

Troop Committee Minutes - March 28, 2006

Attendees: Dave Wisniewski, Countses, Willifords, Kathleen Duncan, Mike Berno, Max Musso, Dale Taggart, Steve Beisert, Danny Wright, Warren Hall, John Maclean, Lori Johnson and a host of incoming parents

Dave started with a brief overview of the recent scouting awards. Chris Counts was nominated for Scoutmaster of the Year, and Doug, Jody and Chase Williford won as scouting family of the year. Mark Rehak, who is active in scouting with both the troop and the pack, won as Pack 957 Committee Chair of the Year. Congratulations to all!

Jody then briefed everyone on the summer camps. Thirteen of 20 older scouts have signed up for Camp Pioneer. She feels the Mountain Man activities would be of great interest to them. Also, Jody, Doug and Danny are looking at teaching some of the required Citizenship badges during lunch. The FCE (First Class Emphasis) summer camp for the new scouts will be CIMA.

At this point, Doug was able to step in with his Scoutmaster report. The troop has settled out at 4 patrols—2 older boys and 2 green patrols for the younger boys. Brent Rehak and Fletcher Counts will be working with the green patrols as Guide and Instructor respectively. As a general point of information, he stated that adults are always welcome to observe troop meetings, but to please not talk during them. Chris and Dave made the same point about observing campouts. Yes you are welcome, but if you find yourself being drawn aside by an Assistant Scoutmaster, you have probably been too hands-on. This isn't Webelos, and boy-led means just that.

Doug then talked recent and future events. The Hondo aviation badge campout was a success with 600 boys flying (9 were from T957). There will be a similar opportunity soon at Ellington. Currently the older boys are working on the metalworking merit badge. Scott Jenson, who has a machine shop on Highway 3, is generously donating his time. The upcoming Space Race is a good opportunity for service hours, and meets one of the requirements for those boys working on the bicycling merit badge. So far only 4 have signed up. The golf merit badge emphasis will start May 9th. The Galveston fishing trip will be May 20th. Forms were passed out at the meeting, and are on the web site. Because of the CCISD schedule change to start class on August 10th, some adjustments will have to be made in the troop calendar.

Warren gave a brief Equipment Coordinator's duty summary and report. James Wright is working on an Eagle project to improve the storage area in the church. I followed with the treasurer's report--\$8908.97 in the bank of which \$5562.56 is in the boys' or adults' passbook accounts for use on future campouts. The boys owe \$360 in dues, and there is a UTC volunteer grant of \$250 coming. We received the BP grant of \$805. The troop has no debt.

Several times during the meeting the topic of the needed changing of the guard came up. Several of us on the committee have been with the troop since it was chartered out

of the Pack 957 Sharks Webelos Patrol in 2002. Only 4 of the original Sharks remain, since the boys' interests change as they get older. So currently we have openings for an Advancements Chair (John Maclean moving to Assistant Scoutmaster), Outdoors Coordinator (Jody would also like to move to Assistant Scoutmaster for the high adventure activities), a secretary and a treasurer. Dave also would like someone in the wings as a future committee chair, I am sure. By the end of the meeting Araceli Casso had agreed to take over as Advancements Chair, and Patty Kwek was considering the treasurer position.

Barbara
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