



# TROOP 181 BSA COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 28, 2009

**Present:** Lori and Tim Mason, Adriana Lopez, Edmund Lopez, Ronnie Tufly, Jessica Tufly, Ryan Lambert, Terry Nichols, Ed & Lois Blondin, Kathy Glogowski, Brad Wick, Paul Dandrea, Bill LeFevre, John Nash, Mike Emerick, Greg Poulisse

Meeting started at 7:00 PM

**Treasurer's Report:** Current balance is \$12,713.20. Inflows from fundraisers exceeded outflows from summer camp by approx. \$1250.

**Next Committee Meeting:** August 25, 2009 @ 8:05 PM

## Past Events

**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. (6/23) We made \$1069.28 profit. BMX will receive a check for \$1287.05, their half plus water. Jake said they were back to their average this year. Their sales were down on Friday and Sunday due to the bad weather; they (and we) closed early. Phil wanted to discuss what people felt about it. Belinda mentioned Pizza Hut is willing to work with us with a fundraiser card to help earn money instead of doing the BMX. It was mentioned if we switch to this that we offer an incentive to sell the cards. It was voted on and decided that we would not continue doing the food tent at the BMX races, but would like to keep the clean-up. Phil will talk to Jake and let him know. Cleanup went smoothly. We had a total of 18 people; including only 7 scouts. We earned \$600, approximately \$35 per person for their Scout Accounts. Terry would prefer at least 20 people. They got to start at 2:00 since the races quit early. Terry had to make calls to get people there earlier and he believes it made a difference with getting more people there, or it could have been a looong process. (7/28) Terry reported that Phil has contacted Jake at the BMX and told them that we would not do the food tent next year.

**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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup> and \$275 late fee after May 15<sup>th</sup>. (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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 possibility 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. (6/23) 28 boys will attend, 7 full-time adults, another for a half-week, and John Nash's Troop 283 is bringing 4 boys who will join us. Lois is working on Physicals. Kathy and MaryAnn will sit down with Sandy and go over things next Tuesday, since Sandy will not be able to attend this year. (7/28) 41 total attended – the largest group in camp. 56 merit badges were completed, 22 partials.

### Future Events

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup> is the new date; not the one in July. (6/23) We don't have any new information yet. Ed will contact the outfitter to arrange the dates we want, get cost information and reserve our spot. The approximate cost will be around \$500 per person. Eric said this is the week of the Boone County Fair (Spud Hut). (7/28) Reservations made for 10 people.

**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. (6/23) We are reserved. Sandy wants to know what we are going to charge the Webelos. We suggested \$15 per person. It is only for a Scout and his parent. A parent is

required to come with them. The Webelos are only coming for the day, not camping out. The ship is totally ours. Sandy is checking on how many people the ship holds. We need people to pay in advance to make sure of their commitment. There are no refunds. (7/28) This will be a family campout.

**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](mailto: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. (6/23) 29 items are available – pick 6. Phil recommends everyone attend. Belinda suggested we bring proof back that we attended. The troop will reimburse the cost. 4 to 5 people are talking about going as of now. (7/28) Nothing new.

**District Camp-o-ree (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. (6/23) Nothing new. (7/28) Nothing new.

**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. (6/23) Derek still needs to get more information. Item is tabled for now. (7/28) Nothing new.

### **Training:**

(6/23) MaryAnn will bring her list so people can check it over and make sure she has all of their information. It'll be available at all times for filling-out Tour Permits.

**Youth Protection:** <http://olc.scouting.org/> Training is good for TWO years. This should be done on the national site, print your card and let MaryAnn Bushaw know! If your card does not print out, go back in and it will let you print it.

**Fast Start:** <http://olc.scouting.org/> This should be done on the national site; print your card and let MaryAnn Bushaw know! If your card does not print out, go back in and it will let you print it.

**Leader Specific:** Is offered in the Spring and the Fall through regular classes.

**This is Scouting (formerly New Leader Essentials):** <http://olc.scouting.org/> This should be done on the national site; print your card and let MaryAnn Bushaw know! If your card does not print out, go back in and it will let you print it.

**Hazardous Weather Training:** <http://olc.scouting.org/> This should be done on the national site, print your card and let MaryAnn Bushaw know! If your card does not print out, go back in and it will let you print it. All adults should take it (17 have already completed it).

**Wilderness First Aid Training:** (5/26) (6/23) We're waiting for new dates.

### **The Next Step Training:**

**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 4<sup>th</sup> one is coming around with the New Family Orientation on the 14<sup>th</sup>. (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. (6/23) Tim has 2 done and 3 to go (Woodcutters Ball, ScoutReach, and another one). He will need to get a new ticket item since one he chose is no longer available. His counselor suggested that he talk to our committee to get ideas. Several were given to him to choose from. (7/28) Tim reported 3.5 items done.

### **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. (6/23) Derek and Ryan are both signed-up and paid their deposits. The course is now opened up to 64. Have to have at least 36 paid-up one month before in order to run the program. Phil will contact Greg to get the balance paid for them. (7/28) Ryan reports that he and Derek are fully paid.

### **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. (6/23) Marsha Abrahams, Rotary contact, has the sign and Bill will contact her and get the sign back. Another suggestion: Tim's ticket could coordinate getting it fixed. (7/28) Tim says it's about half done. Four scouts and two adults have helped. Bill has the parts that were used to attach it before. Tim would like to paint it. Tim and Bill will get together to figure out how to mount 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. (6/23) We do not know when the fall dates are going to be yet. (7/28) Nothing new.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> through August 31, 2009. (5/26) Nothing new. (6/23) View information in the latest Courier. (7/28) Not much information in the Courier. Look at the dates during the Troop planning meeting to avoid conflicts.

**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. (6/23) Eric still needs to tell the boys about it. When he tells them, it is complete. Phil asked if the by-laws need to be changed – No. (7/28) Eric still needs to make the announcement.

**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. (6/23) A class was finished last night. Both sessions were completed. Approximately 15 people (10 adults and 5 scouts) took the courses. They still need to get their cards. Eric will contact the Fire Department to make the arrangement. Sandy said some of the boys need their cards for summer camp. (7/28) Still waiting for cards from the May!

**Festa Italiana (7/31 & 8/1,2,3):** (6/23) No Thursday this year. Ed ran it last year. Phil suggested that he get someone new to train for it. Adriana and Lori volunteered to run it this year. (7/28) Two shifts are still open. We will ask for response at Magic Waters meeting.

**Byron Dragway (Sunday, 9/6):** (6/23) *Free ... for anyone in uniform. Track opens at 9:00, racing at 10:00. They serve food, but you can bring in your own. We could possibly campout. Ed Hoffman brought up the information; his boss owns the track. This date is Labor Day weekend. It should be covered by our Annual Tour Permit: Sandy checked with Andy Murray and it is acceptable now (If you are a commercial customer, it does not matter anymore).* (7/28) Consider this a family outing. We need more details from Ed H. for a handout at a Troop meeting.

### **New Business**

**American flag pole:** (7/28) The pole in the Troop trailer needs a new connector. Mike Emerick will get the parts and make the repair.

**Dining Fly:** (7/28) Terry requested looking into new dining flies to allow the patrols to operate independently. Ed and Lois have one to donate. Kathy will look at Target to see what they have on sale this week. Our committee agreed to allow a small group to decide if we should purchase two, depending on the quality and price.

**Christmas Trees for 2009:** (7/28) We bought from Hensler Nursery in Hamlet, IN. Terry reported that the grower is changing prices. All sizes of scotch pines will be \$1 higher this year. The two smaller sizes of Fraser firs will be \$1 less. Larger firs are the same price. Grower does not have any 8-10' scotch pines this year; we sold 30 last year. Potentially, we could purchase larger White Pines instead. These are trees with longer needles. We need to get the transportation cost in writing this year to avoid the emergency request for extra money. Last year tree cost was \$8,093.50.

Ended at 7:47 p.m.