



TROOP 181 BSA COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 3, 2009

Present: Phil Reece, Belinda Cowdrey, Kathy Glogowski, Tracy Mattison, Jessica Tufly, Ronnie Tufly, Greg Poullisse, Ed Hoffman, Dannette Holifield, Eric Schmidt, John Nash, Brian Murphy, Ryan Lambert, Lois & Ed Blondin, Terry Nichols

Meeting started at 8:16 PM

Treasurer's Report: See supplement. Greg gave report.

Next Committee Meeting: November 24, 2009 @ 8:05 PM.

Past 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. (11/03) We sold \$5,072 more than the last 3 years. \$205 left from overages on order. 17 people participated which is normal. There will be \$1700 will be going into the Scout Accounts. Tim will be replacing Jessica as kernel.

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. (11/03) Very low turnout in general and for our Troop too. We had 5 scouts and 3 adults attend. It was very cold. The events were very good and the boys enjoyed them. It was successful and we would recommend doing it again next year.

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. (11/03) There were 19 orders turned-in tonight and picking-up one tomorrow. Sales looked similar to last year.

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. (11/03) No one went to Jamboree-on-the-Air. Bruce Zediker from Pack 600 is a Ham Radio operator and would be willing to help us set it up in the future.

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. (11/03) There were a total of 7 WEBELOS (5 WEBELOS II & 2 WEBELOS I). Pack 429 and Pack 600 came. One came that was not associated with a Pack. We could not have handled many more; the accommodations were small at Russell Woods. We had the guest cabin and another one, which made it nice. We could not get MacQueen because another group always has an event on that same weekend. We could move it to another weekend but the water is shut off after November 1st. We did not have water at Russell Woods this year and it worked out fine. January 1st to May 15th is when you can get standing reservations in. After that it is open to anyone. Eric will check with his daughter, Melissa about McCormick.

Future Events

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. (11/03) Dean Pick is delivering the trees and it is all set up.

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. (11/03) Brian cannot organize it but will check with his Dad. Dan agreed to run it again. It's a smaller yard this year because he added a garage and took down some trees. We will not get as much money with that in mind.)

Adopt-A-Road Clean-Up (Nov. 21): (8/25) (9/29) (11/03) Phil will get that information.

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. (11/03) The Troop is not going. Belinda and Bradley are going with Troop 57.

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

Training:

Boy Scout Roundtable: November 12, 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: It 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. (11/03) There are three classes still looking for presenters. One on Tool Safety for a Wood Class and another one is ways to spice up Den Meetings with words. Phil can send an email to anyone who is interested. Julie is now in charge of it instead of Marilyn.*

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. (11/03) Tim is done! Ed Allen will be doing his presentation at our Court of Honor this month.

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). (11/03) Derek and Ryan have completed one ticket item, the Webelos Overnight. Ryan will complete his second one this weekend at The Next STEP, teaching at Den Chief Training class.

Miscellaneous Business

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. (11/03) Nothing new.

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. (11/03) Eric has handed-out all the cards.

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. (11/03) We do not have one yet, per Eric.

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 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. (11/03) The schedule was put out tonight for people to start signing-up for shifts.

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. (11/03) We had 3 attend in Oct. Normally, we pull people from the campout group to serve in November. We will waive the camping fee for those who are working.

Philmont: (9/29) 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. (11/03) Eric mentioned that it will be our time to sign up soon. We should try to get in for 2011, which would put us back on the 4-year-plan. Terry suggested we sign up for 2 treks, we can drop one if we do not get enough interest. Suggest we do June, which worked out better than August. Eric will get with Bill, who has past experience with signing up for the lottery over the internet.

Russell Woods (Feb 12 – 14): (9/29) We are scheduled for February 12 thru 14, 2010.

Lake Ripley (Jan): (9/29) It is a standing date.

Pack 400 request: (9/29) 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. (11/03) Ed was trying to set it up through his patrol but is not getting much in the way of response. Ed and Parker will be there, as well as Dan P. He's looking for people to help staff it for the day.

New Business

Klondike Derby (Jan. 16): It will be back at Camp Indian Trails near Janesville. It's suggested that we run staffing it by the PLC first.

Continuous Fire (Feb. 10): Are we going to set up a schedule or just wing it? Still wing it. Usually Eric, Terry and Belinda staff it. For the night before the Troop will just meet there.

Belvidere Yard Rake: (new yard rake opportunity north of Belvidere) It's approximately 1/3 of an acre. He would pay us about \$250 dollars. He needs to have a commitment by tomorrow. There are a

lot of leaves to rake and burn. He would like it done in the next week or two. It's suggested that we ask if we can do it next year and plan ahead. Right now, the Troop does not have time on the schedule. The man's name is Dwyerhoff.

Christmas Party (Dec. 22): Gifts are \$7.50 max., but our SPL wants to change that.

Adjourned 8:55.