



TROOP 181 BSA COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 28, 2009

Present: Phil Reece, Belinda Cowdrey, Ryan Lambert, Paul McCaffrey, Ed Hoffman, Greg Poulisse, Terry Nichols, Ed Blondin, Lois Blondin, Mike Emerick, Sandy Schwartz, Jessica Tufly, Eric Schmidt, Tracy Mattison, Ronnie Tufly, Derek Dwyer

Meeting started at 8:22 PM

Treasurer's Report: Greg gave a report.

Next Committee Meeting: May 26th, day after Memorial Day.

Past Events

FOS (Feb. 10): (12/23) Behrensmeyers have been told when we are having our Family Night. (1/27) We have not heard back for a confirmation. (03/03) We are one donation away from making our goal. 8 families have not participated yet and Phil will be contacting them. Our goal actually went down this year, but we should meet it. MaryAnn said each goal is formed by multiplying the number of boys by \$125, plus 40% more. (That sounds reasonable, but it doesn't compute.) Our goal was \$2,750. (03/31) Previously, Phil told Terry he needed one more pledge to make our goal. (04/28) We have made GOAL! Phil will notify Scout office and follow up to make sure we get it marked so we get our rank patches.

Eagle Cave (Apr. 4-5): (1/27) We could not get Eagle Cave until April 4th weekend. The cost is \$35.75 each. Includes Saturday Lunch, Supper, and Sunday Breakfast. Someone suggested 1/2 the cost for adults. Sandy had to pay \$5 per person; she reserved 20 spots. Terry will come up with a flyer. Our new scouts (Webelos) will not be able to go because we have to have the deposit in 2 months in advance. Scouts will pay \$18, adults will pay \$12 with the troop picking up the rest. It was voted on and approved. We will re-address inviting new scouts (Webelos) if we have room available, but charge them \$30 since they have not contributed to the troop yet. It was suggested that they would have to bring an adult since it is their first campout. The cost would be the same for their adult. The vote resulted in one objection, and the others approved. (03/03) 20 spots are reserved; 15 taken. Two Webelos scouts and their parents are begging to be included. We have to pay for 20. We are accepting the Webelos. We will still have 1 more spot available. We'll go up Saturday and come back on Sunday. (3/31) The announcement was given at both meetings tonight. Terry reported enough drivers (4), plus extra adults going. Post-meeting note: 12 scouts and 9 adults went. (04/28) 12 scouts and 9 adults attended, we reserved spots for more. Expensive but would do it again; \$18 per boy and \$12 per Adult. Troop paid rest and reimbursed gas.

Wanchanagi Recognition Dinner (Apr. 5): (12/23) Deadline to sign-up is Mar. 21 (not the 25th). (1/27) It was mentioned again. (03/03) This year it will be held at the Stockholm Inn. Cost is \$20.00. The restaurant

is not open at that time, so we have the place to ourselves. (3/31) It's this Sunday. 9 from our Troop registered to attend. (04/28) We had 5 Adults from our troop get awards.

Tree Lot (April 7): *(3/31) We need to do another clean-up. The lawn needs to be raked as it was matted-down during the winter. Also, we need to clean-up the yard. It was suggested that we do it next Tuesday at 6:00 pm, if the weather permits (we do not have a scout meeting that night due to swimming on Monday). It will be promoted at swim night. The normal troop clean-up points will be in place for all those who help. We also need to encourage the families to bring rakes. (04/28) We had a good turnout. Ed Hoffman took care of the 34 bags of Trash. Because of the construction we more than normal trash. We will possibly plant grass seed.*

Cub Scout Council Pinewood Derby (Apr. 18-19): *(03/03) This council events needs volunteers, older scouts, good advertising for the troop to other packs. Phil said we need to participate, if possible. (3/31) They are still looking for workers, adults and scouts. 51 Adults are needed to run each session. Wanchanagi is the first session on Saturday. (04/28) Terry worked it for Scout Reach and Phil worked for P121. We need to have our scouts there next year to show the packs who we are. The two people there were not representing our Troop. 2 Scouts were also there running for their packs in the competition.*

Lincoln Pilgrimage (April 25-26): *(3/31) We need to start promoting it. Also, we should promote working on Citizenship in the Nation. Some of the requirements can be fulfilled during this campout. (04/28) 18 Scouts and 11 Adults. We paid for 35 and had 6 cancellations. Stayed at Jim Edgar Panther Creek. Suggest we get reservations ahead of time at Illiad next time.*

Future Events

Midwest Regional Extrication Competition (May 16-17): *(03/03) Are we still doing it? We need to find an adult to run it. Lois is not available this year. (3/31) Several volunteered to help run it. Sandy, Ryan, MaryAnn, Derek, Pete and Mike. They will get together and work out the details. (04/28) Subcommittee met tonight. Sign up sheet was announced tonight. Doing 3 hour shifts and 3 adults per shift. Sandy will make sure that there is a mix of newer and older Scouts. Bill said 12 teams are registered, expecting 15. There were 16 teams last year and it was too long. They would like a cooler stocked for the workers on the grounds. They will cover the cost. Need to have someone to keep track of it and keep it stocked, water and Gatorade. Bill will be available for us to bring in food on Thursday night.*

NYLT (June 14-20): *Need to commit by April 21st and pay by May 1st. (03/03) We asked Matt if anyone has showed interest. We need to find out who is eligible. Terry said we need to start promoting it. Matt will be asking parents. (3/31) We do not have any commitments yet. Terry expects 2 or 3 to go. It was suggested that individual contacts be made. Derek, Alex, Matt and Craig will talk to boys who are eligible. (04/28) 3 are going to go – Christian, Jessie and Andrew.*

BMX Food Tent (June 18–21): *(03/03) Belinda is willing to help, but would prefer not to be in charge. Suggested she train a new parent. Suggestions will be made to the new parents at the Orientation. (3/31) Belinda is not available on Friday to set-up. Phil works during the day and cannot set-up. We really need someone to help with this. Eric said he could possibly help but mentioned that the Venture Crew may be going out-of-town that weekend. He would get back to us. Highly recommended that people*

consider helping and let Belinda or Phil know. (04/28) Lisa Nelson was contacted to let her know we are interested. Mike offered to help also.

Summer Camp at Lowden (July 5–11): *Summer camp at Camp Lowden has been reserved. The Council needs \$100 deposit to hold the date. (10/21) Sandy needs another \$100; it is a \$200 deposit. (1/27) Sandy needs to pay by April 5th, youth \$225, adults \$150. We would like to know how much points will be worth this year. In the past we had to pay \$25, and sometimes \$50. Terry proposes \$50 per Scout. Then full points are worth \$175.00. Craig seconds it. Voted on and approved. Approximately \$6,000 will be spent on summer camp, based on 30 scouts and 2 or 3 adults. (03/03) Sandy presented it tonight and sent something to Lori to put on the website. Lowden cost is \$225 by April 15th and \$275 late fee after May 15th. (3/31) Points are being tallied. Slips will be given out next week letting people know how much they will owe. Money must be paid by April 15th, except for new scouts. They have until May. Sandy got a tally of which adults will be going. It was suggested that we promote Citizenship in the World merit badge at camp, because they usually have someone from another country who is a Scout that boys can talk to, which is one of the requirements. Paul McCaffrey is willing to work with boys on this merit badge. (04/28) 19 paid for and 7 new scouts interested. 7 ½ Adults going. \$3,062 from points system. Possibly one more scout and adult.*

High adventure camp (2009): *(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. (6/10) Tabling until it can be presented to the boys and they chose one. (07/22) Still tabled. (08/26) We talked a little about Sea Base, also about canoeing. Sandy suggested putting a person in charge of taking ideas. Sandy said she will do it. Ed will announce it at next meeting. Hopefully, there will be some planning at the September meeting. (09/30) Ed announced that we need to come up with ideas. Send them to Ed via email. They need to be to him before the November Court of Honor so we can present it that night to the boys. (10/21) Sandy suggested Washington DC; maybe tie it into a Jamboree 2010 visit. (1/27) Ed is not here to talk about it. (03/03) Ed suggested whitewater rafting or up to the Boundary Waters. It was also suggested that we combine something with the Jamboree next year and go through West Virginia. MaryAnn asked how many would qualify? Sandy suggested we check with the boys to see if there is an interest. It was \$460 2-years ago. Ed is still in charge and we are going to offer whitewater rafting in West Virginia; dates will be set next month. (3/31) Eric gave the information to Ed. We need to bring it up to the boys Monday after swimming to see who is interested. A tally should be recorded. (04/28) Tentative July 18-26 – Approximate cost \$500. 14 and older with first class swimming requirement completed. 18 are interested. Ed talked to the boys tonight and asked them. 18 year olds are still eligible. River Adventures in Fayetteville, West Virginia. White Water Rafting.*

The Tall Ship, Windy (Aug. 22): *The cost is \$750 -- 50 people would make it \$15 per person. There will be a campout with it. Terry says we should consider inviting other troops or packs to fill-out our minimum costs, like we did last time. A \$250 deposit is needed. (10/21) Sandy paid the deposit and suggested we invite Webelos to come for the day also. (11/25) Concentrate on Webelos I and II of associated packs; take fliers to their Blue and Gold Banquets. We may offer it to other troops also. (1/27) Nothing new. (03/03) Nothing new. (3/31) Nothing new. It was pointed-out that it is the same weekend as Wood Badge. (04/28) Sandy still needs to get a campsite. Last time we used Chain of Lakes.*

National Scout Jamboree (2010) – *It's something for us to consider!* (08/26) *The internet Courier gives the following information that is being passed around. Greg mentioned that he picked-up some brochures at summer camp and they were back with our paperwork in the back room. We discussed it and there was a suggestion that we could possibly just go as visitors. Nothing was decided, just discussed. Terry said he thought this was the last time that it would be in Virginia. (09/30) Nothing new. (10/21) The council is still looking for people to attend. They want to fill two troops (72-scouts and 8-adults at \$2000 each), and aren't half way there yet. If they don't get enough in a couple of weeks they will be dropping one of the troops. We believe any scout troop can visit on one day. (11/25) Sign-up ends in January. (1/27) We believe they were only able to fill one troop along with a couple alternates. (03/03) Council did not get enough for a second troop, but the council is keeping it and extending the opportunity. (3/31) Council still needs more people. (04/28) Derek was offered an opportunity to go as an Assistant Scoutmaster. He was asking if the committee was willing to help out with the cost. It will be tabled for now. Derek needs to get us more information as far as when it has to be turned in as well as his exact cost. The troop will need to consider it and see if we have any funds available for it after troop expenses have been considered.*

Training:

Gene Barney is District Training Chairman.

Youth Protection: <http://olc.scouting.org/> Training is good for ONE year. This should be done on the national site, print your card and let Mary Ann Bushaw know!

(04/28) This has been changed to annual. The district website takes you to the national website. Phil asked Terry to verify whether it is every one year or two.

Fast Start: <http://olc.scouting.org/> This should be done on the national site, print your card and let Mary Ann Bushaw know!

This is Scouting: <http://olc.scouting.org/> Will be offered at the Roundtables for Jan. 8 and Feb. 12. (1/27) Starts at 6:30 at Christ United Methodist Church. Pete asked what it was. It can only be done in a group session, not online. Edmund is interested in that also. (03/03) Phil asked if we had anyone taking it. Alex took it at Roundtable. It is only one for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. New Leaders Essential is changing names and going online. (3/31) A new interactive on-line video "This is Scouting" replaces "New Leaders Essentials." It can be done on the internet; it takes about 48 minutes. 4 have already completed it. It is suggested that everyone view it, even if they took New Leaders Essentials.

Leader Specific: <http://www.wanchanagi.org/?p=training&a=htm&page=ldrSpec> (1/27) A new course starts April 22nd. Phil said all of us have it. Edmund inquired, he is interested in doing this training. (3/31) Ryan Lambert will be attending and Vicki Lambert will complete it. Terry handed out a flyer to people he thought still needed it as well as emailed it to those people. The troop committee challenge was last week but it can be done online.

Hazardous Weather Training: <http://olc.scouting.org/> This should be done on the national site, print your card and let Mary Ann Bushaw know!

Wilderness First Aid Training: Waiting for dates. Just finished one 3 weeks ago.

Wood Badge For the 21st Century C-25-08 (Aug. 22-24 and Sep. 19-21, 2008): (5/20) Tim is all set to go. Belinda signed-up and paid today. (6/10) Nothing new to report. (07/22) Ideas for tickets are; make up schedules for Roundtable, see MaryAnn. Sandy said you can volunteer at Day Camp also. (08/26) Belinda and

Tim attended their first session this last weekend. Sandy is on staff as a Troop Guide. (09/30) Belinda had to tell what her ticket items were; we will get Tim's next month. (10/21) Tim is working his ticket. He is doing Woodcutters Ball, Baloo training, New Scout orientation, Community Pinewood Derby, and one other item. Belinda has 1 done. (1/27) Tim had a problem with one item, but he will be back on track. He has one done. Belinda has 2 done, 1 more this weekend, and 2 waiting for events to occur. (03/03) Belinda has 3 items done and her 4th one is coming around with the New Family Orientation on the 14th. (3/31) Belinda and Tim completed ticket items by conducting the New Family Orientation. Belinda has one left, which she is hoping to complete in April. We do not know where Tim is on his ticket completions. (04/28) Belinda completed hers and her paperwork is turned in. Hoping to get her beads at Family Court of Honor. Tim has completed 2 or 3 of them.

Wood Badge For the 21st Century C-54-09 (Aug. 21-23 and Sept. 18-20, 2009):

2009 announcements are out. Tom Siefken will be the course director. (11/25) Dates are now set. (1/27) Phil encourages people to attend for this year. Our troop pays for it. You pay \$50 deposit up front and get reimbursed when you complete it. Phil will be on staff for this course. (03/03) We have 3 interested – Ryan, Derek and Greg. Derek has committed to it. (3/31) Only 11 are registered so far. Edmund Lopez is also interested in taking it. (04/28) Derek has his application, Ryan still considering it. 23 are registered they need 48.

Miscellaneous Business

Rotary Sign: *(09/30) Rev. Richard Wang, former minister at CVUMC, said the Rotary sign needs to be repaired. He suggested a scout take it as a project. It's a sign with a case that takes announcements; it belongs to the Rotary Club. Resources could be provided. They would really like a scout or the troop to take on the project. Ed showed an interest and got his phone number. They would like to have it done before the winter sets in. (10/21) It's a small sign. Who's going to do it? (11/25) Nick Horan is looking for an Eagle project. Ed will look at it and see if it is big enough for an Eagle project. Ed will contact Rev. Wang. (12/23) Terry will look at it. We need to get back to Reverend Wang and do this as soon as the weather gets warmer. (1/27) Terry looked at pictures from Ed, and drove past it. It is not big enough for an Eagle project, but the Troop should do it anyway. (03/03) It will be a Troop project when the weather gets nicer. It's on State Street. It was originally and Eagle project for someone from Troop 57. It has weathered. It needs to be refinished. It is on the Fire Department property. Terry said it should be done by a couple of people. (3/31) Nothing new. (04/28) – Sandy mentioned it would be a good thing for a Patrol to do for a service project. Terry thought it would take about 10 hours. It can be taken down and taken home to work on. It is on Fire Station property. They would like to have it refinished because it is an eye sore. Eves work needs to be redone and suggested we get that taken down during then. Bill will contact us when he finds out when the eves will be done.*

Popcorn: *We need to recruit a new Popcorn Kernel. Jessica wants out. (03/03) Phil asked if any of our new leaders have popcorn experience. Nobody knew. (3/31) The orders were due last week. There is nothing else to report at this time. (04/28) Jessica will keep doing the popcorn. Suggest we get someone to start training. District shorted our troop. Computers rounded low instead of high. Every order has been taken care of.*

100 Year Celebration: *(01/27) Sandy heard new information at Pow Wow. We need to add these to our calendar. One is a biking trip, 100 miles. There is an Arbor Day event, a geocaching event, and more. Hall of Leadership award is also available, nominations February 8th through August 31st of 2009.*

Website: (03/03) John Vermie wrote our website. It was originally on a server owned by a company that he had a share of. He sold his share with the stipulation that we would always have free space. The people that John sold it to sold it again and now a new company is looking at buying the server. We should start looking at a new host. Phil will talk with Lori about researching new companies. (3/31) Nothing new. (04/28) Lori is doing some research for us. We still have the domain but the server is a concern. We keep items backed up so we should not lose our information. We may have to start paying.

Cost of campouts: (03/03) It is now \$8.00. Based on what we have been spending on campouts, along with the rise in gas and food, it's suggested we raise it. It was not intended to pay for them but to get commitments from people. Terry has been trying to get Greg to figure out what we have been spending on campouts, but we have never been able to get all the figures. Tracy volunteered to help Greg get this organized and put on a spreadsheet. They would like to go back at least 3 years. It was suggested that the amount be submitted whether a person wants to be reimbursed or not so records can be kept better. There was a suggestion that this be presented to the new families also at the Orientation. We will keep it the same as it for now but will review it periodically. (3/31) Nothing new. (04/28) We do not have anything new yet. Terry talked about the Lincoln Pilgrimage and the costs. This time we had to pay for food and gas. Not all will be a flat \$8 but need to make changes as needed.

Advancements: (03/03) Our 2008 advancement rate was 35.6%. That just shows rank. We are below other troops. We need to push Patrol Coaches and advancements. (3/31) We need to work on swimming requirements during swim nights. Also, we need to push getting Patrol Coaches, who can keep up with the boys' advancements and help them along. Dannette can get a list of the advancements and merit badges to the Patrol Coaches to help them identify areas that boys need to work in. Belinda will talk to the new families to try to get them to sign on. She will talk to Tim to see if he would be willing to help in this area. We need to get Patrol Coaches for our older patrols. A lot of the boys in the older patrols seem to be at a stand-still and need some encouragement to move along. (04/28) Belinda has talked to Adults and we have new Patrol coaches. Mike Emerick for Puzzle Patrol, Ed Hoffman for Rabid Raccoons, Greg Poulisse for Question Mark Patrol, Chris Wyld for Squirrels.

New Business

Riverhawks Baseball (July 25): The game starts at 6:05 PM. The game only package is \$14 and includes; game, hot dog, chips, soda and the Scout night patch. The Campout packaged is \$20 and includes; game, hot dog, chips, soda, the Scout night patch, late night bonfire with s-mores, a movie on the Jumbotron and a continental breakfast. The movie runs late and the sun comes up early, don't bring much. (4/28) – The Rock Cut Campout for that weekend was cancelled because of summer camp. Our Troops Scouts interacted with Cub Scouts from Phil's pack and those in his pack were very impressed. This will conflict with High Adventure.

Council Show and Do (Aug 29): Show and Do is a one-day training event for all adult Boy Scout leaders, Venturing leaders, and Webelos den leaders who are moving into the Boy Scout program. This will be held at Lowden. Registration is due April 19 (? – think this should be August), cost is \$15 before then and \$20 after then. Cost includes a lunch. Contact Donn Vitek at 815-459-9119 or email at d.vitek@excite.com.

District Camporee (Oct): in October is a Highland Games. It will be limited.

Scouting Community: This is face book for scouts at www.myscouting.org.

Unit Finances: Eric passed out a paper entitled “Recommended Unit Finance Operations”. He read excerpts from it. The information came from Phil McCurry. If we have things outside of Scouting we need to bring it up to him.

Summer Camp Points: Paul asked if his boys could use their points for their Venture Crew High Adventure Camp since they have a conflict and are not able to go to summer camp. It was mentioned that we have used them in the past for High Adventure but it would be the same value as Summer Camps points were worth. Whatever we decide will set precedence for the future. It was voted on and approved.

Ended at 9:22 p.m.