



# TROOP 181 BSA COMMITTEE MINUTES

**December 15, 2009**

**Present:** Phil Reece, Belinda Cowdrey, Kathy Glogowski, MaryAnn Bushaw, Jessica Tufly, Edmund Lopez, Terry Nichols, Tracy Mattison, Adrianna Lopez, Eric Schmidt, Ronnie Tufly

**Meeting started at 8:10 PM**

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer did not attend. A short verbal report was given. A full years accounting will be given in January

**Next Committee Meeting:** January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

## Past Events

**Fall Popcorn (Oct. 3-21):** (8/25) Orders are due Oct. 23 (Jessica will make them due back by October 21<sup>st</sup>.) 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. (12/15) \$1846.95 Scout account tally went to Terry tonight. She still has a few items left from the big order cancelled. Belinda sent out an email to the troop. Tim will work with Jessica for the Spring sale so he can take over.

**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. 5 people still need to turn their money in. (12/15) \$3,097 was given to Greg tonight. About \$300 left to collect.

## 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. (12/15) Nothing needed. Terry has not contacted him yet but we have a standing reservation.

**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. (12/15) The reservation was confirmed with Bill Prain in September.*

**Council Pinewood Derby (Apr. 17-18):** (11/23) *We need to recruit our scouts to help-out to be put in front of new packs and help reinforce existing ties. (12/15) Phil asked Ronnie to start recruiting through the PLC meetings.*

**NYLT (June 13–19):** (11/23) *We need to work on getting our previous attendees on staff. (12/15) Mary Ann said the staff is already filled for 2010. Craig is a Scoutmaster again. We want to get more participation on staff again. 4 boys attended last year. Bobby is interested; and Matt. Also, four other scouts were identified as possibilities. We need to start recruiting them.*

**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. (12/15) Four Summer Camps were offered tonight. A vote was taken tonight and they chose Ingersoll in London Mills, IL which is near Peoria. The cost is \$215 for scouts and \$90 for adults. Terry said that our council camps were \$230. We need to start working on presentations earlier next year. Terry is excited that we are going to a new place but he will not be able to attend this year.*

**High Adventure (???):** (11/23) *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. (12/15) Ronnie will call Mr. Blondin to get the information and present it to the PLC.*

**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 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. (11/23) Internet sign-up is between the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup> 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. (12/15) We did not win the lottery. Our council has four treks reserved. Eric has put in for one of them. It is the last full week in June, it finishes on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Phil McCrery usually makes a decision by the end of January.*

### **Training:**

**Boy Scout Roundtable:** January 14, 7:00 PM at Christ United Methodist Church. MaryAnn said there is a Fireside Chat scheduled before the Roundtable.

**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. (12/15) There is a relatively new video – March 2009.

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

**Hazardous Weather Training:** <http://olc.scouting.org/> This should be done on the national website, print your card and let MaryAnn Bushaw know! If your card does not printout, 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.*

**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.*

**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. Phil can think of 4 who would be eligible. Our Troop is great about training and we need to keep it up.

**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. (12/15) Belinda will check to make sure the school district got the contract and check.*

**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.*

**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. (12/15) At the end of Saturday evening 5 trees remained. Terry called some people who were on the shift roster for Sunday. (Paul & Andrew, Mike & Brendan, Glenn & Austin, Ed H., and Terry packed-up the Lot. All trees sold except the last one; it was donated to a needy family in Fairgrounds Housing; a tree stand too. Judi took lights and decorations with it. We bought 380 trees for 2009. Net profit was \$7700; that is \$400 more than 2008 trees, we had about 18 trees and 22 wreaths unsold last year. 11 trees were unaccounted for this year. Troop 57 bought 250 and had over 100 left as of Sunday. We offered them our lot to sell from, but they did not accept the offer. They were located at the Saturn dealer. Menard's was about 40% cheaper on everything. Eric was not as happy with our Fraser firs this year but they all sold. White pines were tall and harder to sell; we had one left until Saturday. Terry only bought 20 whit pines. We had to buy those because he could not get taller Scotch pines. The shifts were not filled as should have been. Eric bought a card to be signed for the land owner. Terry had the Thank-you letter ready for Dr. Swanson too, and the letters for the other donors ready.*

### **New Business**

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