

TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING

October 21, 2003

Those in attendance were: Mike Richardson, Jo Richardson, Jim Morrow, Karen Morrow, Dan Melton, Paula Smith, Brenda Moody, Deanne Cannon, Rich Cannon, Linda Lyles, Wayne Smith, Alan Sheldon, Fonda Logston, and Becky McLaughlin.

Call to order: Mike Richardson

Minutes: read and approved

Treasurer: read and approved

- OU- We have gotten 3 checks: The troop netted 180.00, 190.00, and 180.00.
- Scout accts. are in good shape, only 1 boy is in the red.
- Budget is in good shape.
- \$212.00 is invested in t-shirts and hats.
- We still have \$30-\$40 worth of 4th of July stuff left. We can sell it next year.
- Show and sell popcorn - the boys earned \$875

Advancement: There was none given.

Outdoor Report: November 8th, Webelos Woods at Kickapoo, December 6-7-Camp Simpson, January 23-25- Tinker AFB, Slippery Falls Summer Camp- June 28-30 July 1-3rd. Summer camp tentative cost is \$180.00, that doesn't include the fuel charge.

Quartermaster Report: We have missing spatulas. We need new lanterns. It was discussed whether we should buy pampered chefs knives. Radios- We need to check into what distance we need the radios to reach. Sam Sells will get the chuck boxes in order.

Training Report: Please turn in your cards for all of your training (youth protection etc.) by the end of November to Deanne Cannon. Pow Wow - training for cub and boy scouts and committee members- November 1st. Deanne will look into all merit badge fairs and the Omnidome.

Scoutmaster Report:

- Matt G's Eagle project has been approved by the board. He will be putting street #'s on people's curbs.
- Greg S. is looking into putting up 2 walls, put in a double door, and other jobs for the Methodist church for his eagle project.
- JLT cancelled, Brownsea bumped back until next year. The next one will be at Slippery Falls.
- Scouting for food will be cancelled because resources will not allow us to participate.
- We are recruiting for boys. We will maybe pick up 10-15 boys from other troops.

Old Business:

- Van Options- Liz found out that the votech will repair the van for labor costs. If we rent a van, we can't tow the trailer. Cats seats 12-15 for \$270.00 Friday-Sunday with unlimited mileage.
- If Wayne tows the van, we need to give him more reimbursement because of the wear and tear on his truck.
- Jo talked to other troops and found out that many require their parents to participate on at least 4 campouts per year or they are cancelled. Troop 4 has a van quartermaster responsible for the vans, to clean them out, keep them fueled, etc.
- OU concessions- We need 3 people to work 11-01-03. We also need people for 11-8 and 11-15.

New Business:

- Check writing privileges. We need to take Mr. Vance off the acct and resign the signature card. It was proposed that we have 4 people on the checking acct: the scoutmaster, treasurer, quartermaster, and committee chairman. It was voted on and approved.
- We need to have procedures written up for the climbing/ropes. Ropes are limited to 2 falls/ rope. We need to follow toping out and BSA guidelines. Certified instructors should know how to log. We are looking into climbing in November around Thanksgiving. Our goal is to get the older boys more active in the troop.
- Climbing - Tabled.
- Transportation concerns: The van is supposed to be sold and van keys are to be turned into the church. If we drive the van we a liable because it is unsafe. We need to find another source of transportation. Paula and Jo will be on the calling committee to call parents to see who will be willing to drive to the next campouts. Alan and Wayne will be on the transportation committee and check on options and talk to the church.

Fundraising Report:

- Christmas wreaths will start next week.
- Spud and salad- Letters are ready to go out to ask for donations.

Open Forum:

- We have a request to retire 9 flags from Dan Melton's church. Could we do this on a campout?
- Advancement: Record keeping is not being kept up to date and this is not acceptable. Some boys who were eligible for OA were not put on the list. Mike will draft procedures to see what needs to be done. Tammy and Karen will enter things into the computer and Deanne will be in charge of merit badges. Jo will clean out the back room and organize it.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:51p.m., next meeting- 18 November 2003

Becky McLaughlin
Secretary