



TROOP 181 BSA COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 17, 2007

Present: Phil Reece, Belinda Cowdrey, Vickie Lambert, Brian Murphy, Dannette Holifield, Jessica Tufly, Paul McCaffrey, Lois Blondin, Eric Schmidt, Terry Nichols, Greg Poulisse, Golden James Marlow
Meeting started at 8:35 PM

Treasurer's Report: None

Next Committee Meeting: The next committee meeting is May 22, 2007.

Past Events

Nominations for District Awards (Apr. 1): (1/23) Unit Spirit Award – nominee does not have to be a registered scouter. (S)he will automatically receive it. Outstanding Awards – Leaders and Committee Members must be registered and nominees go up against the whole district. We can nominate for 2 awards. District Award of Merit – 4-5 per District are awarded. Nominations will be taken next month. Phil asked MaryAnn to get a list of who, in our Troop, have it already. (2/27) Phil handed-out nomination ballots. Terry went over the qualifications again. Turn them in to Terry. (3/27) Several people are signed-up to go. Two of ours are receiving awards. (4/17) Belinda was awarded Troop 181's Unit Spirit Award. Sandy is the Outstanding Assistant Scoutmaster for the Wanchanagi District.

Spring Popcorn Sales: (4/17) Twenty scouts sold \$1984 of product; \$600 going to the Scout Accounts.

Future Events

Troop Meetings (April 10 & 17): (3/27) We need 2-liter pop bottles with lids to make the Pop Bottle Rockets on those two days in April. This will be done in Bauman Park. Decorating is the first night; shooting the 2nd week. Phil will do the research on the firing mechanisms (launchers). Sandy needs help. (Ed was going to do it, but will not be available.) (4/17) Launch is rescheduled for May 15th. Rockets were built April 10th.

Rockford AirFest 2007 (June 1-3): (1/23) Sandy is checking to see if we are interested in working a booth to make money for the Troop. Workers get free entrance into the Air Show also. We suggested that Sandy submit the letter on behalf of the Troop and get more information. The money will go towards Summer Camps. (2/27) No information as to what we will be doing yet. Question whether we want to have it replace something else. It was suggested to wait and see how it goes first. (3/27) We hope to get answers by the end of this week. Sandy will need a co-worker or coordinator. Eric volunteered to help. (4/17) Nothing new....

Troop Meeting (June 5): (3/27) Troop Hike. Sandy said that something is being planned in Belvidere so that we can go to Paul's Ice Cream Shop afterwards. We will discuss it later. (4/17) Nothing new....

BMX Food Tent (June 14-17): (2/27) Phil will need help with it. (3/27) Greg Poulisse agreed to run it. Greg will be looking for volunteers. Also, contact Paul about some food supplies. (4/17) Paul said he would be able

to get the syrup for the Smoothies from his supplier for .75 a cup. We will need to provide our own blenders and cups. Paul has a sample of the base. To be discussed later in a subcommittee.

Summer Swim (June 20): (2/27) Sandy is checking into renting the Sand Park Pool, but we cannot get in until after 8:00 pm. So we talked about switching it to the weekend. Then, we talked about doing Wet Wednesday at Magic Waters on June 20. That will cost about \$5.00 per person. (3/27) We're going to 'Wet Wednesday' at Magic Waters on June 20th in place of the Tuesday, June 19th meeting.

High Adventure (June 23 - July 1): (8/22) The Chisholm Trail in the Longhorn Council near Dallas, Texas was desired. First choice is week of June 25 (Sunday through Saturday). Deposit is \$50 per person. We must reserve our group size because they have various size boats. The scouts must be 13 years of age and have their first class by the date of the camp. Part of the reservation is reserving the boat. The largest boat will carry 15 people. Suggested to ask scouts next week to see who wants to go. The deposit will be non-refundable, including adults. Sandy will call people. The experience cost is \$285 per person, but does not include traveling expenses. The information was just put out, so we need to make a decision soon. (9/19) 6 boys and 6 adults are signed-up and have paid their deposit at this time. Sandy is going to go ahead and reserve a boat based on those numbers. Last week of June is our first choice, 3rd week is our second choice. Sandy received a video and it was suggested that we show it to the boys at the Webelos Open House. (10/10) \$1200 deposit was paid by Sandy. She signed-up for (2) 12-person boats. She has not heard confirmation about the dates. (11/28) We got the week we wanted, June 24 -30. That is just the camp, not transportation days. We will need to take 2 days to get there and 2 days to get back. Policy allows kids in the car for 10 hours. Need to know how much to charge the adults. It's going to be approximately \$350 per person. [Troop 57 did this last year. They stopped in at a Boy Scout camp near Missouri and stayed for free which included food. MaryAnn is going to check with Troop 57.] Next payment is due February 13th on Family Night. We need to figure out how the points convert to dollars so boys will know how much more they need to pay. Bring up cost again in December. Check what the Whitewater Rafting cost were for High Adventure in the past. (12/18) Ed is working on transportation and accommodations. There's nothing else new to report. We still need to figure out cost for Adults. Leaving date is still unsure. Information will be ready for the January committee meeting. Notices need to be put out 2-weeks before family night. Ed received travel information from Troop 57 (they went there last year) – stayed at a Joplin, MO scout camp. It was 573 miles to the camp and 426 miles more to Dallas. The camp charged \$1.00 a night per person. They have showers and flush toilets. They also opened up the pool for them. They were furnished platform tents. The next day they drove the rest of the way to the camp. Troop 57 was given comparable accommodations on their return trip. (1/23) Scouts need to test for BSA Swimmer; 1st Class. All adults must have Youth Protection certification. We're leaving on June 23 at 7:00 am. We're staying in Joplin, MO, then 6 more hours. Return trip on 6/30 and 7/1; staying in the same motel. Treat it like a backpacking trip. Take tents. Camp provides food, but wants us to bring our own cooking equipment. We have 2 boats reserved; 4 adults and 8 scouts per boat. Estimated cost is \$427 per person. We need to figure-out adult charge. (Breakdown - Camp \$310, lodging \$28, \$22 traveling food, and gas is \$67 per person.) Next payment is due Feb. 13th, with final payment due on May 23rd. Checking what we charged for the Whitewater Rafting trip. Motion we pay at least half. [The Whitewater rafting trip cost was \$550 for boys. The active adults cost was \$150, and the junior leaders were \$250.] (2/27) There is nothing new. (3/27) Your next payment is due on May 8th, \$130 for Scouts and \$50 for Adults. (4/17) One adult dropped-out and we need to fill that spot with an adult or scout. All swim tests and Class 3 medicals need to be done before going. 23 are going; 6 adults and 17 scouts. There is still one opening. We are still paying for 24 people.

NAYLE (National NYLT) (July 15 - 21): (7/18) Alex and Matt have been elected to go to the national NYLT, with Nick as an alternate. Eight 2006 staff members from NYLT were elected to go; with four alternates. The event takes place at Philmont, the week after the local course. A letter will be sent by NYLT to the participants detailing the event. Alex Reece will inform this Committee in August. (8/22) It's a one week course that over a 6 week period. '06 NAYLE was one week after NYLT. What is the transportation? Most drove, one took a train. They do not care how the scouts get there, just that they can get there. 3 boys may go; 2 elected ones and 1 alternate. It will benefit our troop if those boys will use their training for the troop's benefit. They have to write a "commitment." No one from this troop has gone before. The course fee is \$290. Our council will pay \$100. Terry suggested it will cost them about \$190 plus cost of transportation. He suggested that the scout pays \$50; and the troop pays \$140. Refund \$50 after they fulfill their commitment. Paul suggested that we come up with various

options for transportation costs and offer to pay the equivalent to the cheapest one. The scout would pay the difference if they want to use a more expensive way. We voted to accept Terry's suggestion; will vote on the transportation costs later. We voted to keep original plan. (11/28) Bring up again in March '07. (12/18) Scouts received a letter; fee is \$305. Two are going and one alternate. \$100 scholarships were being put up by council NYLT. Transportation is not part of the fee. Phil was told transportation could be about \$200. NAYLE staff still needs to choose which week they want to attend. We need transportation cost by May. Budget transportation cost at least 2 months in advance. They are having a meeting in January. (1/23) The meeting did not happen. They are working on getting one set up. Train rates are \$243.50 from Rockford to New Mexico, \$162 back. Presented Greyhound, but most said not to consider that way. Could not get airline rates yet; they said it was too early. It is \$30 for a round-trip bus ticket in NM. More work to do. (2/27) Plane tickets would be between \$340 and 360 each from O'Hare to Albuquerque, bus extra. Train would be about \$330 each to Raton, bus extra. Car would cost about \$145 in gas each way, plus hotel room and food; would depend on number of people going. \$25 for bus. Motion to pay \$365. It was voted on and approved. 3 eligible, 1 alternate but only 1 knows when he is going. (3/27) Our 2 scouts have their dates. They're waiting on the others to receive their dates before they organize their transportation. (4/17) Nothing new.

Summer Camp @ Canyon Camp (July 15-21): (8/22) A suggestion was made for the second week in July. (9/19) We are reserved! Poulisses and McCaffreys are already signed-up to go. (11/28) Need to know which adults are going. Greg and Tammy Poulisse, MaryAnn, possibly Dannette and then Sandy have plans to attend. We just need to know how much points are worth. Next payment is February 13th at Family Night. [Post-meeting note: The Courier has us posted as July 15-21.] (12/18) Terry changed it to have this payment and the High Adventure payment due at the same time, February 13, Family Night. Cost is \$185. The camp is July 15 – 21, not July 8th – 14th. (Sandy's Day camp is July 30th, 31st, August 2nd and 3rd.) (1/23) Deposit from boys is set at \$25. Motioned and seconded and approved. That would make the points worth \$160. This money can be used for either this camp or the High Adventure trip. (2/27) 23 scouts are signed-up; without any new scouts. (3/27) Your next payment is due April 18th – that's your balance. (4/17) All Adults need to complete a Class 3 medical form and a physical exam within the last 36 months (if you're under 40). We cannot do pre-camp swim tests; Canyon does not accept them. We recommend that everyone does a practice swim test. Payments are due by April 30th.

Wood Badge Training (Aug. 24-26 and Sept. 21-23): Phil and Ken are signed up and paid.

Philmont 2008: (11/28) Eric talked about Philmont. Bill has a string of dates requested. Eric has 2 dates in for the Crew. If we're offered, we must pay \$50 or we lose our reservation. Our Council has 4 crews reserved to arrive June 16th. Someone needs to get down to the Scout office to sign up tomorrow. It has already been announced in the Courier. We need to get a contingency plan. Sign-up ended Nov. 26; will not hear whether or not we got it until the middle of December. Terry will check tomorrow. [Post-meeting note: Phil McCrery is taking request for those four crews until January 12, then, he'll decide.] (12/18) We have a reservation for 2008, with a June 16th arrival date. 24 people can go (16 boys & 8 adults). Phil asked Terry to announce it at the pizza party tomorrow night that T-181 is going. We'll discuss it at Family Night in February. (1/23) We can only take 8 adults, but have 9 signed-up and paid. 13 scouts have signed-up. Lois was willing to drop-out, if needed. Bill is paying deposits for 14 (the minimum requirement). First payment is due in October 2007. (2/27) Bill is not here, so nothing new. (3/27) Nothing new. (4/17) Is it full? Terry said, "no." Bill paid for the 7-minimum per trek, although 22 of our members have paid a deposit. We have room for 3 more Scouts.

Training:

Leader Specific: (3/27) Golden James still needs to have it as well as Brian Murphy. (4/17) Jim did his New Leader Essentials at 4/12 Roundtable; **BRIAN DID NOT**. A new course starts Wednesday, April 25 at Calvary Baptist Church on Linden Road. Most committee members have done it already.

Fast Start: Do it online, call Beth Ann, then let MaryAnn know that you did it.

Youth Protection: Do it online, call Beth Ann, then let MaryAnn know that you did it. Training is good for two years. Another leader knot received tonight for Greg. Belinda needs to work on hers.

First Aid/CPR Certifications: (4/17) 25 people completed the Adult CPR/AED (not First Aid) course in the 3 classes offered. It's a 1-year certification. Golden Jim is working on his Instructor Certification, and plans to offer courses later in the year.

Miscellaneous Business

Health Forms: (6/27) Lois wants to be in charge of it. (7/18) Lois needs to work on it. (8/22) Lois has gone through them all. We have some that do not have health forms filled out at all. There are also some whose information has expired. Lois will be calling people to get those and to get updates. Terry suggested a summary onto a spreadsheet. She has also made up a list of non-active adults. Duplicate books made up for small group outings. There are about 15 to 20 that we need forms fixed for. Lois wants to return the outdated forms back to the respective families. (9/19) Lois has spoken to people of those she needs information for. Mostly, she needs forms from the new Squirrels. (10/10) She still has quite a few new people who do not have a form on file. Lois is continuing to work on it. (11/28) Lois still needs some. New practice: Class 1 and 2 medical forms must be filled-out as soon as someone joins our troop. (12/18) Still need medical forms and/or doctors' forms from some new boys. Lois has talked to them, but they are not bringing them in. (1/23) Lois is still missing a few new ones. We'll be handing out Health Forms at Blue and Gold Banquets. (2/27) Lois is still missing some. (3/27) Terry is trying to get them from new Scouts when they fill-out their applications. (4/17) Terry is working to make sure new Scouts are done. Lois says the older scouts, who are active, have theirs. A Class 3 form needs to be filled-out by all adults, regardless of age. If you have had a physical exam within the last 3-years, you can attach it to your new form. Adults need to update their form every year.

Garage: (9/19) Eric and Bill are the only ones on the sub-committee for a Scout garage. They want help with planning it. Terry volunteered because he would like to see it happen. We could have our own personal space. We could hang tents when we come back from campouts and not send them home with scouts. (10/10) A 24 x 36' garage was approved at Township's budget meeting last night. They will get the permit. We would like to start it next Spring. It will go on the fire department property off 42nd Street. Tim Nease works for R&D Thiel, his father works for Hines Lumber. We need to make it known that we want to build the garage and see if we get anyone showing interest in helping with materials and labor. Phil will send-out an email. We could mention it at Family Court of Honor too. (11/28) Eric and Bill are working on it. (12/18) Eric has all the specs; he will type them up and send them to Bill. (1/23) Bill is working on the layout. (2/27) Everything was passed-on to Bill. (3/27) No update. (4/17) Bill is working on the permit this week.

Patrol Coaches: (11/28) Eric suggested meeting with them weekly. Ed and Sandy will reorganize them. (12/18) Ed and Sandy will be having a meeting with the patrol coaches. (1/23) Not done yet. (2/27) There's still nothing being done. The earliest will be in May. (3/27) Sandy will call Ed and get it on the calendar. (4/17) A new parent asked who, but the new patrol does not have a patrol coach yet.

DVD player: (12/18) Would we like to donate a DVD player to this church? Yes. (Troop 181 can use it for movie nights and Youth Protection videos.) Greg will buy one after the holidays and turn-in the receipt. (1/23) It was purchased, but Greg will return it, and repurchase it, so we can get it Tax Exempt. Sandy is getting Greg a copy of the Tax Exempt letter. (2/27) Greg purchased it and it's at his home. Phil suggested it be done as a presentation. We suggested that it be presented to Pastor Nancy Rethford at the Men's Dinner. (3/27) It is here and used tonight. Terry will call Pastor Nancy about a presentation later. (4/17) Terry has not talked to her.

Scout Accounts: (1/23) Phil proposed that money from scout accounts be passed on to college expenses (another troop does this), instead of the Troop just absorbing it, assuming they stay involved with the Troop. There are 7 scouts, 17-years-old, who will age-out by December. There is only about \$300 in that category. This is a suggestion to get the older boys to continue to earn money for the Troop. If they go away, we carry their

registration for 4-years if they are Eagle Scouts and go to college or serve in the military. Once they are age 21 they no longer can have a Scout Account. We need to decide if we want to grandfather it or start now. We decided to table this for next month's meeting. (2/27) For ages 18-21, Scout Account moneys can be used for education, military, etc. This will help keep them involved with fundraisers. Motioned we start it now and not grandfather it in. Motion was seconded and voted on -- Passed. (3/27) There's a question about points -- are they part of the Scout Account and can they be used for things regarding Scouting events? Points are only available for 1-year. This was brought up because we have a Scout who already turned 18-years-old, but is planning on going to a Venture Crew outing this summer. It was brought up that will we transfer points for Scouts who move to another Troop to get credit for their points also. If they are not already getting a reduced rate for being a junior leader then points will still be allowed to use. It was motioned that we do allow it and voted on it. It was passed assuming we can record it correctly in the books. Craig and Greg will work on how to figure it out and track how it is being dispersed through the ledger and make sure we can do it legally. Eric stated there is no national policy in play. It is an individual troop thing. (4/17) A new sheet, adjusted to \$160 maximum credit for points, was passed around.

New Business on April 17

Extrication Conference (May 19-20): (4/17) Lois Blondin is running it. Lois put out a sign-up sheet tonight, 18 shifts are available. She still needs a lot more help on Sunday

Cherry Valley Bicycle Parade (July 4): (4/17) We should be participating this year. All should be in town. Terry will check to make sure it is actually on Wednesday, the 4th.

Electronics Merit Badge (July 24): (4/17) Who is running it? No one here knows. Jim will look at becoming a merit badge counselor.

Troop shirts: (4/17) Dannette suggests we get Troop Hooded Sweatshirts. Dannette will work on researching this. Terry is gathering sizes and orders for replacement Troop Activity T-shirts.

Aviation Flight (May 5): (4/17) Scout Day for flying is on May 5th at Poplar Grove Airport. It will conflict with our Highland Games Campout.

Adjourned at 9:05 pm