



TROOP 181 BSA COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 25, 2011

Present: Phil Reece, Sharon Quirke, Marty Deardorff, Tracy Mattison, Eric Schmidt, Mike Bastien, Edmond Lopez, Kathy Glogowski, Jacek Gajda, Bobby Lopez, Suzy Rubeck, Terry Nichols, Adriana Lopez

Meeting started at 8:15 PM

Treasurer's Report: Report given.

Next Committee Meeting (4th Tuesday): November 15, 2011

Note: Starting November 2011 the committee meetings will be the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Past Events

NYLT (June 12-18): (03/22) Luke, Jesse, and maybe Joseph are interested. (4/26) Luke is signed-up. Jesse and Joseph are unknowns. (05/24) No one else signed-up. This needs to be pushed at Boards of Reviews. Also, we need to appoint an Assistant Scoutmaster to be a mentor to attendees. (06/28) Luke has 3 of his 6 commitments. Terry will assign an assistant scout master to keep track of NYLT. We will also track it in the committee notes. (7/26) An assistant scoutmaster has not been assigned to keep track of the scouts commitments. Luke turned in his commitment sheet. (08/23) Terry hasn't seen them yet. (09/27) Commitments have been submitted. (10/25) Nothing done yet.

Festa Italiana (August 5-7): (05/24) <http://www.facebook.com/rockfordfestaitaliana> Adriana ran it last year. We need a 2011 organizer. (06/28) Adriana may run this Phil will ask. (7/26) Adriana passed out signup sheets. There are still a lot of open shifts. (08/23) We need to have more troop participation. This year had too many open shifts that needed to be filled at the last minute. Troop made \$2100. Need to get shift accounts to Terry. (10/25) Adriana needs to send it to Terry.

Future Events

Wreath Sales (Sept 20): (7/26) Adriana and Tracy will run it. Suzy will help out. (08/23) Wreathes will be distributed at the tree lot this year from Steve's trailer. (09/27) Order forms have been handed out. The forms are due on the Dec 11. Wreathes will be delivered to the tree lot on the 19th. (10/25) Some order forms have been turned in.

Troop JLT (Oct. 1): (7/26) Nothing needed at this time. (08/23) The service project will be the road clean up along Harrison Avenue. (09/27) 11 scouts 4 adults are registered. 2 scouts and 1 adult from another troop are also registered. Sharon has extra drink supplies from the concession stand. Phil will bring one pop and one water per person. (10/25) 15 Scouts (2 from another troop) and 7 adults (1 from another troop) attended. This was our largest attendance.

Wood Cutter's Ball (Oct. 8): (08/23) Volunteers are needed to clean-up the camp, cut and distribute wood to the cabins to make everything ready for the winter season. (09/27) Nobody is planning on attending at this time. (10/25) Nobody attended.

Webelos Open House (Oct. 11): (05/24) The Blackhawk fire station has been reserved. We need to get invitations out to the packs as soon as possible so they can get it into their calendars. (06/28) Sandy has a letter to send out and will pass them out at day camp. We will invite packs 121, 141, 181, 400, 429 and 600. (7/26) Nothing new. (08/23) Pack 299 will be notified as well. Marty will notify Pack 141. (09/27) Marty will help cook pudgy pies. Sandy has 9 pie makers. Sharon and Kathy will bring extras. The trailer has several also. 20 to 30 WEBELOS should attend. Tracy and Mary will bring refreshments. (10/25) Sandy was not in attendance to give the numbers.

Webelos Overnighter (Oct. 22-23): (05/24) MacQueen Forest Preserve has been reserved. We need to get invitations out to the packs as soon as possible so they can get it into their calendars. (06/28) Sandy has a letter to send out and will pass them out at day camp. We will invite packs 121, 141, 181, 400, 429 and 600. (7/26) Nothing new. (08/23) Sandy will start looking for staff soon. (09/27) The cabin is set up and has been confirmed. Youth staff has been invited and agreed to attend. There will be a training meeting at next troop meeting. (10/25) 13 Webelos and 13 parents attended. We had 9 Scouts and 8 Scouters on staff.

Camp Lowden Work Day and Shut Down (Oct 29):

Silver Beaver Nominations (Nov. 1): (09/27) Hand your nominations into Terry or Phil.

Next STEP (Nov. 5): (08/23) Phil and Sandy are co-chairs. Last year T181 taught 40 of 120 sessions. We will need a strong participation again this year. (09/27) The itinerary is in the Courier and on the council web site. (10/25) They are still looking for instructors and participants.

Tree Lot Set Up (Nov. 12): (10/25) An announcement is on the web site.

Trees delivered (Nov 19): (10/25) An announcement is on the web site.

Tree Lot Sales (Nov. 28 – Dec. ??): Last year we sold-out of 380 trees. This year we will buy more trees; a total of 400. There are problems getting the 7-8' scotch pines. Last year we ordered 90 of them. This year we will order 50 more of the 6-7' scotch pines and 40 more of the Fraser Firs. Terry will get the order in the next few days. Eric will look into getting larger trees from someone else. (09/27) To Sellers of Trees, Wreaths, and Plants. If your unit plans to sell trees this coming Christmas, the permit application can be found on the Illinois Department of Agriculture's Web page – www.agr.state.il.us. If you have questions, contact the DeKalb office at 815-787-5476. The fee for the permit is \$50.00. The fine for not having a permit is \$350 plus the \$50 permit. If you plan to sell Christmas trees, the permit application can be found on the Illinois Department of Agriculture's Web site – www.agr.state.il.us. The permit application is also available at the council service center. If you have questions, you can contact the DeKalb office at 815-787-5476. Total cost will \$8,045 for 400, twenty more than last year. Taller trees will be balsam trees. Down payment will be \$2045 due now. Cost to deliver the trees will be \$520. \$20 more than last year. (10/25) Suzy is running the schedule.

Summer camp for 2012: (09/27) Looking at several different sites. Have the boys research it and present it. Information will be handed out at JLT. (10/25) The boys are looking into Tesomas, Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan and Decorah. Scout presentations will be made next week.

Training:

It is a BSA policy that basic training is required for all registered leaders. This includes Youth Protection being completed within 30 days of your registration being approved or renewed.

“A pilot study in twenty councils in 2010 will require training for all top leaders in 2010. Top leaders are Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Varsity Coaches, and Venturing Crew Advisors. Plans are to require training for all top leaders in all councils in 2012 and all direct contact leaders in 2013. Direct contact leaders include assistant leaders and all den leaders. Make plans now to attend or complete your basic training.” Question – How long does someone have to complete basic training and what constitutes “basic training?” [1. Youth Protection, 2. Fast Start, 3. This is Scouting, and 4. Leader Specific]

Scout Leaders Roundtable (2nd Thursdays): November 10, 2011. (Youth Protection)

Youth Protection: <http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>. Print your card and let Adriana Lopez know! If your card does not print out, go back in and it will let you print it. All new leaders are required to take Youth Protection Training before they submit their application for registration. The certificate of completion for this training must be submitted at the time application is made and before volunteer service with youth begins. Youth Protection Training must be taken every two years. If a volunteer’s Youth Protection Training record is not current at the time of recharter, the volunteer will not be reregistered. Effective June 2011, new applicants will have 30 days from submitting their application to complete Youth Protection training. Nov. 10 – Dec. 8 – Jan. 12 – Youth Protection training will be held at roundtable.

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

This is Scouting (formerly New Leader Essentials): <http://olc.scouting.org/> This should be done on the national website; print your card and let Adriana Lopez know! If your card does not printout, go back in and it will let you print it.

Leader Specific (See Below for dates): It is offered in the Spring and the Fall through group sessions.

	Troop Committee Challenge ⁽¹⁾	Scoutmaster Specific Training #1 ⁽¹⁾	Scoutmaster Specific Training #2 ⁽¹⁾	Scoutmaster Specific Training #3 ⁽¹⁾	Boy Scout Outdoor Skills ⁽²⁾
Fall 2011	Sept 21	Sept. 28	Oct 5	Oct. 12	Oct. 15/16 ⁽³⁾
Spring 2012	April 25	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 19/20

(1) Note: The indoor training will be held at St. Bridget’s Parish Center, 704 Clifford Ave, Loves Park, IL at 6:30 PM.

(2) Fall 2011 location Outdoor Skills will be Camp Rotary. Registration is 8:00 AM

(3) Note: The spring 2011 Outdoor Skills was cancelled. The people that took the Spring course will need to take the Fall Outdoor Skills.

(7/26) We need to start recruiting for this. Several people were not able to take the overnigher in the spring, they need to take it in the Fall. Marty and John will do Outdoor skills in the fall. Suzy and Tracy will do the fall training. Tracy will probably not do the overnight. (08/23) Mike B still needs to take the Scoutmaster Specific Training. (09/27) We had 2 scouters from the troop attend. According to the November 2011 Courier the Outdoor Skills has been moved to Camp Rotary (McQueen). (10/25) Phil needs to contact Gene and Tom to get Marty’s overnight training approved by going to Wood Badge. Also, need to get Marty’s, Suzy’s and Tracy’s trained patches.

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. (3/23) John and Kathy G are interested in attending. See May 8 for information on a Wood Badge Dinner. (4/27) Kathy and Adriana are signed-up; Mike is still working on it. This committee should start thinking about ticket ideas for three people. (5/25) Kathy, Adriana and Mike have their deposits in. (6/22) Sharon is also thinking of taking it. There are some questions about Mike being able to attend with his new work schedule. (7/27) Adriana is looking for ideas for her ticket. Phil has several in mind and will discuss them with the course members after the first weekend. Mike may not be able to attend; Sharon has expressed an interest in taking his place if need be. [Post meeting note: Jeri confirmed Mike will not be able to attend. Phil will contact the course Scoutmaster to see if Sharon can take Mike's place.] (8/24) Phil talked with Kathy; she is a Bobwhite. Adriana is an Owl. They both have ticket ideas. Phil has some more available if they need them. (09/21) It is over. Adriana and Kathy will start working on their tickets soon. (10/26) Kathy is waiting on information; none are ones that can get done quickly. Adriana is working on her spreadsheet for training records. (01/25) Adriana has 2 done, working on 1, and 2 to go. Kathy is working on 4 and has 1 to go. She believes the first four will be done around summer time. (02/22) Kathy is working on all 5. (03/22) Kathy is working on it. Adriana's progress is unknown. (4/26) Things are going well for both. (05/24) There is no new information available. (06/28) Kathy has 3 Of 5 commitments done. (7/26) Kathy is about done. She just needs to organize everything and talk to her counselor. Adriana has 5 done. (08/23) Kathy will contact her counselor, Kathy. (09/27) Adriana and Kathy are done and need to contact Kathy Reeter. CONGRATULATIONS! (10/25) Beads are going to be presented at the next Court of Honor.

Wood Badge For the 21st Century C7-660-11-1 (Aug. 26-28 and Sep. 23-25, 2011): (10/26) Phil has talked with 2 people who are showing an interest. (01/25) Sandy is on staff. Edmund is showing an interest, Greg S. is interested; and possibly 3 others. (03/22) One person signed-up and three others are still interested. <http://www.blackhawkscouting.org/woodbadge/C7-660-11-1%20Application.pdf>. The total fee for C7-660-11-1 is \$220. The fees include all meals, program materials, recognition items, and insurance. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required with the submission of an application. Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis. A second payment of \$100 is due by May 1 and a final payment of \$70 is due July 1. Interested scouters should turn-in applications through Sandy. Sandy will submit Greg Sparks'. (4/26) Marty and Greg are going; Sharon and Mike are looking into it. (05/24) Greg has finished his Leader Specific and is ready for Wood Badge. Marty finished his Troop Committee Challenge and started the Scoutmaster fundamentals, the overnigher was cancelled. He will try to take it in October. He is also looking at Sycamore District to finish it. With the Troop Committee Challenge finished he is ready for Wood Badge. (6/28) Course has 31 people signed up so it is officially a course. They need more in case others cancel at the last minute which is typical. (7/26) We have 2 people signed up. There are funds to send more. [Post meeting note: Greg will not be able to attend.] (08/23) The journey to Gilwell starts next weekend. (09/27) Marty has finished course and has started working on his tickets. (10/25) One ticket is done.

Okpik 2011-2012 (Oct – Jan): (6/28) Cold weather camping training starts in October, cost is \$75. Contact Dave Steffenhagen, 815-344-6206, okpik@blackhawkscouting.org. (7/26) Nothing new at this time. (08/23) Nobody has signed up yet. The first outing is Oct.15th. (09/27) Marty has registered for course. (10/25) Classes have started.

Miscellaneous Business

New camping equipment sub-committee: (01/25) Eric is interested in being on it, Ryan as the Propertyman and will be on it too. If you are interested ... see Ryan. (4/26) Ryan, Steve and Phil will be meeting to go over what is needed. (05/24) Ryan, Steve, Derek and Phil reorganized patrol boxes. They made a list of what goes into each box. We have 9 youth tents, of which 4 are in good condition, 3 A-frame tents. We have 4 adult tents, of which 2 are good and one is missing. We need at least 10 youth tents, and 4 adult tents.

Youth tents range from \$180-300. We will buy 10 large dome tents for youth, and 2 A-frame adult tents. We need a better way of tracking tents; Ryan and Phil are working on it. We also need a better way of marking the tents; Ryan and Phil are working on it. Once tents are purchased we need to look into purchasing 2 new dining flies and donating the old flies and tents. (6/28) Phil has been trying to get a tent to see how it goes together. There is some concern about how easy it is based on some reviews. None seem to be available. He will purchase one for the committee and scouts to look at. (7/26) Phil ordered one tent and it could be an adult tent. It is probably too big for younger boys to set up. The blue dome tents we currently have will work for younger boys. The newer ones could be used by the older scouts. Phil wants to set up tents and have the committee and PLC make a decision. (08/23) Nothing new at this time. (09/27) No decisions have been made. (10/25) No decisions have been made yet.

Swimming Contract and dates: (06/28) Keep this and bring it up again in September, we need to consider a new place based on how many problems we are having with Jefferson. (08/23) Phil will call Mary. (09/27) Dates are in place. They are 2/28, 3/20, 4/10, 5/1 and 5/22.

Scout Garage: (01/25) A proposal is being submitted again to the Fire Department. Bill is going to talk to the Chief about it to see what options we could work out. After he finds out, we will be looking for a sub-committee. (02/22) Desired spot is on a septic field so it is out. Still need to talk with the trustees. (6/28) The Chief doesn't seem to think it should be a problem. Some space has been cleared out in one of the garages that we can fit into. (7/26) No new information. (08/23) Nothing new at this time. (09/27) Things are in the works. Doug wants to see the trailer. It will be at the WEBELOS open house on the 11th. (10/25) Doug was not available the 11th. Hope to meet with him at the tree lot set up on the 19th.

Troop T-shirts: (03/22) Tracy and Mary will work together on getting them ordered for this year. (4/26) We got some orders and will wait a few days to place an order with the supplier. (05/24) T-shirts should be in next week. (06/28) Tracy may want to put another order in. (7/26) We will need to order a few more. (08/23) Nothing new at this time. (09/27) Anyone that needs a new one can be filled from stock. (10/25) Tracy is going to do an inventory.

Robotics Merit Badge: (06/28) Dee Sternhagen is looking into setting up a robotics merit badge event. Need to see what interest there is from the scouts. Need a facility with internet. This would be 2 four hour sessions. Dee has two kits but may need a third. The cost of the kit is \$300 each. We will get feedback on who is interested before we would buy a kit. Maybe we can rent out the kits to other troops that have a robotic counselor. (7/26) We have about six scouts that are interested in taking it. Dee will pick a date in late Nov as a dry run. We will not buy the extra kits at this time. (08/23) Dee is looking at October 10 to start the merit badge. (09/27) 5 have signed up. (10/25) Two scouts attended. Sometime in January or February this will be offered again.

Fall Popcorn: (06/28) Popcorn University (training) is being held July 16. (7/26) Sales are from Oct. 1 – Oct 25. All of the forms and money will be due at the 10/25 meeting. The forms will be passed out at the Sept 27th meeting. (09/27) Forms have been passed out. Everything due on the 18th. (10/25) 13 scouts sold for a total \$3,371. The troop needs to purchase \$159 to make up the difference of full/half cases.

United We Can: (06/28) The District is collecting cans for the new Scout facility. They are trying to raise \$800,000. Need to have an adult organizing the collection to take cans to Behr. (7/26) Sharon will run this. (08/23) Sharon has received cans from one boy. (09/27) The flyers have been passed out and are posted to the web site. Terry is talking to council for how it will be based, active scouts or registered. (10/25) We have collected 160 pounds so far. Mailand's have a large amount that needs to be collected.

Troop Brick: (7/26) Council is selling bricks for the new training center. The troop wants to buy a large brick for \$500.00 boys should make a donation and the troop will pay the difference. Suzy will organize.

(08/23) Suzy will announce at the next meeting, a flyer will be sent home and on the website. We will give them one month to participate. (09/27) Suzy needs to create a flyer. (10/25) Nothing new.

CVUMC Men's Dinner: (7/26) They have started in August in the past. There have not been any announcements yet. Kathy will check this out. (08/23) The first dinner is September 17. (09/27) 4 scouts were present. We received many compliments about how well they did. (10/25) 4 Scouts worked. We should make popcorn/wreaths order forms available next October. Several patrons asked about them.

SCOUTStrong: (09/27) To earn the SCOUTStrong PALA, children need to be active 60 minutes a day, five days a week for six weeks; adults need 30 minutes a day. (10/25) We need someone to organize it.

PLC: Samples for the neckerchief. (10/25) Sharon made samples of neckerchiefs, green and red trim, and green and tan trim. We could add a silk screen or embroidered troop emblem.

Cherry Valley Book Sale: (09/27) Fall into books. (10/25) 2 scouts and 2 adults worked this. We received a thank you from them; it is posted. One scout saw two books that date back to the Columbian Exposition from the 1890s. The library also has several Boy Scout books that were printed in the early 1900's. The library is looking at donating them to the district after the move happens.

Journey To Excellence – (09/27) This replaces quality unit. It is online. There are three levels that look at advancement, retention and recruitment. (10/25) We need someone to administer this.

New Business

Family Night/Court of Honor (Nov. 8): (10/25) Have a lost and found table set up. Remaining items will be donated to Good Will. We will have root beer floats. Tracy will cover the snacks.

Christmas Party (Dec. 20): (10/25) PLC is keeping the maximum to \$8.50 for gift exchange game. We will use the left over Sierra Mist and order pizzas.

Winter Merit Badge Midway (Jan. 14): (10/25) It is to be held at Sauk Valley College, 173 Illinois Route 2. \$10 reservations are due by Dec. 31, or \$13.50 through Jan. 9, not after. The schedule is 7:00 AM – 4:30 PM, lunch is ordered or can be on your own for lunch. Sharon will organize it.

Archaeology Merit Badge (Jan. 21): (10/25) Burpee Museum. 10:15–3:00. Sharon will organize it.

Klondike Derby (Jan. 28): (10/25) It will be held at Camp Indian Trails, Janesville, WI. Push this at the Court of Honor.

| **First Aid kit:** (10/25) Eric has it and is restocking it.

| **WEBELOS Overnighter:** (10/25) MacQueen will be reserved for the same weekend next year.

| **Clean Back Room:** (10/25) Cleaning the back room will be done after the Court of Honor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.