



TROOP 181 BSA COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 20, 2008

Present: Belinda Cowdrey (Acting Chairman), Adriana Lopez, Eric Schmidt, Sandy Schwartz, Lois Blondin, Ed Blondin, Paul McCaffrey, MaryAnn Bushaw, Craig Louthain, Terry Nichols, Bradley Cowdrey, Nora Molitor, Golden James Marlow, Ryan Lambert

Meeting started at 8:14 PM

Treasurer's Report: (5/20) Greg is out of town and unable to give the report this month.

Next Committee Meeting: Belinda suggested that we change the date from June 24 to the 10th. That is 3 weeks from now. People will be at Philmont on the 17th and 24th. The committee agreed and it was changed.

Past Events

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. (02/26) Nothing. (03/25) Terry was not here, we do not know if the one family is paid up. (04/29) Terry does not know if this is done yet. He will follow-up with Jessica. (5/20) Jessica says this is all completed.

Popcorn Sales (March 2008): (02/26) Handed out last week. (03/25) Forms were due tonight. (04/29) Greg gave \$1522 to Jessica tonight. (5/20) Jessica says this is all completed.

Six Flags Scout Day (May 3): (03/25) Announcements were handed-out last week. This will be pushed in April. (04/29) 36 people will be going. (5/20) 23 people from the Troop and 13 friends attended. Patches were handed-out tonight. It was a cool and drizzly day, which made for less people there and shorter lines.

Jelly Belly Tour (May 9-11): Sandy is taking care of it. (02/26) Announced at Family Night. (03/25) Scheduled and camping at Illinois State Beach Park on Lake Michigan. (04/29) All arranged (see notice).

(5/20) Terry gave a report. It was nice Friday and Saturday. 21 people went. Played on the beach of Lake Michigan and then it was a laid back campout. The tour was a little on the thin side, the gift shop was a lot of fun; free sample of any candy you wanted. The Jelly Belly flavors were anything from Boogers to Cheesecake. When you were done sampling, you could clean your mouth with a toothpaste-flavored jelly belly. Boys played a game they learned in Texas. Some boys ate Jelly Bellies, which interfered with dinner.

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.}* (02/26) *Bill says they are still doing. Lois will still organize, Lori to help.* (03/25) *Nothing new.* (04/29) *Lois still has a lot of openings on the schedule. Craig will shop for food for delivery on Friday. Lori Mason will be running it because Lois will be out of town. Paul has a discount card he would be willing to use for buying supplies. Grills will need to be brought in because the fire station no longer has any. There will be 16 teams participating this year (14 last year). Lois will check last year's schedule to help plan better for this year. Bill suggested that we keep track on a ledger of who would be getting free food. The fire department is willing to pay for their part. It's suggested we let the Fire Department buy the grill and we give them free food. They can keep the grill we buy on their premises. Bill thought it was a good idea. It was motioned and seconded and passed. We put a \$300 cap on it; Terry will go get one.* (5/20) Terry ran the Extrication. Craig purchased the food and supplies, spent \$983. Terry spent \$183.89 on a grill. Belinda gave him a coupon for 10% off at Lowes and he took the tax letter in and was able to get a great bargain on it. Those who used it liked it. Paul stated that Bill would like the weeds killed where it is sitting. Terry said they needed to move it inside, it is their problem. Craig deposited \$824, and Terry deposited \$1215.50. Terry emailed a \$448.50 bill to the Fire Department for what they consumed. G. Jim cleaned-up both grills really well when they were done on Sunday. We used 1 tank of gas from the Troop trailer. We mostly used the new grill with our tank on it. The Blondins' grill was used a little, but hardly any gas was used. Paul is going to refill this tank as well as filling another troop tank.

Future Events

Zoo Trip (June 6-8): (03/25) *Looking at a Zoo trip as a possible campout. PLC will need to decide which Zoo and where to camp out.* (04/29) *Sandy has planned a trip for June 6-8. We're going to the Madison County Zoo (it's free) and staying at the KOA (\$5 per night per person) near Madison.* (5/20) People can start signing-up whenever they want and should bring their swimming suits.

NYLT (June 8-14) commitments: *To be discussed next month.* (02/26) *Will look at leaders after the next troop elections. 2 have showed an interest. Alex discussed. May be pushed back to August because of all the snow days. Alex will give us information and he receives it. It will be held at Camp Lowden this year.* (03/25) *There is a rumor that this was changed to June 15 – 21, the same week as Philmont. One scout is committed and one considering it.* (04/29) *The Courier was misprinted. The NYLT course is June 8-14. Two scouts have paid their deposits and the Troop paid their balances already.* (5/20) Both boy's paper work has been signed and they're responsible to make sure the forms were filled-out and mailed-in.

BMX Food Tent (June 12–15): (02/26) *Belinda is running it. Lois is going to Philmont. Phil will guide Belinda on this.* (03/25) *Tim will help also. Post-meeting note – Phil talked with Jake Karu, we are confirmed to do the tent and clean up.* (04/29) *Belinda got the book tonight for history purposes.* (5/20) Belinda is having a hard time getting together with Phil or Greg for planning purposes. She would appreciate the

help of anyone else who has coordinated this in the past. MaryAnn will help. Also, do we want to keep the same menu? It has been suggested that we drop the Smoothies and Hot Dogs. Belinda is having a hard time contacting the Manager for Baskin Robbins. Nobody seems to know his hours. Smoothies were voted against because of difficulties with company; they have been hard to work with. Check with Taco Bell's to see if they are willing to work with us. They now sell Smoothies that only cost \$1.89. Ed and Lois have tried them and said they were very similar. There is one on Auburn and Rockton. Hot Dogs are big sellers and should be kept. We have to sell them as Chicago-style Hot Dogs (so we don't compete with the other concession. However, we will sell it plain, but at the same price). Belinda asked if we should increase prices since everything cost more now. She also mentioned that she has talked to the manager at Pizza Hut and they will not let us increase the price we charge for Pizza Slices, but will allow us to increase Breadsticks to \$3.50. (The manager said he cannot allow us to make more than he does.) Breadsticks will cost us \$2.50 this year, which is a 50-cent increase. The pizzas will be cut in 8 slices again and will cost us \$12.00. This comes to a profit of \$12.00 per pizza for us. Check the Pizza Hut equipment to be sure it is working properly! We had a problem last year with the pizza oven door, the Health Dept. rejected it. We also had a problem with it getting to the proper temperature. It's recommend we either pick the food up from Pizza Hut ourselves or send Scouts to road to get it. It took a while to get our orders in the past, due to the congestion at BMX. It is hard to get in and out with a car. It was suggested we check to see if we could sell Cinnamon Sugar breadsticks. Belinda will check. She also needs to check to see if we can increase breadsticks to \$4.00. Popcorn will not be sold; we did not sell very much, it requires a lot of power, and it really heated-up the tent. We will have pastries, water, fruit drinks, Chicago-style hotdogs, snow cones, chips, fruit and coffee. We need to make sure we have enough syrup for the flavoring of snow cones. Belinda is going to try to pre-order these. What is their policy on returned items? Belinda will check. It was suggested that we check with the Concession stand to make sure we are not selling the same thing. Jake is our contact at BMX. Eliminate some shifts because we have too many people in the tents at one time. It was suggested that we see who is bringing extra people with them when they work; this will help limit the number of people under the tent. Belinda is to check with Lois to see if we need to get rid of shifts. There was a discussion regarding having the food there on time and things set up ahead of time so when the first shift starts we are ready to go; this has been a problem in the past. Belinda said her goal was to have everything there by 12:00 to get set up and ready for the 2:00 shift. We do have an account at GFS? Yes. The Health Department wants us to have a digital thermometer. Belinda said she bought one last year. It is at her house along with other items for the fundraiser. Also, make sure we have metal tongs. We've had plastic ones that kept breaking.

Philmont (June 16-28, 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 want 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 dropout 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. (02/26) \$50 is never refundable but the first payment was refundable until March 1st but they could find a replacement that could pay their fee. We are now confirmed with 12 (5 adults and 7 youth). 2 Youth have until the end of the week to confirm. \$3570 check needed. Lois is scheduled to take the Wilderness First Aid. Eric is going and is Wilderness First Aid trained already. Class is being held March 11th, 18th, 25th and April 5th all day training. We can recruit outside of the Troop. Suggested it be brought up at Roundtable on March 13th. We paid minimum. Can add more in up to 24. Adults are paying ½ of Philmont fee and all of the travel (\$255 + \$350 to \$400). Voted on and passed. 16 and under are half price off the train price. Will do the cheapest travel options. Looking into a charter bus also. Need to be at Philmont on Monday, the 16th. Philmont is 12 days. Done June 28th. (03/25) One crew is still looking for 1 more person, preferably two. (04/29) Trek 32 has two more scouts from Troop 705. Train is \$150. Plane is \$143, minus fees. Bus is \$55 per person to airport. A couple people still owe. They're leaving on the 15th and will return Saturday, the 28th. We still need to arrange a ride home from the Airport. (5/20) Nothing new.

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. (02/26) A Culvers Scoopie night can be done for this. Money will only go to the people who work it. Ed will check to see if we can do more than one. Candy bars are still an option from Pack 429, 50% profit. Group will need to decide. (03/25) Philmont group did not want to sell candy bars. Venture crew is working at Airfest and will offer those slots that they cannot fill. (04/29) Nothing new. (5/20) Nothing new.

Venture Crew Fundraisers: Venture Crew is working at Air Fest this year and cannot fill all their slots. It was opened-up to any Scout over 14 who would like to help. Also, there will be a Scoopie Night on Tuesday, May 27th at the Culver's on Harrison with 10% of the proceeds going to the Venture Crew. This was mentioned at the Troop Meeting tonight.

Summer Camp (June 29 – July 5): (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. (02/26) Going to Tesomas Summer Camp near Rhinelander, WI \$242 per scout. \$50 by March April 29th final payment due. We do have to pay for Adults also and reserve their spots. Swim test can be done in advance. We have to provide our own tents. Paul suggested we go through the trail in May to check supplies, etc. Medical forms need to be copied because they keep them. Need copies of Insurance Medical Cards for people going also. Coming late the first day is OK. Half of the Philmont group is planning on going to Summer Camp also. Can bring another trailer with bikes. We are in the Mokeken campsite. The campground is very large and bikes would be nice for getting around. Points will pay for the balance after \$25. Voted on and passed. The additional \$25 that was collected will go in to their Scout accounts. Voted on and approved. One was opposed. We are short on tents for Summer Camp. How many more do we need? 4 or 5 tents will need to be purchased. Terry suggested we buy 6 tents. Suggested we change the trailer check to April, **before Committee Meeting.** (03/25) 21 scouts are going 5 more are questionable & 7 Adults. Need to get physicals and medical forms. Sandy will discuss this with Jennifer. Steve Fedor cannot go but Tim will pull trailer for us. We will discuss tent information at the April meeting. April and May we need to do swim test for camp. The announcement for Summer Camp needs to be posted to the web site. (04/29) 22 scouts and 7 advisors are signed-up. \$3,680.74 in points will be used towards camp. Tentage was discussed, see below. (5/20) 25 Scouts now going; 3 new ones. \$4,319.84 is paid by points. A few people missed their swim tests. They will have to do them when we get there; they know who they are. Camp offers t-shirts for \$10.00 (\$2 cheaper if ordered in advance by May 31st). It's suggested we ask the boys if they would like to order one in advance. We're debating taking bikes. It was decided that we would not be taking them, due to not having a way to get them there. Belinda mentioned that Tim would like to get someone else to pull the trailer. When he volunteered he did not realize it was so far away. Check in to other options besides Tim. Ask Tim if we could borrow his truck. Belinda will do that. (Post meeting note – Tim said “no.” He needs his truck for work.) Ed asked as to what would be the cost for renting a truck with electric brakes and Tow package. Sandy will check into it. The thinking is it may be worth it, since Tim would have to drive the 5 hours back home that day and then come back on Saturday to pick it up. MaryAnn said maybe we could check with Troop 57 about paying the gas for one of them to pull up our trailer. Sandy will check also. This information will be accumulated and a decision made at the next meeting. Tim is still willing to pull the trailer if there are no other viable options. Sandy stated that she needs to get merit badge packages turned-in. Boys were given the information tonight. Sandy has to submit those ahead of time.*

Tents: (04/29) *We have 8 scout tents, 3 adult tents, and 6 dome tents. Do we have approval to buy 6 more tents? The exact same dome tents are not available anymore. They cost around \$100 to \$130 each. Boys prefer the dome tents. Adult tents are about \$400. We need to have at least 4 adult tents. We need a total of 12 scout tents and 4 adult tents for summer camp. Sunday, the trailer will be inventoried and each tent will be set-up and we will see how many we truly have, that are useable. An email will be sent around after Sunday. We gave approval to buy one adult tent for sure. (5/20) All tents were set up on Sunday, May 4th. Paul handed-out a sheet with the status of those tents. 8 backpacking tents are usable. 2 need fixing. 2 A-frame Scout tents are usable and 3 need repairs. 3 Adult tents are usable. We have the following ground cloths – 41 black, 1 blue (large), 3 clear, 12 brown/green and 1 brown, 5 to be fixed are at Paul's house and he is working on getting them fixed, if rain flies cannot get fixed the tent cannot be used. It was mentioned that BP#6 has a stretched cord that needs repairing. It's suggested contacting Berg Industries to fix rain flies. Paul is checking with someone in Belvidere to get it done free. Buy*

bungee packages that we can take with us to fix on next campout. Paul will purchase 4 kits. There is a box in the trailer that has spare parts. Unusable tents were saved for spare parts. There are extra stakes above the side door. We are not buying anymore Scout tents. Eric has already ordered 1 Adult tent, it is en route. If we do not have enough tents for summer camp, due to repairs not done in time, we will ask for volunteers to bring their own. We have plenty of ground cloths. Eric went through the trailer and is reorganizing it with new labels. Eric carved up more of the black ground covers, which are the ones for youth tents. Old ones that did not belong were put in the Christmas tree trailers. Clear ones are for original backpacking tents. Bags are mixed with old and new ones. Backpacking tents are different sizes so the tarps may or may not work. Black ones work for either. Adult tents get 2 tarps, one for inside and one for underneath. 8 Green/Brown tarps in the trailer are for the adult tents. Turkey pot needs to go in upside down, per Eric; otherwise, critters could get trapped inside.

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. (02/26) Lois is still working on it. (03/25) No one here to discuss. Old ones need signing or they need new ones done. (04/29) Lois needs the forms from the 4 new scouts. (5/20) Make sure it is available for the next campout; it was not at the last one. Make sure we have epipens for those who need them. Make sure we ask parents if there are things not on the medical forms. (Sometimes they don't put things on the forms because they do not want their doctors to know.) We will need copies of all forms to give to Tesomas; they are required to keep them on file.

Independence Day Parade (July 4): (4/29) We are at summer camp on July 4, so we may not attend the Parade. Some scouts will be in town that week. However, if we could guarantee 10 to 12 boys, we should do it again. Bill said we need to know by July 2nd. (5/20) It was decided that we are not going to be participating this year; that is when the scouts will be at summer camp. Terry does not feel there would be enough boys here to make a good showing.

Festa Italiana (August 1-4): (04/29) We need someone to chair it. (5/20) Terry received a letter regarding Festa. Paul Maffioli says it will start on Thursday, July 31st this year. He wants to know if we can still do it and how much more we want to charge. It's suggested we see what we charged last year and base it accordingly. Suggested a skeleton crew for Thursday night as the committee feels this will not be very well attended. Thought Friday morning might be a problem. Paul volunteered to work the Friday morning shift. Terry will review the figures and a decision will be made at the next committee meeting as to how much we should charge. We definitely want to ask for a raise, especially with gas being so much higher this year. We were going to the last two years, but did not for some reason. He will let Mr. Maffioli know that we will have an answer for him after June 10th. Ed volunteered to chair this event, but would like help.

On The Waterfront (Aug 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. (02/26) Jennifer will help Sandy out with it. (03/25) Sandy sent a letter requesting our preferences. There is a waiting list. (04/29) This activity has been turned-over to the Blondins, per Sandy. (5/20) Nothing new.

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. (02/26) Tabled. (03/25) Still tabled. . (04/29) No information for Maine yet. Other suggestions were: Northern Tier, Boundary Waters with a guide, or the Black Hills for a week. (5/20) Paul brought the information on High Adventure Camps in Maine. The Boy Scout High Adventure one has 3 levels of Kayaking. You get to pick your own trek anywhere from calm waters to whitewater trails. The cost is about \$900 without travel fee. This covers everything they need. The duration of the trip is 6-days minimum, up to 8-days. If both boys and girls will be going we would need one adult of each sex to attend. The crew size should be 6 to 8. Maine High Adventure is the name. Deposit would be due by March 1st for reservation. Balance would be due upon arrival. The other ones he has are not Boy Scout run, but are private outfitters and the costs are similar. Ed suggests put options to boys and let them choose. Paul gave Belinda the brochure on it.

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>

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New Leader Essentials:

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> 02/26 Mary Ann has a list of who still needs it. Mary Ann will call them and check with it. (03/25) Tim has signed up. (04/29) Tim, Lori and Chris were there last Wednesday and plan on continuing through the whole course. (5/20) Tim and Lori Mason, Chris Wyld, Adriana Lopez and Belinda Cowdrey completed the Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Specific training as well as the Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Course. Tom Seifken brought the cards by to the Troop meeting tonight for the Outdoor course; MaryAnn presented these during our closing.

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. (02/26) See notes on Philmont. (03/25) Lois is there and Eric is teaching. (04/29) Lois completed it. Greg is reimbursing her. She did not get her card yet. (5/20) Lois got her card and is all set for Philmont.

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. (02/26) Phil is still working on his ticket items, 3 of 5 done. Forth one needs dates from Terry and Sandy put into the schedule and will be completed by end of summer, fifth one is moving slowly. (03/25) Same. (04/29) Our money is still available for the Course, per Sandy (on staff). Tim will use this money. We'll talk to Tom about making sure it is applied. (5/20) Phil's comments on progress were as follows: "I have managed to accomplish a grand total of nothing." Phil has not finished the Adopt-a-Highway Project. It is a 2-year commitment with (4) clean-up sessions a year. MaryAnn says he needs to get the road clean-up set-up and the boys will do the work. It was mentioned that we should encourage him more. Terry said that he and Sandy have been supporting him and that it is up to Phil to follow through.

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. (02/26) Tim is considering taking it. Needs to have Leader Specific training done first, the dates listed above should not be a problem. Tim will work on it. (03/25) Tim signed up for it. . (04/29) Our money is still available for the Course, per Sandy (on staff). Tim will use this money. We'll talk to Tom about making sure it is applied. (5/20) Tim is all set to go. Belinda signed-up and paid today.

Miscellaneous Business

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 would 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. (02/26) Bids are out for starting one in the Spring. They decided on the size. (03/25) Nothing new. Arguing where to put it. Bill shared his frustrations with it. It is still going forward though. They have a size. (04/29) They are still getting bids. (5/20) There's nothing new to report. Bill's not here.

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. (02/26) We need to separate them out. How are we going to keep track? Suggested Den Chiefs get same points as a troop meeting. Leave it up to the Scout to report their activities to Ed otherwise they will not get their points. Another suggestion, have a form that must be signed off by a leader at the event. Suggested the points go the same as our troop activities. These will not start until the new point year in March. Work on it for future. (03/25) Could not discuss. (04/29) Ed likes the idea of forms similar to a reverse check. The scouts can earn extra points by filling-out a form and having the supervisor sign it off. Ed will keep track of these: 100 points nightly, 200 points all day, 500 for weekends, and 1000 for week long camps. The baseline is all Troop-sponsored activities; these extra points are over and above the base. A scout needs 75% of baseline points to pay for Summer Camp. Motioned. Approved. It's suggested that the form be put on the internet so scouts could print one before going to an event; also, make them available at troop meetings. Ed will create the new point-system sheet for approval. (5/20) Ed has the new point system sheet created. It was presented at family night last week. Vouchers will be kept in rack by our calendars with some being kept in the scout account book. It was suggested it be presented again at a "closing," since attendance was low last week.*

Troop Shirts: *(03/25) They need to be ordered. Belinda will take care of it. (04/29) They were ordered; we are waiting for delivery. (5/20) Majority of new shirts were handed-out. We have a few extras on hand, if needed.*

Recruitment: *(02/26) Den chiefs are key for recruitment of new Scouts. Last year 13 Webelos graduated in. Potentials are good for next year. Suggestions for Webelos overnighters announcements out before school is out so that they have plenty of time for planning for it within their Packs. Suggested that we get Den Chiefs in the various Packs to help with recruitments for the future. (03/25) Need to get letters out to Packs of Webelos I. Mary Ann thought we could get this information from the district. The packs did not receive it early enough last year. The packs we are interested in are 429 (Caleb and TJ), 400(correction), 141, 600 (Jordan), 121, 464 (Alex). (04/29) Sandy does not have the list of Webelos I and Webelos II yet. She will check with different packs. Another Webelos II den is requesting a Den Chief. There are big groups for next year. Greg will get the leaders' information for Sandy. (5/20) Sandy is waiting for a callback from MacQueen for a date to reserve. We are waiting to see who the new administrator is at Froberg School is to see about talking to the boys there.*

Rank Board: *(04/29) Our long-missing Troop Board is now on the wall in the Fellowship Room. Bill Ziemke worked hard to get that taken care of. Now, the Board needs to be updated. It was suggested that we have a separate Board, just for Eagles. Paul and Eric are working on this. (5/20) Paul has the materials. He is staining the wood and still has to put it together. Eric needs information to put on the board, such as names and ranks of the Scouts. Terry said he already supplied the information. Paul and Eric will continue to work on it.*

New Business

Gourmet Lollipop Fundraiser: Nora brought up a possible fundraiser of Gourmet Lollipop. She sold them in Pack 400 and they sold really well. They set-up a selling time at Wal-Mart as well as selling them individually. It was a very good fundraiser for them and the profits went straight into the boys' accounts. We thought it would be good to sell at BMX or the Extrication. Need to check with Lori at BMX to see if she would allow us to sell them at BMX next year. It's a possibility for a High Adventure fundraiser. You pay up front for the product. It takes 2 weeks to get the order. They sell for .50 each. They come in a case of 18. The minimum order is \$144.00 or 576 count plus \$20.00 for shipping & a \$5.00 gas surcharge. Nora would be willing to head-up the sales. Possibly bring it up at Court of Honor. We cannot sell during United Way drives. Recommended that we wait until Fall, since school is almost out.

CPR Classes: Some people still need CPR training. Jim can do it at any Troop Meetings. It can also be done for 1 to 2 people. The card is \$5.00. Jim has the mannequin and will make this available. His course is good for one year. Paul and MaryAnn still need to get recertified. Sandy does also, but will be taking it during summer camp.

Adjourned at 9:42 pm