



TROOP 181 BSA COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 26, 2009

Present: Ed Blondin (Acting Chairman), Belinda Cowdrey, John Nash, Jessica Tufly, Lois Blondin, Adriana Lopez, Greg Poulisse, Ed Lopez, Dannette Holifield, Ronnie Tufly, Terry Nichols, Eric Schmidt, Bill LeFevre

Meeting started at 8:18 PM

Treasurer's Report: Greg gave a report.

Next Committee Meeting: June 23, 2009.

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 the Scout Office and follow-up to make sure we get it marked so we get our free badges of rank patches. (5/26) Dannette said we got our letter and stickers to get patches free, effective for ranks earned after May 1.

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. We're doing 3 hour shifts and 3 adults per shift. Sandy will make sure 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. Firemen would like a cooler stocked for the workers; they will cover the cost. Need to have someone keep track of it and keep it stocked, water and Gatorade. Bill will be available for us to bring in food on Thursday night. (5/26) We had \$2186 receipts for both days. We asked the fire department for 60% of the gross amount they consumed. Bill brought us a check for \$976; they decided to pay 100% this year. Groceries and supplies cost us \$1082.35. So the net profit came to \$2,079.65. (Terry added the details to these minutes after this meeting.) Sandy had raised the prices of all sandwiches an additional 50 cents each, but Sunday the prices were lowered to last year's prices, due to complaints heard. [Bill told Terry that the fire department restricted the food that was brought in, therefore, we had a captive audience; we needed to treat them fairly

Future Events

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) Three are going to go – Christian, Jessie and Andrew. (5/26) Craig was not here to give a report. Jordan is going now also. All four are paid for.*

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. (5/26) Sunday is filled; we still have open shifts on Saturday and Friday. Belinda put it in the schedule for set up help.*

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 scouts are paid and 7 new scouts are interested. 7 ½ adults are going. \$3,062 are from points system. There's a possibly of one more scout and adult. (5/26) Greg is the half. One more signed-up last week and one more this week. There's nothing new, since Sandy was not here.*

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. (04/28) The Rock Cut Campout for that weekend was cancelled because of summer camp. (Our troop's Scouts interacted with Cub Scouts from Phil's pack and those in his pack were very impressed.) This will conflict with High Adventure. (5/26) The Troop has a campout that weekend that conflicts. The High Adventure no longer conflicts.*

High adventure camp (Aug. 8-15): *(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 scheduled for 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. It's white water rafting through River Adventures in Fayetteville, WV. (5/26) We have 8 interested and Poulisse showed interest tonight. Eric is going to bring the Venture Crew also. He will discuss it at their next meeting. August 8th through 15th is the new date; not the one in July.

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 camped at Chain O' Lakes State Park. (5/26) Chain O' Lakes campground is confirmed. Nothing else new, Sandy not here.*

Council Show and Do (Aug. 29): *(04/28) 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 Camp Lowden. Registration is due August 19 at a cost of \$15; \$20 after that date; price includes lunch. Contact Donn Vitek at 815-459-9119 or email at d.vitek@excite.com. (5/26) Phil confirmed with Donn that registration is due August 19. This is for anyone who wants to learn anything. Eric thought the list was in the Courier.*

District Camporee (Oct. 9-11): *(04/28) It will be Highland Games. Registration will be limited. (5/26) Since the sign-up is limited, we need to jump on it the minute the sign-up comes out.*

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. (5/26) Nothing new.*

Training:

Gene Barney is District Training Chairman.

(5/26) MaryAnn is compiling a list so that we have the information available at all times for filling-out Tour Permits.

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 MaryAnn Bushaw know! (04/28) Gene said it has been changed to annual. Phil asked Terry to verify whether it is every one year or two. Post meeting note: When you do the training on-line, the printed cards says it's good for 2-years.

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

Leader Specific: Obsolete, replaced by "This is Scouting".

This is Scouting: <http://olc.scouting.org/> This should be done on the national site; print your card and let MaryAnn Bushaw know!

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

Wilderness First Aid Training: (5/26) We're waiting for new dates.

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 is complete and her paperwork is turned-in. She's hoping to get her beads at our Family Court of Honor. Tim has completed 2 or 3 ticket items. (5/26) Belinda received her beads at the Family Court of Honor. Tim has completed 3 and working with his counselor to change the fourth, and the last one will be completed in October.

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 is still considering it. 23 people are registered so far; they want 48. (5/26) There are 35 registered for the course, no one from Troop 181 has registered as of May 1.

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 an 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. The eaves on the building need work and it's suggested we get that taken down during then. Bill will contact us when he finds out when the eaves will be done. (5/26) It is down now because they are working on the siding. We just need to get some kids to volunteer to work on it. Bill does not have anything new about it.

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. She suggests we get someone for her to train. District shorted our troop; computers rounded low instead of high. Jessica reports that every order has been taken care of now. (5/26) It is all done now. \$1,161 went to the Scout Accounts.

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 31, 2009. (5/26) Nothing new.

New Business

Energy Drinks: (5/26) Eric shared an article regarding Energy Drinks that was in the newspaper. They were recently banned from the Belvidere School District. We need to consider banning them in Scouting. Especially consider banning them for traveling. Terry suggests that we 'recommend' that Scouts not have them at any Troop sponsored activity. No consequences at this point – we'll just suggest it's not a good idea. Proposed and approved. Eric will make copies of the article to hand-out next week. The new rule will be presented at that time also.

UAW Clean Up: (5/26) We need to do a UAW clean-up in the next week or two. Eric will promote it at the next Troop meeting. It will take about an hour. [We get a lot of free copies through the UAW.]

CPR: (5/26) We have 4 wanting to do CPR. The course can be arranged either on a Wednesday and Thursday, or 2 Wednesdays, or two Thursdays in a row. Eric will get more information. He wants to know if anyone else is interested. Wyld's and Lopez's are interested. Eric can have a total of 8. Greg is interested; he will check to see if his boys are interested. It will be through the Belvidere Fire Department. Nic is also interested. Eric will try to get it going within the next week or two. John is also interested.

Car Wash: (5/26) Crew 181 did a carwash on Saturday. They were there for 5-hours and earned approximately \$60 per hour. No set cost. They just accepted donations. They ended-up having 9 people working. They earned \$320. They worked at Bob's Hardware. If the troop is ever interested, Eric has the information. Someone who does car detailing donated the items needed for them to use.

Ended at 9:04 p.m.