



TROOP 181 BSA COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 15, 2008

Present: Belinda Cowdrey (Acting Committee Chair), Tracy Mattison, Jennifer Brown, Craig Louthain, Eric Schmidt, Terry Nichols, Bill LeFevre, Adriana Lopez, Nic Poulisse (SPL) & Greg Poulisse, Sandy Schwartz, Lois Blondin, MaryAnn Bushaw, and Tim Mason

Meeting started at 8:10 PM

Treasurer's Report: Greg handed-out a packet of 17-sheets. He gave a great Year-End report. Included, he had a comparison report from 2006 to 2007. Surprisingly, Greg handled \$60,000 inflow and \$55,000 outflow in 2007, compared to \$40,000 in 2006. There was a question about us having to pay for rank patches and why. Since we did not meet our FoS goal in early-2007, we had to pay for them.

Next Committee Meeting: February 26, 2008. This meeting combines the December 2007 and January 2008 meetings. The January 22, 2008 meeting is cancelled.

Past Events

AirFest 2007: The money was received and deposited. Terry received the breakdown today and will post \$546.87 to Scout Accounts.

Spud Hut (Aug. 7-12): (6/26) On June 24th there were forty shifts open. Steve DeVlieger will be at our July 3rd meeting to offer our scout/parent teams the opportunity to work shifts. (7/24) Four scouts and one crew member is signed-up with their parents so far. (8/28) We're waiting for the check (about 2-months). (9/18) Waiting. (10/30) Nothing new. (Post-meeting note: Troop 224 voted on payment amounts on Nov. 7) (11/27) We should have the check in the couple of days, per Phil. (01/15) Last Thursday, January 10th, Terry received a check for \$780. 12 shifts were filled by 181 units. 3 were earned by the Crew and the other 9 were earned by 4 scouts. Each shift earned \$65. The money was posted into the Scout Account book.

Wreath Sales (begins Sept. 25): (6/26) Tracy is considering it with Adriana; Paul will help coordinate. (Post-meeting note: Adriana agreed to help out.) (7/24) Paul has transferred the information. Adriana has the paperwork and order forms. (8/28) There's no one here to talk about it. (9/18) Adriana and Tracy have everything under control. Belinda will research how many wreaths we need to order for the tree lot based on notes from last year's meeting minutes. She'll give the information to Adriana and Tracy. Wreath sales brochures will be handed-out next week. We need to offer Webelos attending a chance to sell wreaths for us and start building-up their scout accounts. Paul said this was offered last year and several took advantage of it. (10/30) About 10 scouts turned-in their forms tonight. Others were given another week. (11/27) How does this year's sales compare to last year's sales of \$5832? There was no one present to report. (01/15) Adriana did not have information with her, but said 3 still have not paid; none have attended meetings lately. She will call them. Terry offered to help with that. The payment has been sent to Rose Wreath Co. The wreaths cost more this year and we set the prices for less on some sizes. The price of gas and delivery charges were tacked on to our invoice. Wreath money, to date, has been deposited and Terry needs the earnings records, so he can record them in the Scout Accounts book.

Popcorn Blitz (October 6-9): (9/18) Jessica went to Roundtable and picked-up her items from Ida. She has a good handle on what's she doing. (10/30) 13 people turned-in order forms -- about \$2,000 in orders. More will be coming in tomorrow. (11/27) Jessica has reported \$1252.25 apportioned to 22 scout accounts so far. She says there will be a few more coming. (01/15) Jessica was not at the meeting, but gave information to Terry from the Fall sale. We're still waiting for money from one family. \$3,643 was collected, and \$1263.53 was posted into Scout Accounts. 21 Scouts sold popcorn. We do not yet know the date for the Spring sale, but believe it is some time in March, and it will be a 2-week window only. Jessica is still trying to find this out. MaryAnn suggested that those going to Philmont sell popcorn at a bank on a Friday evening or Saturday to help raise money for their trip.

007 SHOOT OUT (Oct. 12-14): (10/30) 16 scouts and 3 adults attended. Rain became a problem again. The campout was laid-out very well. There were 12 events organized in a round robin format. No idle time. MaryAnn suggested some of our boys write a letter to Mark Broman, event organizer, with our positive feedback. She suggested that Nic do that. We do not have a Troop Scribe. Nic will make sure it gets to them. Merit Badges were not offered, because 215 scouts registered, instead of the 120 they planned for. (11/27) Nic says we still do not have a Troop Scribe. Therefore, he will write the thank-you letter to Mr. Broman. (01/15) Nic has the letter and will be emailing it to Terry for approval.

Lake Ripley camp-in (Jan. 11-13): Terry will organize it. (01/15) 15 scouts and one parent went; 2 adult advisors went too. 3 boys got wet feet. We were asked if we wanted it the same weekend next year. It was mentioned that it conflicted with the OA Banquet. The following weekend would conflict with Klondike. Later than that is too close to Russell Woods, which is not changeable and no one wanted it earlier. We voted on it and keeping it the 2nd weekend was decided. Terry will mail a request tomorrow morning and get it set-up. (It has to be done a year in advance to retain our annual reservation.)

Future Events

Wood Carving Merit Badge (Jan. 15 and 22): Ask Sandy to contact Blackhawk Area Woodcarvers. (01/15) The requirements discussion and work started tonight and will continue next week. All scouts listened to Mr. White discuss safety. 19 scouts participated with 6 more working on other advancements. Next week they will be finishing their low-relief project and doing their carving in the round.

Swimming 2008: (11/27) We'll be swimming at Jefferson HS. East HS said "no." The first two months involve meeting at 6:30 pm, but not getting into the pool until 7:30 pm. Belinda sent a list of instructions. Marcus will lifeguard in January only. Then, we need someone else. (Nic said Derek was a lifeguard – we'll check it out.) (01/15) The pool was cold. We still need a lifeguard for February through May. Suggested Terry check with John Vermie. (He did so during the meeting. John has no records, but believes his certification is expired.) Lois will check with Jake Sanders of the Park District (Magic Waters) to see if we can get names of lifeguards through them. It was also suggested that we check with the Red Cross. Belinda has been trying to get someone from Troop 57, but no success so far. It was decided that we should pay the lifeguards. Terry checked into cost for lifeguards; the park district pays them \$8.50 to 10.50. It was decided that Terry would decide how much we pay to whoever we get.

Klondike Derby (Jan. 19): Eric will organize a staff only. All information is on the District website. (01/15) Two scouts want to go and possibly one adult is willing.

Continuous Fire (Feb. 2-9): Our troop is swimming that week. Therefore, we'll announce that scouts may visit the Fire on their own and report their attendance to the Scoutmaster; the same as last year. Eric says we will have a shift to cover, the same as last year. He will report the date and times. (01/15) There is no time scheduled for our Troop to visit the fire this year. If the boys want to earn a patch, they need to go to the Fire (with a buddy) for a minimum of 1-hour, and then let Mr. Nichols know about their visit by February 12th. Our

Troop and Crew is responsible for Wednesday, February 6th from 6 am to 2 pm. Everyone who can come out during our shift is welcome. Eric, Terry and Belinda will be working during our shift.

Russell Woods camp-in (Feb. 8-10): *Terry will organize it. (01/15) Terry talked to Bill Prain today – we're still scheduled. It was announced tonight at Troop meeting. A commitment and money is due at swim night on February 5th. Menu planning will be at that time also.*

Family Night / Court of Honor (Feb. 12): *Phil will be presenting F.O.S. Eric will arrange for the American Red Cross to make a Disaster Preparedness presentation; about 20-minutes. (01/15) We have an MC (Bobby) and he will be working on the agenda. Both FoS (about 15 minutes) and Red Cross disaster preparedness (about 20 minutes) will be incorporated into the evening. Everything else will need to be shortened to accommodate; all other presenters must be brief and concise.*

Scouting for Food (Feb. 23 and Mar. 1): *Terry has information from Don Burrow and Chuck Pelman for arranging it. He'll try to recruit Craig and MaryAnn, the same as last year. Information is available on line. (01/15) <http://www.wanchanagi.org/?p=events&a=details&eventid=147>. We will be doing three subdivisions in Cherry Valley and Valley View - North. These are the same areas as last year, except we'll do all of VV-N and not Rauchenberger's subdivision. Belinda will check to make sure the food can be dropped-off at the Helping Hand pantry at North Park Church again.*

Climbing Campout (Mar. 15, 2008): *(10/30) Sandy said there is a place in Bloomington. (Rockford's facility is gone.) To get the merit badge, it cost \$35 each for 10 or more. You cannot stay overnight there, but could campout somewhere nearby. Do we still want to do that? Sandy is asking for suggestions. Do we want Sandy to make a reservation? Open Climbing is \$12, plus Rock Gym for \$30. Suggested we do not camp because it would be too cold in March. Belinda needs to check to see if there is a place in Milwaukee. Rivers Edge is a climbing place in Belvidere. We'll table this discussion until next month. (11/27) No new information. (01/15) Sandy brought a printout of some other options. Crystal Lake - \$30 per Scout, no merit badge option. Need qualified belay'rs and chaperones. Another option is in Warrenville, IL; they have an overnight program. The cost is \$45 with an additional \$20 if you want the merit badge. We must have 6 in order to participate in the merit badge program. They provide counselors. We could have it from 10 pm. to 6 am, 11 pm to 7 am, or midnight to 8 am. There are no chaperone fees. We can bring as many adults as we want; there is no charge for the adults. No food is offered. This one was voted on and approved. Sandy has set it up for Saturday, March 15th into Sunday, March 16th for the 10 pm to 6 am time period. We can bring-in food. It was suggested that the troop help pay for the cost. It was decided that the troop would pay \$15 per person. That would bring the cost down to \$30 for non-merit badge climbers and \$50 for merit badge candidates. Sandy will make up an announcement for this.*

Philmont (June 16, 2008): *(4/17) Bill paid for the 7-minimum per trek, although 22 of our members have paid a deposit. We have room for 3 more Scouts. (5/22) We have room for 24. The next payment is due in October; approximately \$200. Payment after that is due in March 2008. (1 too many adults, and 2 too few scouts are signed-up.) They allow 2-4 adults per crew. Scouts are considered youth up to age 21, but must be 14+ and First Class. Health restrictions are enforced once you get there, even if your doctor permits you to go. Traveling will be by train. (6/26) Nothing new. (7/24) Nothing new. (8/28) Phil went camping this past weekend to prepare for Philmont. The Hoxies still want to go. Philmont is like Venturing -- youth age goes up to 20 to be considered a Scout. Still room for 1 more Scout and we are over 1 adult. NYLT is a week before Philmont. The group is leaving on June 15th if going by train. Need to be there by the 16th. Next payment is due in October, which is \$200. Some are wanting to do a fund-raiser to help pay their expenses. When are we going to open it to people outside of the troop? It was suggested that we allow the Blondin's nephew to pay towards it and refund it if the position gets filled. (9/18) 14 scouts are signed-up; and 8 adults (Mr. Schmidt withdrew). We need 2 more scouts. The first payment will be due October 16. (10/30) Bill said we are going --because our money is paid up-to-date and the balance is due March 2008; we still owe \$255 per person. Transportation is additional, about \$200 extra. So far, adults and scouts have paid the same amount. Terry suggested we research how much adults should pay, based on*

our last trip, and bring it up at the next meeting. Phil will research it. We have 4 youth and 2 adult openings available. We are only committed for 14, so we have not overpaid. Bill received a letter from the Blackhawk Area Council offering scholarships to Philmont. They are based on finances. There are 2 kinds available. The deadline for submission is December 3, 2007. They require information from parents and the unit leader. Bill will make copies available. A new requirement for Philmont is: (Phil read this information.) Wilderness First Aid is now required for each crew, instead of general first aid. The last course was dropped, due to lack of interest, per Eric. Paul makes a motion, since it is a requirement, that the Troop should pay for the training. We would need 2 from our Troop to be certified. Eric is certified, but not going to Philmont. [Post-meeting note: according to the Feb. 2003 minutes, adults paid \$250, travel extra.] (11/27) Ed is still chasing down payments. (\$560? + travel) (01/15) The next payment is due in March; we still need money from everyone. We need 2 people trained in Wilderness First Aid. Eric is already trained. Lois is going to take a course. It was suggested that we have a 3rd person as a backup, he can be a Scout. Lois is volunteering Zachary, since she is going anyway. As far as refunds go – a previous boy who dropped-out was told he would not get his deposit back unless he recruited someone else to take his place. Another scout canceled tonight. This policy will hold for anyone else who drops out. It was suggested that we give a cutoff date for refunds. The date chosen was March 1st. After that time no refunds would be given. We are still looking into transportation costs. This was discussed at great length. Amtrak is averaging around \$230 (weekdays) to \$332 (weekends). Children under 16 would be half price with one paying adult. It was suggested that we check into airfare. Nothing can be finalized until after the drop-out cut-off date. Most likely, transportation cost will not be refundable, so we need to make sure who is going before any tickets are bought.

Summer Camp (2008): (10/30) January is normally when camps take reservations. It was suggested that something be brought up at the Family Night. Sandy asked Terry if we could add time in the Court of Honor to present 5 camp options. Terry told Nic to make sure it gets done. Put “disaster response” in the Spring Family Night. (11/27) Only two of 5 presentations were made at Family Night, so we voted for Ransburg. In a subsequent email conversation, Sandy believes we need to ask for the other presentations to be made and then vote again. (01/15) It was brought up at our troop meeting tonight as to whether we wanted to go to Ransburg, or still look into the other options. The scouts voted 19-1 in favor of Ransburg. We are looking at the week of June 29th – July 5th. June 29 is the day the Philmont campers come home. Sandy is going to check to see if some people could come late on Monday. We would like to keep the week of the 4th, because that is when they went last time and there were not as many campers there (only about 350 vs. 700 for other weeks). Sandy will be sending in our reservation and deposit check.

On The Waterfront (2008): (8/28) We were offered an On the Waterfront ticket booth this year. Lois couldn't find enough people to support it in 2007. She said that we could put our name in for adults to sell tickets and we would get \$10/hour. It is a fundraising opportunity, if we want to put our name in for 2008. Do we want to put our name in to staff it for the entire weekend? The vote was “yes.” (9/18) Lois will submit our troop for a place next year. (10/30) Lois has not gone down there yet. (11/27) Ed will talk to Lois about follow-up. (01/15) Lois has not submitted anything yet. Sandy will take over this pursuit.

High adventure camp (2009): (7/24) Paul is proposing a camp in Maine – details to follow. (8/28) Caleb wants to go to Sea Base in 2009. (9/18) Paul says the trip goes down a river and ends up in the ocean, whale watching. Paul will check on enrollment deadlines. (10/30) Paul found 3 camps that do the same thing in Maine. Cost is approximately \$700 or \$800. (Sea Base was about \$1400, which included air travel and certification.) 3 Scouts would like to go to Sea Base. Paul will be bringing the information for our next meeting. (11/27) Ed wants us to consider whitewater rafting in WV too. (01/15) It's tabled, because we're running long.

Training:

Youth Protection: Do it online then let MaryAnn Bushaw know that you did it. Training is good for two years. Make sure **you** do it through the **council website** and not the national one!

<http://www.wanchanagi.org/?p=training&a=htm&page=YouthProtect>

Fast Start: Do it online then let MaryAnn Bushaw know that you did it. Make sure **you** do it through the **council website** and not the national one!

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New Leader Essentials: (10/30) Terry is working on it. He would like to have someone come here to do it for us during a Troop Meeting. We need to set a date. It takes 90 minutes. Phil recommended that we try and do it while we are at the Tree Lot. (11/27) A special session has been scheduled for Dec.4 at the church. Invitations were handed-out tonight, with another email going out tomorrow. Terry has a list of 27 people from our Troop as potential participants. (01/15) 13 people attended a session at the church on December 4, 2007.

Leader Specific: Scheduled for: 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, and the weekend of 5/17-18/2008.

<http://www.wanchanagi.org/?p=training&a=htm&page=ldrSpec>

First Aid/CPR Certifications: (01/15) Eric mentioned that this was a pre-requisite for Wilderness First Aid. He is trying to schedule a class through the Belvidere Fire Department. He asked who needed it and if any days were bad for people. He will be looking into Mondays and Thursdays in February. The class will take two nights to complete.

Wilderness First Aid: Scheduled for: 3/11, 3/18, 3/25; 6-9:00 pm and 4/5 8-5:00 too) \$85 Rod Mathias. (01/15) See notes under Philmont. The March dates will be held at Christ United Methodist Church and the April date will be at Camp Lowden.

Wood Badge Training C-23-07 (Aug. 24-26 & Sept. 21-23): Phil and Ken are signed up and paid. Nothing new.... (8/28) Phil was at it last weekend and he is going again in a couple of weeks. Phil will talk to Ray Warren to try to get Ken's payment credited to our account. Phil needs to work on his "ticket." He will take suggestions. (10/30) Phil is still waiting to see if Ken's money can be applied to a 2008 course, if someone wants to attend. (11/27) Post meeting note: Next course is C-25-08 August 22-24 and September 19-21 2008. (01/15) http://www.blackhawkscouting.org/woodbadge/wood_badge_brochure.pdf. Phil has one ticket item done, three others are moving along quickly and he needs to jump-start another. He would like a decision on Adopt-A-Highway. He is looking at doing either Illinois Highway 15 (Cherry Valley Road) which is not very busy, or Perryville south of Harrison, includes our tree lot corner, nice advertisement, but busier. Are there any other suggestions? We will have a sign posted, which can have two lines of 15 characters and he is suggesting "BSA T-181/CVFPD-CVUMC. It was decided that Perryville would be the better choice. Some liked the sign but wanted to know if we need to get permission from the Fire Department and the Church, since we are putting their names on the sign. It was guessed that we are responsible for a 1-mile stretch of road. Also, that is a 1 or 2-year commitment with a clean-up at least 4 times a year.

Wood Badge For the 21st Century C-25-08 (Aug. 22-24 and Sep. 19-21, 2008): (01/15) We discussed prerequisites: Fast Start, Youth Protection, New Leader Essentials, and Leader Specific need to be completed prior to attending Wood Badge. A scouter needs to pay \$50 to register. We have a one-person credit from the previous course. Tim is considering taking it. Sandy will be working staff.

Miscellaneous Business

Health Forms: (01/15) Terry said updates for 2008 need to be started. It needs to get done timely, so that it is ready in time for summer camps.

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. (5/22) No permit yet. Bill sent a letter to Chief Wilt. The firemen are talking about it, though Bill was out-of-town. Once the permit is issued we have 1-year to complete the building. The bulldozer is lined-up; we still need to get materials. (7/24) Nothing new ... (8/28) On Tuesday, at 4:00 pm, Bill and Eric are going to meet with the Chief Wilt to try and get it approved. Tim Mason offered to help us get a roof. (9/18) We may get an existing building: 30x40'. We would be able to use 30x30 feet of it with the fire department using a fence to separate their section. Eric says we used it before, several years ago. It needs to be cleaned-out, and we need to do some minor remodeling. It looks promising. (10/30) Unofficially, Bill said we will still get it. Bill is waiting to hear it from the Chief; he called today, but no answer back yet. The next question is: When can we get in it? He's just waiting for final approval. There is still some work that we need to help with. (11/27) There's no new information. (01/15) Bill said the newest information is that it will happen -- eventually. The Fire Department wants to build a new pole barn first and then move everything out of the old building before letting us move in. It was asked if we could go back to our original plans (allow Troop 181 to build our own building). Bill said he thought that was doubtful but that he would ask.

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. (5/22) We have a new patrol coach – Tim Mason. We nominated Belinda to train this position UNDER PROTEST! She accepted. (7/24) Nothing new ... (8/28) Belinda is working with the Mason's and the Pluto Patrol. (9/18) We have patrol coaches on paper, but we need to revisit their usefulness. (10/30) Nothing new. (11/27) It is felt that Patrol Coaches need an agenda, or guidance to be able to do their jobs. Two of them are doing very well; others need ideas and training. (01/15) During New Leader Essentials training it was discovered that our Patrol Coaches did not have the Scoutmaster Handbooks. Eric says he has copies they can have.

Christmas Trees: (11/27) We received 419 trees (10 of those free). We were shorted 16 trees. We still owe \$5089; we'll pay it when we hit the break-even point. When selling trees, we discussed rounding the price up to the nearest dollar to dispense with coins. The price of scotch pines has remained the same (\$4.50 per foot) for years. We should have bought more "roping" for the Tree Lot – Greg could have sold 5 more units (that we know of) if he'd had them. (01/15) We made \$7,406 profit. There was \$14,982 sales revenue from all things sold at the tree lot – wreaths, trees, stands and bags. Sold more in 2007, but made less due to 19 trees being unaccounted for. Last year only 10 were unaccounted for. Suggestion for next year: Order the same number of trees, however, make it less Scotch Pines and more Fraser Firs. We ran out of firs on December 10th. They bring in more profit each. Terry suggested that we order 140 Ff's. He gave a comparison of how other places did. Troop 57 still had 12 trees left after Christmas, the YMCA Men's Club ordered 200 more this year because they ran out last year and still had 200 a week before Christmas. Our pricing sign needs to be redone this summer. Greg mentioned that he told people that 50% of their tree purchase is tax deductible. He said that any scout product is the same way generally, because most items are marked-up 100%. When questioned on it, Greg said that he claims up to \$250 without receipts. He said his mother was in taxes for over 40 years and knows all the loopholes.

Extra/Leadership points: (10/30) Several of our scouts put in extra time for OA, Den Chiefs, NYLT, and Webelos Overnighter. We need to look at allowing them to earn extra points. 11/27) No discussion. (01/15) Did not discuss.

New Business

Website: It was mentioned to Phil that some announcement links are not always opening when you click on them. Phil wanted to know if anyone else is having a problem with it. [Some announcements don't exist even though a link is already created.] Several others have had that problem also, but not everyone. Phil asked that Lori (who was not there) check in to it. This was done through Tim.

Troop 23 Semi-Biannual First Aid Meet (March 8, 2008): There is an announcement on the website. It will be on March 8th at the Discovery Center this year. Food will not be needed. The event runs from 12:30 to 4:00. We will leave from the church at 12:00 noon, and return around 4:30.

District Awards: Terry has nomination forms available. He said we should start thinking of people we would like to nominate. We will need to vote at the next committee meeting. He will review the qualifications at that time. The District Dinner, where the awards are presented, is April 6th.

Rechartering: Terry received the packet and is verifying the information. There are 50 youth and 52 adults registered at this time as a part of our Troop. He is trying to weed out those no longer interested. He said we will probably be dropping about 8 boys and 10 adults.

Kiwanis Annual Pancake Day (March 15): It is unknown when this exactly is. MaryAnn will talk to Bryce and try to find out. [Post-meeting comment: The Kiwanis website shows it will be on March 15.]

NYLT Commitments (April): To be discussed next month.

Troop 660 Court of Honor (March 2): This is the combined Blackhawk Area Council Dinner honoring 2008 Silver Beaver recipients and Class of 2007 Eagle Scout recognitions. \$23 if RSVP'd by Feb. 20.

Great Lakes Naval Base (April 25-27): Sandy tried to get information and got nowhere. It was mentioned that Phil had a relative who helped us last time but that he is no longer there, or in the Navy. It was suggested that Phil get some information so this could be planned. If unable to get any information, we will have to go with the alternate plan of a campout somewhere south of here.

CVFPD Midwest Extrication Competition (May 17-18): Lois is willing to organize it again this year. We spent between \$900 and \$950 on expenses last year and took in \$2489.85. That is a profit of approximately \$1500. Terry asked if points were ever given to those who worked it. Sandy thought there was something in the notes back during that time. Lois will check with Ed. {Post-meeting comment: Ed has a list of participants, and will award 200 points for the shifts.]

Nickelworld (Jan. 29 meeting): A verbal announcement was made tonight. It was suggested that costs need to be announced to our scouts also. There is a cover charge of \$2.25, and every play is 5-cents. It was also suggested that green Activity shirts should be the uniform of the night.

Camp Lowden Caretaker Fundraiser: MaryAnn informed us that the caretaker at Camp Lowden has stomach cancer and there is a fundraiser being formed to help out with family expenses and food. There will be a Spaghetti Dinner. They are also collecting food for their home. Donations (food and cash) and dinner tickets can be taken care of through the Scout office by Phil McCrery or Fran Waller.

Jelly Belly Tour (May 9-11): Sandy is taking care of it.

Lifesaving Merit Badge requires CPR: Eric read part of the requirements for Lifesaving Merit Badge. [Demonstrate proper CPR technique for at least 3 minutes using a mannequin designed to simulate ventilations and compressions.] Eric believes scouts need to be CPR certified. It was mentioned that if scouts take Lifesaving at summer camp, the requirement requires demonstration, not certification.

Philmont Fundraiser: Sandy mentioned that her Cub Pack is going to be selling candy bars. She is offering those wanting to raise money for Philmont are welcome to participate in their fundraiser.

Blue and Gold Banquets: Sandy wanted to know if contact needs to be made with packs other than the ones we usually make contact with. Pack 600 from Belvidere was mentioned (Terry is in contact with them); Pack 121 from Belvidere (Phil works with them); Pack 400 is Poulisse's former pack; and Pack 429 from Froberg is Sandy's pack.

Adjourned at 10:04 pm