are interested in the Troop and he has done a great job of putting it together.

9. The outside picnic table was discussed and Dave Whittlesey reported that we are going to rebuild the existing one and will work on it this Saturday. Rick Pfadt has obtained agreement by his employer to donate a 40 foot storage container that the Committee wants to place near the Scout House to store items located in the second bathroom that will be remodeled and the extra tables and other stuff located in the Scout House. We need to get permission from the church and may be able to offer the church use of part of the container as a storage facility for earthquake supplies or other needs the church has. This will be discussed with David Weiss.

10. The Patrol Leader's Council being held concurrent with the Committee meeting was discussed. Meetings are being planned through the end of November which will include the annual planning day on 10/9/10, the Halloween party on 10/25/10 and the street clean up on 11/6/10. Food bags are being collected this year and Michael McVeigh is in charge of it. Bags have been passed out and extras are available.

11. The second restroom restoration headed by Rick Pfadt was discussed and this will commence sometime in the next few months as a project for the boys.

12. List of Troop Merit Badge Counselors: Michael McVeigh advises that Council is still compiling a master merit badge list for the entire district. Until this is done, we cannot verify everyone in the Troop who is on the list as Merit Badge Counselors. Michael will generate a list based on the information he has.

13. THE SCOUTMASTER is to prepare a check off list for the adults in charge of campouts to use so we can improve turnout and avoid any logistical problems in putting together campouts. The Committee told him to get off his duff and get it done.

14. Due to the high cost of awarding Eagle rank, the Committee discussed and approved a fee to be charged in the future to the parents of the scout earning Eagle to cover the cost of the awards and items the Troop supplies for the Eagle Court of Honor. This was particularly noted in view of the current Troop finances. A \$50.00 fee was approved. It was agreed that should there be any problem with a particular boy's parent's ability to pay, the Troop would work with those parents.

15. The Committee discussed the creation of two Junior Assistant Scoutmaster positions for boys between the ages of 16 and 18 who have served as Senior Patrol Leader, are Life Scouts and have served as Troop Guides. THE SCOUTMASTER will take care of this.

16. Adult Mentors - THE SCOUTMASTER'S idea to create adult mentor positions was presented by him. The idea is for an adult to mentor those boys within a given leadership position and volunteers were solicited. Some Committee members stepped forward and others had it forced down their throat. The mentors are as follows: Doug – Senior Patrol Leader, Robin – Assistant Patrol Leaders, Stan – Historian, Michael Houlihan – Quartermaster, David Mendoza – Den Chief, Lou (I hope he doesn't botch this) – Troop Guides, Nick – Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, David Whittlesey – Chaplain Aide, Ray – Librarian, Carlos – Scribe. Ray (the knot nerd) agreed to set up the program that one knot must be tied by each boy at each meeting.

17. THE SCOUTMASTER has finally gone to the bank and can legally sign Troop checks. He is also now formally trained (yeah, right) and we are set for recharter.

18. It was noted that the Troop must pay \$2,400.00 to Cherry Valley for next year's summer camp by January 26<sup>th</sup>. It is imperative that the boys begin making payments so that we have enough funds to make the required deposit. Michael McVeigh will provide a schedule and it needs to be strictly adhered to and enforced.

19. Next Committee Meeting: November 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Robin Woolsey, Man About Town and Recording Secretary

