

Boy Scout Troop 843  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday, December 12, 2005

Attendees: Bruce Baker, Bob Billups, Bob Cromley, Selwyn Dias, Debbie Dorph, Susan Emerson, Connie Everhart, Diane Gearinger, Tod Jervey, Irene Miller, Christine Rapp

Secretary's Report: No report was presented from the November meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Selwyn Dias shared a report reflecting activity from October and November. It reflected a closing balance of \$6,577.69, of which approximately half is individual Scout accounts. The most recent fundraisers (popcorn sales and wreath sales) are not reflected in this report. The report was accepted on a motion made by Tod Jervey and seconded by Bob Billups.

Advancement Update: Advancement Coordinator Irene Miller reported that some boys have already earned ranks and merit badges since the Court of Honor held the previous week.

She also shared that a Public Health Merit Badge workshop is being offered February 11, and reminded the adults to take advantage of the opportunities at Pow Wow, scheduled for 1/21/06. She read through several other available training opportunities for adult leadership.

Outdoor Update: Outdoor Activities Chair Connie Everhart shared that Seabase currently has 3 chaperones signed up, and needs one more.

Old Business:

Treasurer Dias will bring a statement reflecting each Scout's individual Scout account balance for the meeting of January 10.

The charter for the troop will be submitted as soon as Scoutmaster roles are finalized. We will have the same number of boys as last year, but fewer adults. The tentative plan is for Dave Invancic to be the official Scoutmaster, but to have Assistant Scoutmasters carrying a great deal of the responsibility. The committee expressed concerns about maintaining consistency in Scoutmaster conferences, guidance for the PLC, and summer camp. The final details were scheduled to be discussed at a Scoutmaster meeting the following Wednesday and Bruce Baker agreed to attend and voice the concerns of the committee.

As of this date, 19 boys are signed up for Bushwhack.

The group that went to the District Camporee reported a good time in spite of cold weather. Our troop had one of the largest turnouts of any troop there, though it was predominantly younger boys who participated.

The Eagle Ceremony to present neckerchiefs to our existing Eagle Scouts will occur in June. This will be discussed in more detail at the January meeting, including whether to make this a separate Court of Honor or to have it at a regularly scheduled Court of Honor. Mr. Billups shared that when it is held, he will be able to present each with a special flag as a gift from the Elks Club.

There was considerable discussion about our upcoming Blue & Gold Banquet fundraisers. We have expanded beyond just lasagna and plan to offer macaroni & cheese as well. Camp Lazarus has changed the price and the rules for using their facilities to cook. Peppaz Pizza is now closed and not an option. Other options being considered included Cheshire Market, the High School or the JVS, and possibly a private caterer who is a friend of Connie Everhart. The open questions are where to cook the dinners and how to transport them.

New Business:

The Troop received a donation of \$150 from American Electric Power through a program in which it donates to the nonprofit organizations for which its employees volunteer. Selwyn Dias, our Treasurer, is employed at AEP and this donation is in recognition of his efforts.

Debbie Dorph announced that Don Everhart has been selected as a winner of the Silver Beaver Award, the top award a volunteer can receive locally. The award ceremony will be in February and all are welcome to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next Committee Meeting is Monday, January 9, 2006.