



# TROOP 181 BSA COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 26, 2010

**Present:** Phil Reece, Belinda Cowdrey, Ed Blondin, Kathy Glogowski, Ronnie Tufly, Jessica Tufly, Bill LeFevre, Terry Nichols, Eric Schmidt, Tracy Mattison, Ryan Lambert

Meeting started at 8:22 PM

**Treasurer's Report:** No report; Greg was caring for Dan.

**Next Committee Meeting:** February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010.

## **Past Events**

**Wreath Sales (Oct. 13-27):** (12/15) \$3,097 was given to Greg tonight. About \$300 left to collect. (1/26) Done -- all money has been collected.

**Christmas Party (Dec. 22):** (11/23) The PLC did not make a decision to increase it. Ronnie made an executive decision and raised it to \$8.00. (1/26) Eric will provide information through an email. [post-meeting note: 13 pizzas were ordered for 103 people. Only 88 people came (4 of those were babies or infants).  $\$237.27 - (10\%) 23.73 = \$213.54$ . We figure each pizza feeds 7-people. One pizza was left-over, but eventually got eaten. Twenty of our registered scouts were not there.]

**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. (1/26) Nobody fell in. The ice did crack and made several people nervous. There was 14" of ice; thicker than usual. Eric took great pictures. 19 people went.

## **Future Events**

**Continuous Fire (Feb. 6-13):** (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. (1/26) Our membership will meet at the Fire on Feb.9 for our Tuesday meeting.

Our troop is responsible for manning the Fire on Feb.10 from 6:00am to 2:00pm.

**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. (1/26) We are reserved and got the confirmation card and Greg has been asked to send a check. Maximum is 18 people. Right now we are at 14. Mike said he could drive the trailer. Terry has to leave for 4-hours on Saturday, so we need 3-adults to go.

**Spring Popcorn ( ):** (12/15) Tim will work with Jessica for the Spring sale so he can take over. (1/26) Tim will not be doing it. Someone coming over from Cub Scouts is interested. Sandy will talk to her.

**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 PLC meetings. (1/26) Phil and Ronnie will start recruiting Troop 181 representation.

**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. (1/26) Terry said 5 to 6 Scouts are eligible and need to be encouraged. [Post-meeting note: Phil asked Craig (on staff) to come to meetings to recruit.]

**Summer Camp (July 4-10):** (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. (1/26) <http://www.isrsummercamp.org/joomla/index.php> We are going July 4<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>. Ask how many adults were going. Terry will not be able to attend this year. Belinda and Kathy will be attending. They will be attending a Leaders meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup> in LaSalle. We need more adults to attend. We need a count and payment by May 1<sup>st</sup> to get the discount.

**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. (1/26) Mr. Blondin was at the PLC meeting presenting three options. Chisholm Trail in Texas, Isle Royale, and Boundary Waters. The PLC voted on those in that order. Ed is checking in to going in June.

**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 2nd. Phil McCrery usually makes a decision by the end of January. (1/26) We were 91<sup>st</sup> on the lottery waiting list. We do not know yet about the Council Trek.

### **Training:**

**Boy Scout Roundtable:** February 11, 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 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.

**Wilderness First Aid Training:** The dates are in the *Courier*, May 1-2. The cost is \$85. It is good for 3-years, but the CPR is good for 1-year only. It will be at Camp Lowden.

**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. (1/26) Ryan's tickets are at a standstill now. He does have 2 completed. Derek has one completed so far.*

**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. (1/26) We have 2 adults eligible and need to encourage them.*

**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. (1/26) Good, but [Post-meeting note: Belvidere North swim team was given the pool at the same time as us last month. We got 1/3 of the area.]*

**New Business**

**Calendar:** An update was put on the website; posted 1/16.

**Rechartering (advancement):** (1/26) Terry is checking with people. He will start making phone calls. He listed ranks on the re-charter. We have 16 boys that are just Scout. We need to work on them. Our 2009 advancement was only 40%. We, as adults, need to start working with the boys individually to help them start advancing. We do not have many items on the calendar to help promote that either and need to readdress that for next year.

**Blue & Gold Banquets:** (1/26) We received an invitation to Pack 429 (4-Webelos) on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Pack 121 will be sending (1-Webelos) on February 21<sup>st</sup>. [Post-meeting note: Pack 600 has 2 Webelos graduating on March 7.] We don't know about Pack 400.

**Merit Badge Learn and Earn (Jan.30 & Feb.20):** (1/26) Information is available in the December *Courier*. This will take place at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1829 N Rockton Av, (On Rockton Av just north of Auburn Street, across from the West Middle School). The cost is \$5 for the event. Reservation form and payments are due in the council office by January 16<sup>th</sup>. Ed and Phil will be teaching a class. Two more scouts from our troop were interested. One is already signed up.

**Scout Sunday is (Feb. 7):** (1/26) CVUMC will hold there service on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Friends of Scouting (February):** (1/26) Our Troop Court of Honor is on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Scouting for Food (Feb.27 & Mar.6):** (1/26) Information is available in the December *Courier*. Derek and Ryan ran it last year. Ryan will organize it again.

**Trainers Edge (Mar. 6):** (1/26) Information will be available in the January *Courier*. It is for "trainers" who serve in any training capacity. Our troop pays the cost if anyone wants to take it.

**Nanotechnology Event (Mar. 13):** (1/26) The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Scout Nano Event will be at the Northwestern University International Institute for Nanotechnology in Evanston, IL. Cost is \$10 per person and includes a patch and a pizza party with the scientists. Participation is limited to 5 scouts per unit. Phil suggested that Ronnie bring it up at the PLC Meeting.

**Adult and Youth Recognition Dinner (March 14):** (1/26) Information is available in the December *Courier*. The event is located at the Radisson Convention Center, 200 South Bell School Road, Rockford IL. Social Gathering is at 1:45 PM, Dinner is at 2:30 PM. Cost is \$25 per person for dinner and \$30 to sponsor an Eagle Scout. Reservations are due by February 26<sup>th</sup>. We had 4 Eagles in 2009. Belinda and Bradley are signed-up. Need to encourage the others to attend. Silver Beavers are awarded then also. They will be giving out 11 this year; only a couple from our District.

**District Dinner (April 11):** (1/26) April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Stockholm Inn. \$20. We need to start coming up with nominees for the District awards.

**Grant Pilgrimage (April 23 - 25):** (1/26) Information is available in the December *Courier*. We will be attending Grant this year. Eric has put in a reservation for us at the Palace Campground. \$4 per person per night. \$6 for Pilgrimage for early registration and \$10 for late registration. He would like to charge what it cost - \$14. The troop would pay for all gas mileage and food as usual.

**Lincoln Pilgrimage (Apr 23 – 25):** (1/26) We're not going this year.

**Adventure Base 100 (April 30 – May 1):** (1/26) Information is available in the December *Courier*.

Need to consider going as a Troop. The events are being held on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Tour de Blackhawk (Jun 11 – 13):** (1/26) Information is available in the December *Courier*. They have 101 miles designated. You can do any piece of it you wish. Eric is on the committee.

**Air Camp (Sept. 24 – 26):** (1/26) This will take place at the Chicago Rockford International Airport. We are planning to attend.

**VIP Card:** A possible fundraiser. The card cost \$20. We would get 50% profit. He is a local organization and would be willing to work with us. We are not locked-in to a set number. They offer over 200 vendors in Rockford, Roscoe, Rockton, Cherry Valley, Belvidere, Loves Park and Machesney Park. We need to consider it to replace the BMX Food tent. We may want to consider selling them at the same time as popcorn. Belinda will call Mike and see if he can do a presentation at our Court of Honor.

**CPR:** Kathy, Ed and Lois, Phil and Sharon, Belinda, Bradley are all interested in a class. Belinda will contact Eric to get a class going.

Adjourned 9:10