

Boy Scout Troop 288 Minutes
Monday, January 29, 2007

Old business:

- Meeting minutes from previous committee meeting were approved.
- January camping trip – Bob Chapa commented that the trip was very successful. Princess Place in St. Augustine was an excellent choice. The weather was great and there were no injuries. The first aid merit badge was worked on. The scouts worked on merit badges, rode bikes, played football, etc... The food could have been better planned and executed. The boys did not have nutritious menus. It was noted that they were planned at the last minute and maybe next time, adults can pay more attention to the planning of meals. Going up on Saturday morning and coming back later on Sunday seemed to work well and this might be something we can explore more often.
- Court of Honor – Was very successful; Bob Chapa did an excellent job with being master of ceremonies. We had positive feedback from Larry Ratcliffe; he was very impressed. We had a little trouble with cheerleaders being very noisy. It was agreed that we could explore using the FOP again or do a service project for Landrum in order to woo the principal into giving us the cafeteria as opposed to the cheerleaders.

New Business:

- We still have some committee positions open and we would like to fill those as soon as possible.
- It was agreed that we would move forward with the ski trip for February. The snow looks good and the resort is open. It was also agreed that we would try to leave at noon on Friday, February 16th with a late car following for those who do not want to leave that early (leaving that early would require taking some student out of school early). The late car could be driven by, possibly Austin Patneau & Julie Buckley. This needs to be confirmed and will be further discussed at the “A” meeting on Monday, February 5th. There will be a mandatory meeting on Monday, February 5th for all scouts going on the ski trip!

Committee reports

Camping - Upcoming camping trip: March will be at Shands; Shands has been reserved. April will be at Camp Blanding. These are both good trips for new scouts. We are still going to the caverns for the May campout.

- It was also agreed that if timing doesn't work out, Webelos could register in order to go camping in March and then cross over later. This may be a problem for scouts in Troop 266.

Treasurer - There is \$6,119 including ski trip money and \$4,019 without ski tri money.

Equipment Report

- George Pisacano asked for money to replace poles for tents. It would be around \$50-\$60 total. The committee voted to approve this purchase.
- Trailer purchase – haven't heard anything back from the other troop as to whether they are interested or not.
- The committee agreed that we would put the Troop name and Boy Scout logo on the outside of the new trailer. This will cost \$650.

Webelos status report

- We had good feedback from COH
- There will be at least 5 solid webelos crossing over, but it is fairly certain it will probably be closer to 10. Judy Delbrueck will make contact again with Den leaders.

Advancement Report

- There will be a Life to Eagle meeting this Thursday at the YMCA at 7:00
- There will be an Eagle COH on February 24th for Robby Chapa, Michael Bradfute, Andrew Barbour and Matt Smith
- There will be an Eagle COH on April 21st for Ian Svilokos, Brendan Hogle, and Travis Allen

Service Projects

- Lord of Life - Patty Svilokos-Smith reported that scout took down a fence, from 10:00 to 12:00 at LOL. Very successful. All wire was taken down and only posts remain.
- The next service project will be on February 10th for the rest of the fence.
- Eric Nickerson's service project will start this Friday.
- He is asking all scouts to show up on Saturday from 9:00 – 2:00

Merit badges

- We need a merit badge coordinator!!!

District Committee Round Table

- Nobody attended

Misc

- It was suggested that eating utensils be purchased to keep in patrol boxes. The committee agreed that each scout should be responsible for bringing their own eating utensils – plate, bowl, spoon, fork and knife.
- It was suggested and agreed that adults on camp outs bring jugs of water to share. Not individual water bottles as its bad for the environment.
- Greg Morrill suggested we buy a tool kit to keep on the trailer. The committee agreed that the Morrills will purchase this.
- Bob Chapa and Julie Buckley will work on the first aid kit for the trailer.

Elections

Eric Nickerson's term will be up in April. It is time to start thinking about elections. We need to announce this in February.

Next Committee Meeting
February 26th at 7:00 at LOL