



TROOP 181, BSA COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 23, 2010

March 9, 2010

Note: without the Chair and Secretary present on Feb 23rd, it was decided to have an abbreviated meeting to cover only the pressing issues. Another meeting was scheduled for March 9th.

Present: (02/23) Ed Blondin (acting chair), Lois Blondin, Jessica Tufly, Terry Nichols, Eric Schmidt, Tracy Mattison, Ryan Lambert, Brian Murphy, Adriana Lopez, Greg Poulisse, Mike Emerick, John Nash, Tim Mason, Paul Dandrea, and Brad Wick.

(03/09) Phil Reece, Belinda Cowdrey, Sharon Quirke, Greg Poulisse, Mike Emerick, Edmund Lopez, Adriana Lopez, Kathy Glogowski, Terry Nichols, Golden Marlow, Tracy Mattison, Eric Schmidt, Judy Fulkerson, and Bill LeFevre.

(02/23) Meeting started at 8:22 PM

(03/09) Meeting started at 8:32 PM

Treasurer's Report: Greg stated he had nothing in writing.

Next Committee Meeting: March 23rd, 2010.

Past 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. (03/09) 7 scouts and several adults came for Troop meeting night; it was a bad storm. Five were present on Wednesday. Others showed up throughout the week. We're buying 21 patches.

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. (03/09) Five adults and 12 scouts attended. (Steve Fedor brought the trailer out and picked it up.)

Scout Sunday is (Feb. 7 & Feb. 14): (1/26) CVUMC will hold there service on February 14th. (03/09) We added 39 people to the service; some were siblings, approximately 16 Scouts. We are buying 31 Scout Sunday patches, which include people attending their personal places of worship.

Friends of Scouting (February 16): (1/26) Our Troop Court of Honor is on February 16th. (03/09) We are at 77% of goal. Phil will keep making phone calls to try to get us to 100%. Terry said we had less than 50% attendance at the Family Night at the Fire Station.

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. (02/23) It is this Saturday and next. We are ready. (03/09) 1929 items of food went to the Helping Hands Pantry, 119 items up from last year.

Future Events

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 26th. 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. (02/23) This Friday is the registration deadline! (03/09) Cowdreys and Holifields are going.

Spring Popcorn (March 23): (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. (03/09) We have a new Popcorn Kernel – Judy Fulkerson. Orders due on March 23rd. She is working with Jessica for this one and will be working on her own for the Fall sale.

District Dinner (April 11): (1/26) April 11th at the Stockholm Inn. \$20. We need to start coming up with nominees for the District awards. (03/09) Nomination forms were handed-out tonight. The awards will be presented that night.

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. (03/09) Nothing new.

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. (03/09) We will discuss at March 23rd meeting.

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 1st.

Tour de Blackhawk (June 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. (03/09) Watch the Courier. A flyer is on bulletin board.

High Adventure (June): (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. (02/23) It was brought to the attention of the committee that the vote at the last PLC meeting was made mostly by scouts who were not eligible to go. Eric is looking into other options and availabilities. Also, the committee was reminded that we don't usually go to a high adventure camp on the year we go out-of-council, that routine was broken when our last Philmont

trip was postponed a year by our luck in the lottery. (03/09) 7 scouts and 2 adults want to go, with room for 2 more. A check is being sent. We haven't determined adult cost yet. The cost is approximately \$362, plus cost of travel. We're going to Northern Tier on the Canada side. Passports will be required. [Post meeting note. At the January 15, 2008 committee meeting it was decided that adults would pay ½ of the price for Philmont attendance only, travel was full price. At the May 10, 2005 committee meeting a motion was made to have the troop pay 50% per adult for Sea Base and it did not pass. At the same meeting a motion was made to have the troop pay \$500 per adult for Sea Base and it passed. Phil could not find information on other high adventure outings.]

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 4th - 10th. 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 23rd in LaSalle. We need more adults to attend. We need a count and payment by May 1st to get the discount. (03/09) It was decided that we would charge \$50 per Scout, and full points will be worth \$165. To help ease the cost for people, we can offer the later date, but they will have to pay the \$20 late fee. The troop will pay the April 1st cost for adults; however, if they cannot commit by March 30th they will have to pay their own \$15 late fee. Adults interested at this point are Belinda, Kathy, Steve Fedor, Mike, Sharon, Adriana and Ed. We will also allow parents who come to Friday Family Night to take their Scout home if they want to. (We just need to make sure that people are aware that it may disqualify them to be an OA candidate in the future as they need a 6-night outing within 2-years to qualify.)

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

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 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. (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 91st on the lottery waiting list. We do not know yet about the Council Trek. (02/23) We have a trek! We are scheduled to arrive on June 20, and depart on July 1, 2011. We must recruit members real soon; a \$100 per person deposit is due by April 1, 2010. (03/09) We have 4 scouts and 1 adult paid. We need 1 more adult and 1 more scout to guarantee the trek, but the maximum capacity is still 12. [Post meeting note. At the January 15, 2008 committee meeting it was decided that adults would pay ½ of the price for Philmont attendance only, travel was full price. At the May 10, 2005 committee meeting a motion was made to have the troop pay 50% per adult for Sea Base and it did not pass. At the same meeting a

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Training:

Boy Scout Roundtable: March 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.

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. (03/09) No one went.

CPR (March 11): Kathy, Ed and Lois, Phil and Sharon, Belinda, Bradley are all interested in a class. Belinda will contact Eric to get a class going. (03/09) Eric told those interested. The class is scheduled for 6:00pm at the downtown Belvidere fire station. John Glogowski and Zach Blondin are also going.

Wilderness First Aid Training (May 1-2): 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. (03/09) There is a sheet on the bulletin board. It is training; the Troop will pay for it. One trained adult is required for each Philmont crew.

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.] (03/09) It has not been pushed. The sign-up sheet is hanging on the bulletin board.

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

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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. (03/09) Ryan is about to complete his third ticket. We do not know where Derek stands.

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. (03/09) Mike is interested.*

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. (03/09) The infringement on our first two swim nights is still under negotiation. Two half-sheets of summer camp swim tests were done at the March swim night; they're signed by our certified lifeguard; Marcus Tryggestad. It was asked who takes responsibility for the Cub Scouts who come, and siblings. We had several who were jumping off the diving board. Terry made them get out of the water because they said they could not swim the length of the pool. There's a question on whether or not, per contract, we can use the diving board. Phil will check into it. [Post meeting note. Phil reviewed the swimming contract and the diving board is not excluded from the contract, i.e. nothing says we can not use the diving board.]*

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 (02/23) Terry reported that we will recharter 49 adults and 40 youth, plus two additional adults and one additional youth, not including the graduating Webelos scouts, with only one scout as uncertain. The cost will be \$1758. (03/09) It is completed and turned-in. The Quality Unit form has not been turned-in yet. Terry could not find last years numbers to base a new commitment on. Terry normally works with Mary Ann, but she has not been available. Terry is still working on it. One scout and one adult rejoined and paid their whole fees.*

Blue & Gold Banquets: *(1/26) We received an invitation to Pack 429 (4-Webelos) on February 20th. Pack 121 will be sending (1-Webelos) on February 21st. [Post-meeting note: Pack 600 has 2 Webelos graduating on March 7.] We don't know about Pack 400. (03/09) We got 7 new scouts and they were all here tonight.*

VIP Card: *(1/26) 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*

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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. (03/09) He did not stay to do the presentation at Family Night and nothing more has been done with it at this point.

New Business

Catigny Campout (March 12-14): (02/23) It did not materialize for several reasons. We'll try to reschedule to October. (03/09) Yes, we want to reserve the cabin for October. Greg will be giving Belinda a check tonight to send in.

First Aid Meet (March 13): (02/23) We'll heavily promote the meet instead of Catigny. (03/09) Only 3-4 scouts and 2 adults are interested in going.

Extrication Competition Food Concessions (May 15-16): (03/09) Bill asked if we are interested in doing it again. It was voted on and approved. We need someone to run the event. Phil will start recruiting.

Rockford Youth Baseball League concessions fundraiser (May 15 – July): (03/09) Greg is looking for someone to run their concessions. It is located at on west side of Rockford off School and Kilburn streets. It is operated and owned by the Park District. We would be responsible to buy and sell our own mix of products. We can get a copy of what they did in the past. It would operate May 15 through July, 5:15–8:15pm week nights, and 9-3:00 on Saturdays. Profits could approximate \$9-10,000. We'll need at least 1 adult and 2 scouts per shift. A decision needs to be made within the next 2 weeks. We'll consider the possibility of dividing responsibilities and profits with other units. It's suggested we divide \$8,000 by hours and give bonus if we get extra. We also need to know what happens if we don't have someone to run it for a session. Greg will get more information and we will decide next meeting.

Riverboat Campout (May 22): (03/09) is scheduled for May 22; the cost is \$40 per person. We need a minimum of 12. They already have a group coming in that night. It was suggested that we camp at Mississippi Palisades and go to just the museum. Mike will get more information for the next meeting and we'll make a decision at that time. Check on a group rate.

Webelos Overnighter (Oct. 8-9): (03/09) It's scheduled. The cost was \$275. Sandy reserved it and we believe it is Camp McCormick. We will verify this information with her. Sharon asked if we could use the cabins instead of the Friendship Center.

Advancement Alternative: (02/23) Terry announced that we have a scout who is not capable of completing a swimming requirement for his next rank. This is an insurmountable obstacle at this time. And there will be another scout with the same dilemma in the near future. The committee wants to facilitate these scouts under the direction of council guidelines. Terry asked for permission to set alternative requirements for these scouts based on a judgment of their abilities. Each decision will be confirmed by two others, an assistant scoutmaster and a committee person. (03/09) Our first scout completed his alternative requirement and it was signed off, so he will now be able to advance.

New Troop colors for Scarf, Hat and Numbers: (03/09) We are running out of neckerchiefs. We got a new batch made, but there's only 4 left now. We have about 7 council patches left, but they'll go onto new neckerchiefs now in progress. We need to consider changing. We still have about 100 – red

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“181” patches left. It’s suggested that we give the lady who makes our scarves a gift again. Her son is a previous Scout. Eric will take care of it.

Spud Hut: (03/09) We just received a check last Friday for work done in August.

(02/23) Adjourned 8:42
(03/09) Adjourned at 9:45