



TROOP 181 BSA COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 23, 2009

Present: Phil Reece, Ryan Lambert, Ed Blondin, Lois Blondin, Greg Poulisse, Ronnie Tufly, Jessica Tufly, Tracy Mattison, Kathy Glogowski, Eric Schmidt, Terry Nichols, Bill LeFevre, Alex Reece

Meeting started at 8:20 PM

Treasurer's Report: Greg gave a full report, see attached.

Next Committee Meeting: December 15, 2009 @ 8:05 PM. (December 22 is the Pizza Party)

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. (11/23) 4 left to turn in money by Friday. One big order cancelled so we have to resell it.

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. (11/23) Some wreaths are still left in Steve's garage.

Pack 400 request (Nov 14): (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. (11/23) Dan P. helped out and took charge of WEBELOS, helped out with whittling chit. He should look at being a den chief for them. He got excellent reviews.

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. (11/23) Trees showed up at 8:00 AM. We used a

personal check from Blondins to pay the driver. We received 385 trees, 1 Fraser and 4 pines were extra. (Several trees had trunks and branches that were skun-up.) Lions club wanted to work in on our delivery but their trees did not come with ours. It took about 2-hours to unload and organize the trees.

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.) (11/23) 16 scouts showed up. Each scout earned about \$50 (with a parent's help). Total was \$400. Scouts were there about 2.5 hours.

Adopt-A-Road Clean-Up (Nov. 21): (8/25) (9/29) (11/03) Phil will get that information. (11/23) Eight scouts participated. They got about half way to Mulford Road.

Tree Lot Camp Out (Nov 21): (11/23) The campout included 12 scouts and 4 adults.

Future Events

Christmas Party (Dec. 22): (11/03) Gifts are \$7.50 max., but our SPL wants to change that. (11/23) The PLC did not make a decision to increase it. Ronnie made an executive decision and raised it to \$8.00.

Lake Ripley (Jan. 8 - 10): (9/29) It is a standing date.

Klondike Derby (Jan. 16): (11/03) It will be back at Camp Indian Trails near Janesville. It's suggested that we run staffing it by the PLC first. (11/23) There was little interest in staffing it.

Continuous Fire (Feb. 10): (11/03) 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.

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

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.

Philmont (June 2011): (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 McCreery 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. (11/23) Internet sign-up is between the 22nd and the 28th of Dec. There is a \$100 per scout deposit due a few months afterwards and it is non-refundable. Need a minimum of 7 scouts per trek, 2 treks. That's a minimum of 14 scouts and adults, and a maximum of 24 scouts and adults.

Training:

Boy Scout Roundtable: December 10, 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 (Nov 7): *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. (11/23) We had three people teaching, two learners and 2 helping-out. About 400 people attended.*

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. (11/23) Ryan completed one and Derek has one completed.

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. (11/23) The contract has arrived. It has been signed and a check written. Phil will send it back.*

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.*

Cherry Valley United Methodist Men's Dinner: *(11/23) Three worked it on November 21st.*

Belvidere Yard Rake: *(11/03) (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. (11/23) We did not get any scouts to volunteer.*

New Business

Wood Badge For the 21st Century C-16-10 (Aug. 20-22 and Sep. 17-19, 2010): *(11/23) We need to recruit some of our new adults to attend.*

Summer Camp (2010): *(11/23) Ransburg <http://www.ransburgbsa.org/> or Tesomas <http://www.tesomas.com/> were the two to look at. Ronnie will talk with Sandy about other camps. A decision needs to be made quickly, many camps are booked.*

Council Pinewood Derby (Jan. 16): (11/23) We need to recruit our scouts to help-out to be put in front of new packs and help reinforce existing ties.

NYLT (June 13-19): (11/23) We need to work on getting our previous attendees on staff.

Scout Closet: (11/23) The scout closet is getting full. Council's closet is getting full too. We should bring it up in February when the new WEBELOS Scouts join.

High Adventure (???): Ronnie needs to put it to the PLC. Ed will arrange for someone to help talk about it. Sea Base, Northern Tier, and Whitewater Rafting were mentioned.

Locks: One of the locks is having a problem staying locked. Eric has the ability to change the combinations. The new one is 0111. Ed will call Coggins and Cacciatores and tell them. An email will be sent out to the troop.

Adjourned 8:55.