

**Meeting Notes**  
**Boy Scout Troop 288 Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, November 30, 2009**  
**Ponte Vedra Presbyterian Church**  
**7:00 – 8:30**

<p><b>Call to Order</b>  <b>Introduction of New Members and Guests</b>  <b>Attendance –names highlighted in blue were in attendance</b>  <b>Guests – Ray Rahaim, John Van Zyle</b></p>	<p><b>Chair</b>  <b>Tina Holland</b></p>
<p><b>Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – approved</b></p>	<p><b>Chair</b>  <b>Tina Holland</b></p>
<p><b>Reports from Troop Committee Leads</b></p>	
<p><b>Scoutmaster –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fort Clinch campout was great. Lots of adults attending and Webelos. Hike was great. Noted that troop needs reminder not to use the day bags with strings (sport bags). These are very uncomfortable for any length of time. At the recent PLC meeting, it was pointed out that the turnout of POR's was disappointing, given that this location was chosen by them.</li> <li>• It is recommended that the Den Chief position be a full year POR so that the Scout can begin with Webelos I Den in the winter and stay with the boys as they become Webelos II and prepare to crossover. The relationship could be maintained even through the crossover to help the boys.</li> <li>• Two new POR's have been identified by BSA. "Webmaster" to update the troop website as needed, and "Leave No Trace Trainer".</li> <li>• There is a new Scout Handbook. It has been reorganized and no longer is organized by rank. Rank requirements are in the back and refer to pages throughout the book.</li> <li>• BSA has identified new rank requirements effective 1/1/10. Any work in progress can be completed under the current requirements. Changes will not be difficult to manage and include using the EDGE technique to teach younger scouts and internet safety among others.</li> <li>• 100 Years of Scouting badge and ribbons are available for the boys to earn. An active scout will find these fairly easy to earn. Many requirements are being completed through normal activities. Mr. John Van Zyle has volunteered to track the boys' progress on these at the Troop meetings.</li> <li>• The patrol of older scouts has chosen the name "Minatars".</li> <li>• A fundraiser to build a new storage shed at the United Methodist Church (UMC) is discussed. It would cost approx. \$2000 and would require a concrete pad. Various ideas were named for future discussion.</li> <li>• The old shed at Lord of Life will not be taken with the Troop to the UMC. The small trailer will need new stenciling to identify new charter church. Eventually the large trailer will be repaired and sold and the new shed will be built for storage.</li> <li>• Items in the current shed must be removed. Tom Murta has offered to store the items in his storage shed for now except for items that will be needed for the Keys such as the silver tarps.</li> <li>• The official transfer to the UMC will be at the first meeting in 2010, January 4. The last meeting at PVC will be the COH on 12/14. Connor is to take all flags home temporarily. They will be needed for Sean's Eagle COH on 12/19, and then stored until January.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Dick Basye</b></p>
<p><b>Secretary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newsletter – Diana will contact Terry regarding a newsletter for the upcoming COH.</li> <li>• Public Relations Announcements – Diana will contact Sean's mother to mention possible newspaper coverage of Sean's Eagle COH.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Diana Rawle</b></p>
<p><b>Outdoor Coordinator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The patches for the Fort Clinch hike are in and will be handed out at the COH.</li> <li>• The Santos campout is next, near Ocala in Silver River State Park. Bike trails for the boys, and possibly some biking events to watch.</li> <li>• The plans for the Keys trip are made. The schedule will include: Saturday near the campsite, hiking,</li> </ul>	<p><b>Gary Christiansen</b></p>

<p>canoeing, fishing, possible visit to missile silo. Sunday will travel to Key Largo to Penny Camp for snorkeling boat trip on the reef . Breakfast will be cold (no cooking) and lunch will be sandwiches prepared in the morning and taken on the trip. Monday will be travel home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The organization of patrol food was discussed and it was agreed to let the patrols plan their menus, and then assign the shopping for all the food to one adult to minimize waste and space needed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Equipment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two new tents were purchased and should arrive in early January. Also one stove for the adult patrol was purchased. The cost of a new storage shed is under investigation as mentioned above.</li> <li>A new small trailer is needed to use to carry baggage on trips with large attendance. This trailer would be fairly easy for many people to tow. A new 6 ft trailer is expected to range from \$900 - \$1200. It is hoped that the old large trailer could be sold for \$1000, less the cost of needed repairs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Service Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Service project is planned for Tuesday before Christmas. We will help the UMC build their shed and spray their fence with sealer. Start time is planned for 9 am. The church's youth ministry will be helping also.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Treasurer –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The greenery was delivered and it was sorted and delivered. The process was smooth.</li> <li>The website agreement was renewed and the fee was paid by the Reels. The Troop will reimburse them.</li> <li>New checks will be ordered with the new Charter address.</li> <li>The financial statements were presented and reviewed.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Lisa Reel</a></p>
<p><b>Advancement Coordinator –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Several boys advancing at next COH. Patrick and Gavin will MC to finish their Communications MB.</li> <li>Citizen of the World MB – one boy has finished. Several others close. Mike D. is reminding the boys to finish up.</li> <li>John Van Zyle has taken responsibility for tracking boys earning 100 Years of Scouting badge. He will be instructed on how to use Troopmaster for inputting progress.</li> <li>MB counselor needed for Citizen of the Community MB. Several volunteers under consideration.</li> <li>Family Life MB – Brad Brown will begin this with interested boys after the new year.</li> <li>Sean will have his Eagle COH on Dec. 19. Connor is finishing paperwork and will soon request his Eagle BOR. Zach is wrapping up his project.</li> <li>Reminder mentioned for boys to request Eagle letters of recommendation before doing the Eagle project so that they are completed timely and available when project is finished.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Marohn Pacitti</a></p>
<p><b>Chaplain</b></p>	<p><b>Position Open</b></p>
<p><b>Membership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rechartering process was reviewed with respect to boys transferring to other troops. It was agreed to pay \$50 rechartering fee for each boy to the new troop. Other specific questions were raised and addressed.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Debbie Selvagn</a></p>
<p><b>Training coordinator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training progress was reviewed with the committee.</li> <li>University of Scouting in January is a great opportunity for training, mostly for adults in all sorts of areas including Committee functions and planning an Eagle COH. There are also many offerings for the scouts such as becoming a Den Chief.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Leigh Leisle</a></p>
<p><b>Old Business/New Business –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Tina Holland</a></p>
<p><b>General Announcements – Next Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 18 at the Salty Rock Cantina, Sawgrass Village, 5:00 pm.</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Tina Holland</a> <a href="#">Dick Basye</a></p>
<p><b>Adjournment – Reminder to Follow through, ask for help if needed</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Tina Holland</a></p>

