



TROOP 181 BSA COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 29, 2009

Present: Phil Reece, Belinda Cowdrey, Ryan Lambert, Greg Poulisse, Jessica Tufly, Ronnie Tufly, Ed Hoffman, Ed Lopez, Terry Nichols, Bill LeFevre, Kathy Glogowski, Craig Louthain, Dannette Holifield

Meeting started at 8:10 PM

Treasurer's Report: See supplement.

Next Committee Meeting: Move it to October 20 @ 8:05.

Past Events

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. (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. (8/25) The schedule is in the Courier. Belinda, Edmund, and Adriana are attending. Eric is teaching. He said there were a total of 26 people registered. (9/29) It was good. Ed H., Edmund, Adriana, Kathy, and Belinda attended.

Planning meeting (Aug. 30): (8/25) Scheduled for Sunday, August 30th at 3:30pm. (9/29) We had about 12-16 Scouts attend; total of 31 with adults. Terry wants to meet with Belinda, Sandy and any other adult to go over the scheduling, because we have some conflicts.

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. (8/25) A flyer was handed-out tonight. (9/29) 19 went. Ed checked to see if it could be opened up to the whole Council next year. Ron Leek will check with his partner, but thinks it will be a “go.”

Religious Retreat (Sept. 11-13): (8/25) Registration form is in the Courier. MaryAnn has it under control. It'll be held at Camp Lowden again this year. (9/29) 3 adults & 3 scouts attended. Total attendance down.

Webelos Open House (Sept. 22): (8/25) Send invitations to Pack 400, 429, 600, and 121. Also suggested Packs 141, 77, and 126. Webelos count (that we know of): Pack 400(1), Pack 429(6), Pack 121(6), and Pack

141 has a lot. Phil checking to see if 141 got an invitation. If not, we will get them one. (9/29) We think we had 9 attend. No one from Packs 141 or 121 or 400; only 429 and 600 attended. All 4 from 600 came. What can we do to get better attendance next year? Suggest the information gets out before their packs end for the summer or have the Open House later, as Packs are just starting-up again in September. Pack 400 has 7 Webelos I, Pack 121 has 7 Webelos II and several Webelos I.

Future Events

Fall Popcorn (Oct. 3-21): (8/25) Orders are due Oct. 23 (Jessica will make them due back by October 21st.) Jessica would still like us to find a new Kernel. (9/29) Orders due by Oct. 20. Only about 20 handed-out; approximately 30 last year. We will need to pay for our popcorn when our order is placed; that is for the net amount, not the total cost. They will hold the check for 1-month. Boys will collect payment on delivery instead of with order. We need to reconsider that for next year. Jessica would still like to be replaced.

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. (8/25) The cost is \$10.00 if paid by Sept. 30, 2009; \$13.00 after that date. Events include sheaf toss, stone put, shinty game, hill race, caber toss, hammer throw, archery, haggis hurl, tug-o-war, and campfires. The price includes a special patch and a Highlander lunch for all attendees. The flyer was shown. (9/29) Right now 4 scouts and 3 adults are signed-up.

Wreath Sales (Oct. 13-27): (8/25) Need to pass out flyers with sold wreaths stating that we sell trees. Adriana and Tracy will chair it again this year. Adriana is in the process of ordering the order forms. They cost 25 cents a piece. We only have 2 weeks to sell them this year. (9/29) The forms have been ordered and may possibly be in. Terry is looking over prices. He suggested raising the price of the 3 smallest ones by \$1, because our costs went up. Forms will go out on October 13 and are due Nov 3.

Jamboree On The Air (Oct. 16-18): (8/25) The JOTA event will begin on Friday, October 16, at 22:00 hours local time and will end on Sunday, October 18, at 23:59 hours local time. Patches are available. JOTA cards for recording contacts are available. Phil asked if we should push it. It is ham radio operators. It is a campout over a weekend. Scouts around the world do this at the same time and you can talk to anyone around the world. Phil did it once with Cub Scouts and it was pretty cool. (9/29) Terry could not find a contact in the Courier; the article referred us to our Districts. Pack 600 has a Ham Operator who would be willing to help if anyone is interested; he just needs a high site to set-up the antenna.

Webelos Overnighter (Oct. 17-18): (8/25) Could not get MacQueen F.P. We'll go back to McCormick, which is more expensive - \$190. Terry suggested we invite more, to help cover our expenses. It's suggested inviting Webelos 1 and 2's. (9/29) McCormick did not book us. Therefore, it has been moved to Russell Woods. We have 2 cabins, #1 and #3. Ryan has been asking Scouts for help. He's still waiting to hear back from some of them. The cost is \$10 per Webelos Scout and \$4 for his adult. A handout was drafted by Ryan and Derek on Sunday and given out at the Open House last week as well as an email was sent out today to the Packs.

Tree delivery (Nov. 21): (8/25) Usually the Saturday before Thanksgiving. (9/29) We requested that date but the driver didn't commit to it yet. Terry will try to pin him down within the next couple of weeks.

Jamie Boone Yard Rake (Nov. 21): (8/25) (9/29) Bill talked to Jamie and he is interested again. It will be less this year since he added a 3-car garage.

Tree Lot Camp-Out (Nov. 21-22): (8/25) (9/29)

Adopt-A-Road Clean-Up (Nov. 21): (8/25) (9/29)

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. (8/25) Still left it at 2 groups. (9/29) Nothing new, but Derek's intentions may have fallen through. Terry said both Troops are full, but they're collecting applications for alternates. They may refer some to open troops of nearby councils.*

Air Camp (Sept. 24-26, 2010): (8/25) *It's supposed to be better than the last AirCamp in 2005.*

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.

Boy Scout Roundtable: October 8, 7:00 PM at Christ United Methodist Church.

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 (11/7/09): *This is a one-day training conference where all the “Basic Leader Training” courses will be offered at one location: Winnebago High School. Registration starts at 7:45 AM and the sessions end at 4:45 PM. See the Courier for the sessions offered. Eric will be there. (9/29) Kathy has signed-up. Terry will be there with ScoutReach. Ryan should be teaching Den Chiefs there; just waiting for confirmation from Gene Barney. Ryan showed a flyer if anyone was interested. The information is also in the Courier. Terry said we should encourage our interested Scouts to sign-up for Den Chief Training, which will be held at this event.*

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. (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. (8/25) Tim has one left on October 10th at the Woodcutters Ball.*

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. (8/25) First session has been completed. Ryan and Derek may need professional help after seeing Phil sing and dance. Ryan thought it was fun even though he was late. Ryan would appreciate help with ticket worksheets. He is a Bobwhite and Derek is an Owl. (9/29) There are 10 tickets to help our people with. Next year’s dates are set: August 20-22 and September 17-19, 2010 (C-16-10).

Miscellaneous Business

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. (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. (8/25) A new patch is out. There are 5 parts to it. All of the requirements are in the Courier. They can start being earned in September. The first council event was today at the Peace Plaza. A traveling mural was presented and is at Janesville now. It will end up at the Jamboree next year. Andrew D. presented colors at the event today.*

100 Years of Celebration patch: (8/25) The council trading post now has the “Year of Celebration” patches. Anyone can purchase the main patch emblem, but the ribbons must be earned. The requirements for the ribbons are printed elsewhere in this edition of the Courier. The requirements must be earned after September 1, 2009, to count. The ribbons will not be sold without an order form printed-out at: www.Scouting.org/100years once you have entered their achievements via the online form. That form will be available on the Website beginning September. The patch emblem retails for \$1.99. The ribbons will sell for \$.39 each. One suggestion is that units purchase a patch for each Scout and leader – then earn the ribbons through the celebration year and present them at unit meetings. Also, think about ways to invite Scouting alumni to participate in this program. See pages 7 through 10 for requirements for the ribbons. (9/29) There are Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing and Adult options. Encourage adults to get theirs to encourage the Scouts to get theirs.

Swimming contract for 2010: (8/25) Mary and Belinda are already working on it. (9/29) We’re approved by Jefferson and the School District. We will receive the contract some time in December per the Facilities Department. The dates are Jan. 5th, Feb. 2nd, Mar 2nd, Apr 6th and May 4th. They noted that we cannot get in before 6:30 on April 6th due to Spring Break and other events on that day.

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! (8/25) Still waiting for cards; Eric is having a hard time catching up with the guy. (9/29) Ed Lopez received his card in the mail from the fire department.

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. (8/25) Eric suggested we get a new pole made out of wood like the ones we keep here at the church. He suggested Mike fix the other one until we can get a new one. (9/29) Not done yet. Mike and Eric are canceling each other out. We will need to check into this; both not here.

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. (8/25) One was purchased; it was \$77. It was 10 x 20’. It was used last weekend along with the regular one and it worked out very well. The supplies were divided so that we could have 2 cooking areas. John G. is color-coding it. We’ll wait before buying more, due to storage concerns. (9/29) Terry wants to drop it for now.

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. (8/25) Terry emailed the order contingent on getting a driver. Terry has not heard back from the driver yet. Eric received a call from him though. Eric is checking with Greg to see who the money was given to last year. The owner did not realize the driver requested the extra money even though it showed up on his invoice. [Post-meeting note: We wrote a

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check for \$590 last year.] Last year, we ordered 400 trees; Terry wants only 380 this year. What about smaller trees? The smallest we order is 6 to 7 feet. If we order 5 to 6 feet trees that would be cheaper; they're \$8.95. Terry would like to convert 50 of the 150 to this size. 8-10' trees have to be white pines; they do not offer tall scotch pines. Eric suggested we actually advertise this year in cheap papers and on store bulletin boards. Also, suggested we hand out a flyer with our wreath sales. [Post-meeting note: Dean Pick called Terry 8/26 and will charge a flat rate of \$500 for the 380 trees this year.] (9/29) Delivery may be taken care of by Dean Pick, the owner of the truck. His driver did it last year. No inventory has been done on the netting yet; we had just opened one the end of last year's, so Terry will order one more. Terry has ordered tree removal bags from Hensler. Greg received our license from the Department of Agriculture.

Rank Advancements: (8/25) Starting Jan. 1, 2010, every rank has a few more requirements.

Men's Dinners: (8/25) The dinner start in Sept. and are always on the 3rd Saturdays of the month, except December. (9/29) 3 scouts worked in September. It will be on November 21st.

Calendar: (8/25) The last one posted was May 12; we need a new one.

Garage: (8/25) Phil drove by and it looked like it was done. Has anyone heard anything? No. (9/29) The new one is built. We're waiting for them to transfer everything. Bill says it was a mess. He will check how the clean-up is going. Bill said the Chief says that everything needs to be catalogued. Bill is hoping we will be able to get the trailer in there after the Tree Lot.

National Fees: (8/25) When creating your budget this year, be aware that national fees will be increasing in 2010 to \$15 per person. Boys' Life will also increase to \$15 annually. (It was \$10 and \$12 in the past.) Many packs collect their fees in the fall, so remember to factor this into your fee structure.

Dutch Ovens: (8/25) Ryan asked if he could borrow 2 Dutch ovens for his 2nd weekend at Wood Badge. Yes. (9/29) Ryan returned them clean last week to the Open House.

New Business – (9/29)

Philmont: Does our Troop wish to go some time in the future? Our Council has 4 reservations available in 2011. If we are interested we have to put in a request to be considered. Preferences will be given to troops that have not been there recently. (We went 1999, 2003, and 2008.) Phil McCrery will make a decision around April of 2010. A suggestion was made that we could try to make our own reservation in for the future. Research will need to be done to find the request dates.

Fire Safety month – October: Scouts will need to distribute 15 door hangers and do other requirements to be eligible to buy the patch. Terry suggested that we hand them out to be distributed with popcorn and wreath order forms.

Russell Woods (Feb 12 – 14): We are scheduled for February 12 thru 14, 2010.

Lake Ripley (Jan): It is a standing date.

Annual Tour Permit: It was done several months ago. Several people were given copies.

Silver Beaver Nominations (due Nov.2): The highest award the council can bestow on a volunteer. It's a National award. Candidates should have activity with youth outside of Scouting also.

Blenders: Two commercial grade blenders were donated to our Troop from one of Phil's associates. Since we will not be using them, Phil suggested that we donate one to each of our sponsors.

Pack 400 request: Tom Kirschbaum is requesting a few Troop members come to his Pack's Nov. 14 family campout at Rotary Forest Preserve. They are making a Thanksgiving dinner and are requesting help cooking a couple turkeys; dangling from a tripod is preferred, or another method. They are looking for help with equipment also. Dan P. said he would be willing to help with that. He will request the day off.

Adjourned 9:12.