

Boy Scout Troop 843
Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 10, 2005

Attendees: Bob Billups, Pat Choban, Dave Dennison, Debbie Dorph, Warren Edwards, Susan Emerson, Diane Gearinger, Werner Hoellerbauer, Irene Miller, Phil Price, Christine Rapp, Tom Ross .

Secretary's Report: Irene Miller moved to accept the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Pat Choban and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Selwyn Dias was unable to attend the meeting. A report will be provided next month.

Advancement Update: Advancement Coordinator Irene Miller reported that there have already been two more rank advancements since the Court of Honor on October 1. She and some of the Assistant Scoutmasters will be working with the younger scouts who have not yet made it to First Class to try to coach them through it.

Training Update: Training Coordinator Dave Dennison reported that a Troop Committee Challenge will be held in March, after the current Webelos II group has bridged into the troop. There was also discussion of the immediate need for Den Chief training. One session has been scheduled for the Pow-wow in January, and they are trying to schedule another before that.

1. Outdoor Update: Outdoor Activities Chair Connie Everhart was unable to attend, but she had sent some information with Debbie Dorph. Debbie shared that the troop has scheduled a Keys Adventure at Seabase for June 15 to 21. The cost is still TBD, but will be approximately \$1,000 per person. We do not currently have a Scuba Adventure scheduled, but Connie continues to watch for a date to become available. Seabase recommended our participants get scuba certification locally rather than down there, and there was discussion of several local places that offer scuba certification training. The troop is leaning toward using the Powell Y, which would require 6 or 7 registrants to offer the class. The cost would be \$205 plus \$89.95 for books, which is the lowest price found by a comfortable margin.

Old Business:

Both the popcorn and wreath sale fundraisers are currently in process.

Committee Chair Debbie Dorph reported that the parent meeting on September 26 was very successful, with 39 parents in attendance. As a result of that meeting, Diane Gearinger volunteered to work with new parents who come into the troop to help orient them and make them feel welcome, and Anne Terhal volunteered to organize a uniform exchange for around February. There was also discussion of doing some kind of equipment exchange or flea sale, as well.

Ruth Perry volunteered to work with parents of Scouts approaching Eagle to help coordinate their Eagle Courts of Honor, and also to compile a history of all the Eagle projects in the troop. There was discussion that once that history is compiled, it should become part of the responsibilities of the boy serving as Troop Historian.

New Business:

Mr. Billups read from a letter about the Hurricane Katrina BSA Relief Fund. The point of this fund is to help BSA employees who were directly affected by the hurricane and flooding. Six councils were completely wiped out. Discussion centered on a troop donation in the range of \$250 to \$500, but was tabled pending updated Treasurer's reports and the input of the Treasurer.

The Lewis Center United Methodist Church Turkey/Ham Loaf Dinner is scheduled from 4:00 to 8:00 on Wednesday, November 2. Our Scouts are again asked to help serve at the dinner.

It is recharter time, and there was discussion about whether to increase the dues. The current dues level of \$44 per Scout has been unchanged for approximately eight years. In that time, the troop has taken on the expense of paying for family dinners at the Court of Honor and other expenses have increased as well. Dave Dennison moved that we increase the dues to \$50 per Scout. Chris Rapp seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Two Blue & Gold dinners have been scheduled so far. Diane Gearinger will coordinate those efforts.

There was considerable discussion about when Class A uniforms are required and about the importance of wearing full Class A uniforms properly and with pride when they are called for. The Troop Committee was also updated that the boys are targeting December for distributing neckerchiefs and making them an official part of our troop's uniform.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Next Committee Meeting is Monday, November 14, 2005.