

Troop 256 Minutes

May 7, 2002

The meeting was called to order by Chester Martz, Committee Vice Chairman, at 7:06 p.m. Chairman Glenn Carvalho arrived at 7:16 p.m. and Vice Chairman Martz yielded.

New Business

PLC – how we handle Boards of Review and Courts of Honor. Gene passed out copies of both 2002-2 and 2002-3 policies and made a motion that the Committee approve said proposed policy 2002-2. Randy seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Gene made motion that the Committee approve the proposed policy 2002-3. Motion seconded and approved.

Question: Will we be having the Senior Patrol Leader present at committee meetings? Glenn suggested we call the SPL to come in and make his report to the Committee.

Glenn asked that committee members submit troop items to him in advance of the committee meeting so he can have those issues on the agenda prior to the committee meeting.

Old Business

We passed out emails on old business but some people are not on the email circulation list. Glenn asked those people who are not on the email list to put their name on the paper which was circulated.

Advancement Coordinator Report

Discussed making up Court of Honor awards to those who didn't attend Court of Honor ceremony. Only one make up and then they must wait until next Court of Honor to receive merit badges or rank advancement. Will pass out the rank advancement cards as we get them.

Eagle Patrol: No report

Dragon Patrol: No report

Scorpion Patrol: No report

Norsemen Patrol: This patrol is mostly comprised of the older boys who have been combined. Note: Norsemen are leading session tonight.

Committee Chair: No report

Chaplain Report

Angela requested that Veronica be recognized as the Co-Chaplain since she's been trained. Committee had no problem with that.

Charter Organization

Bannockburn is planning on renovating this building and will renovate the whole upstairs where we meet. Consequently, we will have to relocate. Bill Reed will keep the Committee informed.

Eagle Mentor

Steven Brown and Cole Carlson have both gotten their paperwork in for Eagle. It was stated that only 3% of boys in scouts ever go on to get their Eagle, however, Troop 256's percentage is much higher than that.

Glenn stated that a photographer at Bowie High School, Mr. Rogers, has made his expertise available to teach our scouts about photography if there is any interest.

Scoutmaster Report

The campout this month is the trip to Big Bend from May 24-27. The church trailer has been reserved for our use. We still need to get a tour permit. Glenn Carvalho is Tour Leader and will obtain the tour permit. Simon mentioned there are still two rooms reserved for anyone who doesn't want to spend the night in a tent, but if he didn't hear from anyone this evening that they were interested in using them, he will cancel the reservations.

Wood Badge

Takes place the last weekend in November and first part of December. The registration fee is \$150.00. Only requirement to participate in Wood Badge is that one must have completed Scoutmaster Training. There are nine points each Wood Badge participant agrees to do for the troop within the next two years. As Simon pointed out, every leader is already performing many of these points anyway so one might as well get credit for it.

The troop secretary, Leslie Holder, was asked to send "thank you" cards to the three doctors who gave the boys free physicals. She will also send "thank you" cards to Mike Stephenson and Cathy Post for the CPR training.

Simon advised the troop that he felt he needed to pay Mike and Cathy for their time since they do so much for scouting already. Consequently, he issued them each a check for \$50.00. The Committee voiced no opposition to this expense.

The troop received a check for \$750.00 from Bannockburn. Leslie will send a "thank you" to Bannockburn for including the troop in their budget.

The troop also received a check for \$300.00 from the Rotary Club. With that money, the troop is going to help send four boys to camp this summer.

The Hispanic Committee on Scouting has approved a donation to Troop 256 for \$650.00 to send scouts to camp this summer. The boys selected to not have to be Hispanic.

Glenn stated that Jason Carvalho is responsible for the trip to Big Bend. If anyone has any ideas on what the patrols want to do, please get that information to Jason.

Question: Is there going to be a separate event for the boys to participate in if they don't have a bicycle or want to go on a 50-mile bike trip? It was noted that the church owns some extra bicycles that boys from the troop could borrow if they do not have one – rather than go out and buy one. The bikes can be transported in the church trailer. The 50-mile road trip is on paved roads. Glenn will take care of getting the tour permit for this activity.

Veronica advised Committee she is collecting medical forms now for summer camp.

Conversation regarding the Merit Badge weekend and who had not paid for merit badge classes. The lists did not match up. The cost is \$5.00 per merit badge and the money should go directed to Mr. Ward.

Troop Trainers

We will have elections the first week in July. Last year's summer election was held July 8th. Randy's last class was August 10. This will be done in December.

Treasurer Report

The troop account balance is \$3,580.00 as of May 6, 2002. Gene made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Albert seconded motion. Motion approved.

Discussion regarding distribution of minutes. Glenn asked what the general feeling was from the Committee concerning approving the minutes via email. Gene suggested copies of the minutes also be posted and that some copies be made available for distribution to those who do not have email. Bill Reed made a motion that the minutes be posted on the bulletin board, as well as some copies being distributed at the troop meeting. It was also decided that in the interest of time, the minutes would not need to be read at the Committee meeting. Gene seconded the motion.

Troop website

Alan Huddleston is maintaining the troop website. There is a link on the website that will allow the website subscriber to be automatically advised when there is an update on troop news that is posted on the website.

Lost Pines

Don Carlson indicated that 8 boys have signed up for summer camp at Lost Pines. The deadline was May 1, so if anyone still wants to sign up, they will need to call the scout office to ascertain there is still room. Don indicated that within the next two weeks, he will take the registration fee to the scout office for those people.

Discussion regarding discrepancy with amount of money in some boys' accounts. The Frank Rand list is different.

Frank Rand Trip

The church trailer is not available as the church youth group is using it. However, the flatbed trailer is available for use by the troop. It was stated that there is a video that we need to watch in order to use the church van.

Don asked if we have a plan for signing boys up into new patrols. Ted Brown, Scott Draker and Jose Villareal have already divided up the patrols – they are Patrol #1 and Patrol #2.

Glenn made a motion that the Committee meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Alan Huddleston. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m. [Parliamentary Note: The Chairman can declare the meeting adjourned, but the Chairman cannot make a motion.]

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