

Boy Scout Troop 843  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 16, 2005

Attendees: Bob Billups, Pat Choban, Dave Dennison, Selwyn Dias, Debbie Dorph, Susan Emerson, Connie Everhart, Diane Gearinger, Tod Jervey, Irene Miller, Joe Nelson, Christine Rapp, Tom Ross

Secretary's Report: Susan Emerson was introduced as the new Secretary of the committee, with Christine Rapp moving into the role of fundraising chair. Pat Choban moved to accept the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Irene Miller and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Selwyn Dias provided detailed transaction reports from April through the present. These were reviewed and approved on a motion by Pat Choban, seconded by Connie Everhart. Treasurer Dias also provided an Expense Reimbursement Form to be used to better document expenses being reimbursed. Connie Everhart moved to accept the new form. The motion was seconded by Dave Dennison and passed unanimously.

Advancement Update: Advancement Coordinator Irene Miller again reported there will be quite a few awards to be presented at the September Court of Honor. She said advancements and merit badges continue to trickle in, and the deadline for advancements to be recognized at the October 2 COH will be Monday, August 26.

Training Update: Training Coordinator Dave Dennison reported there are several upcoming district training events. See the link on our website for details. He also highlighted the upcoming Pow-Wow in January. The need for Den Chief training was discussed, and it will be scheduled soon. There will be time set aside at the COH for recognition of those who have been trained. There may be a Committee Challenge put on jointly with Troop 844 on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Outdoor Update: Outdoor Activities Chair Connie Everhart covered three items.

1. As previously announced, we will be going back to Camp Friedlander on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July week. However, we have been approached about offering a week at Camp Falling Rock as well. After discussing pros and cons, the committee recommended offering both weeks of camp.
2. To update the Sea Base status, all the weeks we were interested in are already booked for Sea Adventure. Out Island Adventure has one opening the week school lets out, and that conflicts with Nagatamen, but it is also open over spring break. Keys Adventure and Bahamas Adventure were both available over spring break. The committee had a clear preference for spring break as the week, and recommended we pursue the Bahamas Adventure. Connie said she will forward the information via e-mail to those eligible. We anticipate there will be about a \$300 non-refundable deposit required for registrants.
3. October 1 is the Pack 843 campout at Alum Creek Group Camp. Our main responsibility is a flag retirement, but we may do more. Mr. Billups asked for better definition of the time parameters for that event. He plans to demonstrate his survival kits and would like about 20 minutes in the afternoon or evening and a 6-foot table.

Troop Chaplain Update: There was discussion about what action could be taken to encourage more boys to pursue their religious awards.

New Business:

Tod Jervey reported that he has a portable first aid kit he put together for the Philmont Trek that he would now like to see embroidered with the troop number so we can keep track of it and reuse it.

The Court of Honor will be held at Camp Lazarus on October 2 at 4:00 p.m. and will end around 7:00 p.m..

Old Business:

Chris Rapp reported on the upcoming wreath sale fundraiser. There was discussion of whether to order a supply a sell from stock or have the boys take orders. The decision was to do both. We will have about 40 order forms so any boy who wants to take orders can, but we will also pre-order a supply of the best sellers from last year. We are still pursuing the possibility of selling wreaths at Holly Days.

Pat Choban reported on the upcoming popcorn sale. She will order materials for the show-and-deliver sale based on last year's numbers. Sales are allowed to begin starting October 1.

Committee Chair Debbie Dorph announced there will be a parent meeting on September 26. The main purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the ongoing search for a new Scoutmaster. Don Everhart expressed his desire to step down months ago, and we owe it to him to find a replacement soon.

There was also brief discussion of the possibility of collecting for a James West endowment in Don's honor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Next Committee Meeting is Monday, October 10, 2005.