

Troop 400 Committee Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2009

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Hutchens, John Blyckert, Kim Cantrell, Lori Patchett, Carolyn Holley, Greg Hills, Loran Helm, Glenn Wallis and Adrienne Choate.

SCOUTMASTER'S REPORT:

- There are 32 scouts attending Resident camp at Fire Mountain. There are eleven adults attending as well. Final payment is due June 1st.
- The May campout was at Steamboat Rock. Gecko Patrol was assigned to plan the campout. It was almost cancelled because only one parent was signed up (no SM or ASMs). Six adults ended up attending when Gary realized the new parents were attending. In the future, Gary will email all troop parents rather than just ASMs. Adults in attendance were Brad Smith and a handful of new scout parents. ASM Alan Machtmes was able to attend one night.
- The Jackelopes are in charge of the June campout. Wolverines are in charge of the August campout.
- The scouts will be voting on the hat issue tonite.
- June 20th is the date the scouts picked for the Troop garage sale. Gary needs an adult volunteer to head it up. John and Adam Blyckert will head it up if no one else comes forward.
- There was some discussion regarding Family Camp? Gary said he remembers one being organized seven or so years ago. Committee will decide whether or not we will have a family camp. If so, Gary will bring it up at the June PLC.

MEMBERSHIP:

Josh Patchett is the current Quarter Master. He came to the committee with various needs. 3 gal. propane tank, propane tree, hoses for the propane tree, lantern box, large tarp, conversion kit (white gas to propane) estimated at \$271.00. Committee asked Josh whether or not the troop needs an extra patrol box (whole new setup) since we will be forming another patrol. Everyone present decided the troop needed one.

Carolyn motioned that we approve \$300 for Josh to use to purchase the above supplies plus a new, complete patrol box. Josh will bring receipts for all and any left over funds back to the committee. Adrienne seconded the motion and gave a check for \$300 to Lori Patchett.

MINUTES:

The 5/18/09 minutes were approved by the committee. Since the last meeting we have had two scouts transfer into the troop plus another that joined last Friday. Adrienne made the motion, John seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer's Report is attached. Adrienne will wait until Josh P. gives her the final total on the QM equipment request before requesting funds from Redeemer's Scout Account. We will also be purchasing three more eagle kits. John motioned, seconded by Glenn.

ADVANCEMENT:

There were 11 merit badges and 5 ranks (includes correction) awarded as of the April 20th meeting. There were an additional 11 merit badges and 5 ranks awarded this month. Lori has one person scheduled for the June BOR. Stephen Zeller and Chris Davisson have finished their Eagle paperwork. Jeff Van Keulen's Eagle BOR is scheduled for this Wednesday, 5/20.

GARAGE SALE:

The Troop garage sale is June 20. Gary will get a scout to head it up tonite. We need an adult volunteer.

PARENT MEETING RECAP:

There was good parent reception. Committee discussed the possibility of having the new parent orientation on the night of cross-over in order to get the new parent's information about the Troop right away. Many of the new parents seem lost after they join the troop. This way, we can get the scouts and their parents familiarized right away. Then, we would invite parents to the committee meeting following their crossover for a Q&A during the last 15 minutes of our meeting. This gives them an opportunity to see how the troop is run from a committee level and then ask any questions they may have.

Adrienne proposed we talk to Gary about how we want to organize the new parent program. Committee members can bring their ideas to a meeting, condense it and then formulate an agenda. Committee will revisit this in August so we have adequate time to plan and get it on the Troop calendar for March.

BY-LAWS REVIEW:

Gary would like to omit one of the duplicate parental consent forms.

Committee got the decision from the Scouts tonite to not include a Troop hat as part of the official uniform. The incoming scouts had already paid for a Troop hat.

Kim motioned that we either reimburse the new scouts for the hat fee or put the money in their scout accounts. Lori seconded the motion.

Since a hat is no longer part of the uniform, the beret will need to be stricken from the by-laws. The Troop did decide to allow informal hats within and organized/purchased by patrols if they choose.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Should the Troop keep a list of potential projects to hand out? Committee will refer the scouts to the Council for a list of potential projects.

The Troop also began another patrol tonite. The Eagle Patrol consists of Chris Choate, Garrett Major, Scott McKinley, Jon Helm, Chris Covillo and Adam Blyckert. Four functioning patrols remain and the outgoing Mountain Men.

More discussion on Family Camp: Since calendar planning is in August the committee will have the boys add it onto the calendar and then will plan for the following May.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

-Respectfully submitted, Kim Cantrell