

**BSA Troop 843 Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, December 8th, 2003**  
**Submitted by Chris Rapp, Acting Secretary**

**Attendance** – Christine Rapp, Bob Cromley, Connie Everhart, Don Everhart, Bruce Baker, Geoffrey Bush, Debbie Dorph, Diane Gearinger, Steve Turpak, Pam Ball.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by acting Chairman Bruce Baker.

**Secretary's Report:** The November committee minutes were presented to the group and approved as stated. Troop Secretary Susan Cartwright resigned. The troop will need a new Secretary, please see Todd Jervey if you are interested, 614-889-2213. Christine Rapp, Troop Treasurer, substituted as secretary for this meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Current Troop Balance sheets and Sea base 2004 reports were distributed to all in attendance. Our thanks to Joy Griffin for her work with the rechartering process. Our troop turned in the most complete report at Council this year. Rechartering fees totaled \$408.00, Boys Life Sub was \$396.00, adult re-charter was \$289.00, and troop charter fee of \$20.00. Also Quality Unit patches were \$81.00. We also completed our troop fundraiser, Trails End Popcorn. Our troop sold a total of \$4531.00 and 20 Scouts sold items. Andy C. sold the most again this year at \$1305.00. The Scouts will each earn 100% of the profit from these sales as voted by committee at the October Committee meeting.

**Scoutmaster's Report:** We have a troop roster now of 48 scouts. We have removed 41 scouts from the troop roster. We had 13 committee members re-chartered and 21 Asst Scoutmasters and Don Everhart as Scoutmaster. Don stated that he felt we now have a manageable number in our troop and our size is just right to really help all scouts in the troop at all their levels. Some previous scouts have moved to the new Powell troop as expected. We still got Quality Unit for the year even though we did not have the necessary increase in number. Annual planning calendars were distributed. SPL Matt G. is working on activities for troop meetings, Don will work on the Asst. Scoutmaster side. Matt will schedule special PLC meetings with

an agenda. We have a Court of Honor next Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. We will serve refreshments after the ceremony to enhance troop togetherness.

**Quartermaster's Report:** Steve recently purchased some new items for the troop, spending \$508.62 on 3 tents, 5 propane hoses, lantern mantles, 6 fire extinguishers, 7 lantern globes and other misc. One patrol box is missing. Patrols have the responsibility for maintain their own equipment.

**Advancement Report:** Court of Honor planned for Monday, December 15, 2003 at 7:00 pm at the church. Debbie Dorph will give an overview of the process to get more volunteers. Andrew K. would like to schedule his Eagle Court of Honor some time in March 2004. The committee's role in Eagle Court of Honor was discussed. The scout with his parents usually plan the event. Scout Kevin V. should complete his Eagle project in the spring, and Matt G. will have his Eagle board of review in Dec. 2003. The Scout gets to select his own board members. The committee usually cleans up after Courts of Honor; in the future the Scouts should do this clean up. Also regarding to new Scouts joining out troop, many packs have no Webelos 2's, so we will have a limited number to cross over next year. OA elections will be Feb. 23.

**Fund Raising Report:** Popcorn update in Treasurers report. Our special thanks to Pam Ball for all her hard work running this project this year. What a great job! Diane Gearinger has volunteered to lead the Blue and Gold Banquets for Feb. 2004. Committee voted in favor of supporting this fund raiser for the troop.

**Outdoor Report:** Our last troop outing was the fall First Aid Camporee at Camp Lazarus. We had 33 scouts and 9 adults attend. Our troop won the campsite award, and our gateway was great. Many Scouts obtained needed advancements at this campout. In January we have the winter Bushwack on the January 9-11. Also there is scheduled a Crawl-A-Thon in January 24-26; please see Bob Cromley or Mike Manor. Febuary 2004 we have a planned skiing trip with Dave Blickensderfer and Fred Vanblarcom as the ESA. We still need 2 more attendees for Seabase 2004. We also have two treks

scheduled for 2004 for Boundary Waters on July 11<sup>th</sup>, can have a total of 14 going.

**Old Business:** none.

**New Business:** Discussed board of reviews for multiple ranks, no policy statement for this. Policy Committee will address. Training for Adults in 2004: Greenbar, Blackfoot, and Committee Challenge.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm