

Troop 1333 Committee Meeting

Date: 10/3/10 4:00pm

Mike Zarella opened with prayer

General (Mike Zarella)

- Welcomed Toni Morley as the new Secretary
- SHAC Jam – final details will be worked out this week by Scoutmaster Corp.

Advancements/ Life to Eagle (Mike Zarella)

- There will not be as many BOR reviews in October as there were in September.
- Bill Shank sent a report that showed each scout's advancement in rank. We can use this report to identify scouts that are falling behind their peers in rank and find out if there is a way to help them move forward.

Health and Safety (Jana Eley)

- Joey Fuchs is the only scout going to SHAC Jam that needs to turn in his medical forms.
- There are a few other active scouts that need to turn in medical forms.

Equipment (Don Sanford)

- The trailer had a tire blow-out coming back from the last camping trip. It will cost approximately \$840 to repair the tire and fender damage. The trailer needs to be fixed before this Wednesday (10/6) in order to be used to haul equipment to SHAC Jam on Friday (10/8). Expenditure was approved.
- Don purchased regulators for the stoves to replace the missing ones.
- Chuckboxes need to be researched and we need to build a prototype.

Finance (Wendy Valley)

- Wendy presented the financial statements (8/09-9/10)
- At 7/31/10, the troop had \$10,362 cash available for the troop.
- Since the troop has adequate funds, Wendy proposed a reduction in annual scout dues from \$75 to \$60. The committee agreed.

Smoked Chicken Fundraiser (Patrick Johnston)

- Dates – 11/6 Cook, 11/7 Fall Festival and chicken pickup
- Emails will be sent out this week for volunteers
- Event will be publicized the next three Sundays at Trinity Lutheran
- Cookers are lined up.
- Need to acquire the exact spice mixture that used last year, Patrick will check with a supplier he knows.
- Lessons learned from last year:

- 1) We need to start the fire in the large cooker earlier in the day than we did last year.
- 2) We need to increase the number of chickens purchased because we ran out last year.
- 3) The Troop needs to provide foil and baggies (instead of the scouts) so there is enough and the right type is purchased.
- 4) We need to segregate pre-sold chickens so they are not re-sold accidentally.
- 5) We need to have a "scout" cooler for soft drinks at the Fall Festival.
- 6) We need to have a system in place for soft drink sales so that the cub scouts will be able to track how many drinks were sold. A ticket system was suggested: One ticket is sold for each soft drink purchased; the ticket is exchanged for a drink at the cub scout drink station; then at the end of the event, the cub scouts are reimbursed by the Troop based on the number of drink tickets they collected.

Popcorn Sales (Patrick Johnston)

- Patrick Johnston and Michelle Roddy are coordinating fall popcorn sales.
- Trail's End is offering free shipping for online sales before October 15.
- The end of the sale is 10/31/10, so scout deadline will be a few days before this date.
- Sales must be entered online by 11/1/10.
- Popcorn must be picked up on 11/13/10; Patrick will need some help with the pickup since he will not be available.
- 35% of sales will be returned to the scouts (no prizes so that the maximum amount of earnings is retained by the scout).

Troop Communications (Mike Zarella)

- The Troopmaster software program has a web feature that can be purchased for \$59.88/ year. It allows each scout to individually enter his personal information. If used correctly, the troop will have correct contact information for each scout. It can also be used to track advancements and training.
- Wendy Valley will check to see if the Troopledger software has a web feature.
- Daniel Mentz and Rob Mentz have created the Troop facebook page. It is named "BSA Troop (Tklc)". It will be a "friends only" page, accessed by invitation only. All wall activity and pictures will be monitored and posted by Daniel and Rob. The committee agreed to test it before it is used by the troop. Parents and scouts need to receive "facebook security setup instructions" before the page is available to the scouts. Being a "friend" of the troop facebook page is optional for the scouts.

Facilities Improvement (Mark Nobbe)

- Purchase A/C and heating units (one for each side) for the scout hut – estimated cost \$1,000. Committee agreed that project should be completed. The only concern was whether or not there would be enough electrical power to support two units.
- Replace Bathroom flooring in scout hut – need estimate to replace flooring. Committee agreed that project should be completed.
- Kaiserhoff improvements – Kory Soderberg cleared the front area. There is a low area on the right, near the gate that is low and needs to be filled. Mark Nobbe may be able to arrange for some ground up asphalt that can be used as filler. Want to move parking off the neighborhood street and on to Kaiserhoff property.
- Build a fire pit at the scout hut property near the flag pole – troop has materials to build it.
- For scout safety - No parking in front of the scout hut. Mike will send an email to parents.

Winter Camp (Tamela DeMaranville)

- Registration and \$50 deposit deadline is 10/14/10.
- Winter camp is located at Camp Strake.
- Two ASMs have agreed to attend (required in order for troop to attend camp) – Van Harriman and Dan DeMaranville.
- One adult must lead and coordinate the winter camp for our troop to attend.

The meeting was adjourned.

Committee members in attendance:

Mike Zarella
 Wendy Valley
 Jana Eley
 Toni Morley
 Tamela DeMaranville
 Mark Nobbe
 Patrick Johnston
 Don Sanford
 Rob Mentz
 Bill Shank