

Troop 256 Committee Meeting of 4/7/02

Glenn Carvalho called the meeting to order at 3:21 p.m. The roll was called. Leslie Holder read the Minutes from the previous Committee Meeting. Motion made to approve the Minutes. Motion approved.

There was discussion about splitting up the patrols. "No Name" patrol has 16 kids. Some boys have indicated a desire to go into other patrols. Committee decided to make final decision about new patrols at a later date.

Advancement Report by Gene Trautmann:

Gene advised that the troop software update from Delta Software Co. has been received and paid for. The cost was \$39.95.

Discussion was held regarding whether Scouts should immediately be awarded rank at the next meeting, or hold the award until the next Court of Honor. However, if the Scout does not attend the Court of Honor, he will receive his award at the next Court of Honor. The consensus was that we should present rank awards twice: recognize rank advancement immediately by presenting rank insignia at next troop meeting following Board of Review, and then recognize rank advancement a second time at Court of Honor and present card and parents' pin. No motion needed because this is consistent with BSA procedure.

Discussion regarding the "No Name" patrol campout this weekend. 90 - 95% passed their Scout Rank but still need to get physicals. Gene mentioned he needs to receive information on campouts (i.e., number of nights camped out) because that all goes toward the Scout's advancement, camping merit badge, Order of Arrow eligibility, etc.

Dragons: No report other than they are working on advancement (diverse group working on different ranks). Glenn mentioned there may be a need to have two leaders for the Dragons.

Eagles: Albert Perez gave report. All boys from Eagle Patrol showed up this weekend. Scouts learned how to maintain campsite. No future campout planned at this time. John Salazar is also a patrol advisor. Jonathan was Chaplain Aid this past weekend. The bugler, Tyler, was also very impressive this weekend.

Glenn stressed planning campouts and events one month in advance in order that the planned event can get onto the agenda and can then be discussed by the Committee at monthly meetings. Glenn suggested the agenda be emailed to him ahead of time with new items and/or new business so it can be put on the agenda right away.

Scorpions: No report.

Norsemen: No report. (Rod Holder has agreed to assist as Patrol Advisor for the Norsemen Patrol.)

Bill Reed advised Committee that attendance by Troop 256 scouts for the work day at Bannockburn was recognized during Sunday morning worship. The congregation was advised that the scouts were the only ones to show up in spite of the freezing cold weather.

Kevin Deiters led discussion regarding fact that Troop 256 has 10 life scouts. Committee was advised that Steven Brown turns 18 in May so we need to get him finished up. Gene and Kevin are going to work on getting together with older scouts who are 16 and 17 to work toward Eagle. Albert advised that the person to contact regarding putting in 100 grills is Susan Blackledge: 346-1831 (work number).

Glenn discussed consolidating needs of both older and younger boys for merit badges and to get the information on the agenda.

Friends of Scouting:

The deadline is past to submit checks for Friends of Scouting – but troop will still collect checks if anyone still wants to donate.

Roundtable:

Gene reported that Troop 256 had a number of adults from our troop that were recognized for attending and completing Scoutmaster Fundamentals Training. Those trained will be recognized at Court of Honor. Also, it was noted that Troop 256 had more adults in attendance at Scoutmaster Training than any other troop.

Adventure Weekend:

To be held at Wolf Mountain on April 12th thru 14th. Troops from the Comanche District are invited. Each troop participates in various activities (i.e., sled racing, rope racing, first aid, flagpole raising, canoeing, fire building, obstacle course, and more). Afterward, the best scouts are selected to do a troop competition. We may be signed up to sponsor one of these events (first aid?). Kevin Deiters will check with Comanche District regarding that event and what is Troop 256's commitment.

Small group will be going to Adventure Weekend – there is a date conflict with Merit Badge University.

Bill stressed we need to get the scouts to focus on basics and work toward rank advancement and not so much earning merit badges.

Discussion brought up by Kevin Deiters regarding fact that qualifications for OA have been lowered.

Glenn asked if Don would post a Committee Meeting reminder on the automatic voicemail message. Discussion regarding what name appears on caller id. Might be "MyTeam".

Physicals: Event date: April 23rd. Dr. Alamilla will conduct the physicals and Mike Stephenson, who is CPR certified, will conduct the CPR class. May have time to do some board of reviews while there. Boys must come attired in Class A uniforms with their BSA books. We will meet at the doctor's office which is located in the medical complex off Ben White between Banister and South First Street – on the south side. Physicals are free, but there may be a charge for the cpr class.

Summer camp: Mr. Dickerman needs an assistant.

Don Carlson needs an assistant for the Lost Pines campout. Discussion regarding fact that money needs to be paid by last troop meeting this month. Reminder that we also need to have 2-deep leadership at campout. No idea right now of number of boys that will attend. Event date: June 23rd through 29th. Cost is \$175 per scout and \$60 per adult. Adults can pay per meal rather than full week fee. Note: LNT (Leave No Trace) training required in order to go to new area of Lost Pines.

Jose advised that there are 18 boys signed up for Horsemanship Merit Badge in Bastrop. Event date is April 20th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00pm – 5:00pm. Exact location to be announced later. Boys should be able to earn their Horsemanship Merit Badge upon completion of this event. There is no charge for this event and the venture crew boys there selling hot dogs.

Glenn advised that the Canyon of Eagles trip (Philmont) is on hold. Picked an alternative site but that hasn't panned out because of site availability. May not materialize.

Big Bend trip: (Basin)

Event date: May 24th –27th. Scouts will hike up peaks and do a 50 mile bike ride on roadways. Kevin Deiters suggested recruiting two or three older scouts to teach the boys about dehydration, etc. while bicycling. Jason is going to make sure bike repair kits and agendas are prepared. Bicycling Merit Badge not required. It was noted that the 50 miler bike ride is a big obstacle for earning the Bicycling Merit Badge. Glenn suggested chaser truck which will pull a trailer to pick up bikers and bikes, if necessary. Details not yet worked out. Must have at least a 10-speed with 26" wheels (qualification for a street bike). This is one of the optional requirements toward earning Eagle. There will be two hotel rooms reserved at \$60.00 a night if anyone is interested in reserving one.

Silver Pines - Junior Leader Training:

Training given at leadership level. Event will be at a primitive campsite. Scout must be minimum First Class to participate. Training for Senior Patrol Leader. Week of June 8th. Event limited to two boys but we must get the boys enrolled right away. There is a conflict with the Philmont event. Committee decided to reserve two slots and pick the boys later.

Round Rock Express:

General admission: \$2.50 until 20th to get in.

Blue Thumb:

Event date: May 4th starting at 8:00a.m. until 12:00 noon at Water Treatment Plant near Town Lake. Glenn stressed that this is a very educational program, a lot of fun and includes a tour of the water treatment plant.

Philmont:

Event date: June 8th thru 21st.

Treasurer's report:

The Committee was directed to the front page of the agenda. Glenn indicated he will bring updated reports. He needs a volunteer to help with collections. Albert mentioned that we need to start transacting money within the Troop with some type of receipt form. This will facilitate the Treasurer's job and prevent any confusion when money changes hands. It was noted that the Treasurer does a great job keeping track of money transactions, but a receipt form would be a more efficient form of tracking receipts and payments. Scott Draker suggested we work up a type of receipt form which everyone gets copies of and when they pay someone, it is their responsibility to fill out the form and have the quartermaster sign off so proof of the transaction exists. Bob suggested we continue this discussion with the Treasurer, Bill Ward, in attendance. Kevin suggested a subcommittee be created to work on this matter.

Vote on whether we accept the reports from the chairs:

Motion made by Don to table discussion on funding and grant until Simon is present for a full explanation of requirements. Jose seconded motion.

Many adults went to scoutmaster fundamentals and assumed they are assistant scoutmasters. The problem is that assistant scoutmasters cannot sit in on a Board of Review. In light of Kevin Deiters' being Eagle Rank Mentor, do we need Star Rank Mentor and/or Life Rank Mentor? Depends on what adults can do or want to do. So these adults have shown up as pending on list. Ted Brown offered to step down from his position if someone else wants to do it. Gene asked how we should reorganize adult leader positions? Jose suggested we wait until next week when we have the new patrols and know the new numbers. Issue tabled.

Albert volunteered to maintain a newsletter that will be distributed once a month. Success of this newsletter hinges upon timely receipt of information to put into newsletter.

Discussion ensued regarding increasing our output of rank advancement and do more of an educational service to Scouts rather than discussing logistics of upcoming campouts and events.

John Conaway volunteered to be the moderator for every Tuesday night. He will prepare an agenda to follow at the Tuesday night troop meetings.

It was stated that PLC should be PLC – the adults seem to be taking time away from the scouts. It was suggested that perhaps we should separate the scouts from the adults and leave just the

Scoutmaster with boys. There was further discussion regarding reorganizing Tuesday nights and PLC meetings. Ted Brown and Scott Draker will work with the SPL to better organize the meetings.

May 5th is the next scheduled Committee meeting. Glenn cannot be there on that day.

Glenn made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded. Meeting adjourned.