

Troop 957 Committee Meeting Minutes—12/1/02 Meeting

Attendees: Rick Lisk Mike Berno Dave Wisniewski
Barbara Counts Chris Counts Joel Anderson Danny Wright

The meeting began with the Treasurer's report. The numbers have changed due to more popcorn receipts and writing the check to SHAC for the popcorn. Here are the latest ones:

Current balance= +\$857.06

Future Puts and Takes

Missing popcorn \$ still to be turned in and deposited=	+ \$636
Expected BP AMOCO and UTC Grants=	+ \$900
Allocation of half of popcorn profits to boys accounts=	- \$562.95
Needed supplies for new boys (spend funds in February)=	- \$1200 est.
Current liabilities=	- \$2100 est.

We also briefly discussed the new reimbursement form which states explicitly that activity fees and food do not require separate approvals. All currently submitted reimbursement request forms were signed. Chris is estimating he has another \$300+ in receipts he has not yet submitted. That is already included in the \$2100 est. above.

The budget section considered the details of what the \$1200 above would pay for. Planning is for 4 patrols when the expected 18 new boys show up in March. We currently have 6 stoves, 4 ice chests and 4 lanterns, and need to build 6 chuck boxes. Other expenses will include additional tents, cook gear, neckerchiefs, notebooks and possibly dutch ovens. Having Class B T-shirts each year was also discussed. Chris proposed changing the current fee structure from \$25 registration +\$1 dues per meeting to \$35 registration (which includes a T-shirt) with the same \$1 dues per meeting. New scouts would pay \$45 registration.

As far as training and the adult positions are concerned, most everyone still needs YPT. However since the new parents in March will also need it, we agreed to hold the mass training session in April. Joel requested help as Outdoor Coordinator due to his extensive travel schedule. Danny will pitch in once he becomes an official committee member. Dave brought up yet again the fact that almost no one has signed up officially as merit badge counselors. We need to really concentrate on the Eagle required ones.

In the fundraising department, now that popcorn is over with, next on the horizon will be Scout Fair tickets. If the troop provides a booth (ballista, anyone?) we get to keep 40% of the money collected or \$2 per ticket (\$30 per book). This compares to 30% for popcorn. It also is less work and less risk to the troop in that booth sales can be done without having purchased the tickets up front. You avoid door-to-door sales and any tickets you don't sell can be turned back in. Michael and D.A. have both done it in the past and been quite successful. If we make it fun for the boys by providing breakfast and lunch with a 2 to 3 hour selling session in between, they could earn lots of prizes and we could probably come reasonably close to the \$563 we just earned from popcorn.

For next year, summer camp commitment date is 2/25/03. The camp will be held 6/15-6/21. Scout Fair ticket sales will be in early March to allow the boys to earn triple stamps. The Scout Fair itself will be 4/26. New boys should be arriving 3/24 with the March campout being scheduled for 3/28-3/30.

We finished by briefly going over the new troop leadership positions and discussing what incentives might work to get the boys organized—either at the end of a campout or at other times. Rick agreed to look into setting up the 12/17 Go-Kart fun night. Parents will need to kick in \$20, or about the cost of attending a birthday party. Chris talked having every 5th meeting be a fun night, although we need to keep the boys' ideas grounded in reality, since 11 and 12 year olds don't have a good idea of relative costs.

Barbara Counts

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