

Troop 626 Committee Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2007

7:00 Call To Order – Evenson

7:00 Introductions - Evenson

- Secretary – Helen O. wishes to step aside. Thank you Helen for acting as secretary. Tom Chervenak will be the new secretary.

7:15 Fundraiser Chair's Report – Haugland

- 2007 Fundraising Opportunities
- **Linder's Gift Cards** –
 - Roll out to the scouts 4/16/2007.
 - The troop receives a small percent of the 15% from each card sold; the scout earns the rest in camp credits; cards are valued at \$25.
 - Discussion was held about having scouts selling cards after Masses at a table the weekend of 5/5 and 6.
 - Linder's weekend is 5/18-21. Customers asking to support Troop 626 will have 15% of their sale donated to the troop.
 - Add to be placed in the church bulletin.
- **Scouts for Hire**
 - Add will be placed in the church bulletin.
 - Adult volunteer signup and scout signup will be created.
 - 15% of the funds raised go to the general troop account; the balance will go into the scout's camping account.

7:05 PLC – Scott Reid

- Events Calendar/Leader's Planner
 - Chemistry with Mr. Swanson will be scheduled over 2 nights: 4/16 and 4/23. O/A elections are 4/16.
 - Next troop fun night – Alka-Seltzer rockets
- Leaders Training
 - Rescheduled from weekend of Bell Museum Camp out to a troop meeting so the Entire troop will benefit.
- New Business
 - Creation of a "Leave No Trace" scout youth counselor. Scout appointed will help the troop follow Leave No Trace

principles and will work with Mr. Haffely and Mr. Evenson.

- Tomahawk Plans

7:20 Treasurer's Report – Rafter

- No significant activity/changes from last month.
- \$14,000 discretionary income; with budgeted loss it becomes \$9,000.

7:25 Camping Coordinator's Report – Glander

- Campouts review
 - Bell Museum 4/20/07
 - 24 Scouts / 5 Adults
 - Might start work on the orienteering merit badge.
 - Whitewater Rafting 5/5/07
 - 21 people are going rafting: 16 scouts / 5 adults.
 - No more space is available for the rafting.
 - 7 additional scouts and 3 additional adults are also attending.
- O/A Spring Kick Off 5/11/07
 - Leave on Saturday after Friday night Court of Honor
 - Set up Camp Akela / O/A not required
- Webelos Woods 5/18/07
 - Four scouts have volunteered to act as patrol leaders and organize the event 7 scouts (1 den) from Pack 626 are attending.
 - Side note: 19 scouts in Pack 626 / 17 looking to join the troop
- Ripley Rendezvous 6/1/07
 - 37 scouts / 12 adults
 - Registration is closed
- Shooting Sports 6/22/07
 - Held at Stearns Merit Badge opportunity
- Adult Campout Funding Policy
 - Tabled
- Gear Requisition Policy
 - Tabled

7:35 Troop Chaplain/Tomahawk Coordinator's Report – Haffely

- “A Scout Is Reverent” – Troop Chaplain’s plan update
 - Will be implemented
- Tomahawk Update
 - Deposit due by 4/20
 - 9 scouts are participating in the new T-2 program (High Adventure activities)
 - Camping Plan
 - Tent layout needs to be created
 - 50 people attending
 - Run the Pre-swim tests again
 - To keep a 4 to 1 ratio / 10 leaders needed
 - Need Help
 - Several opportunities available

7:45 BOR Chair Report – Keyport

- Things have been quiet
- 2 weeks before next COH (4/30)
- June – first years should make Tenderfoot; might be some scouts making life
- First years should be on track to make 2nd Class at Tomahawk
- Discussion made about creating an email address: BOR@mytroop626.com

7:50 Eagle Coach’s Report – Smith

- Also slow
- Matt Terry’s paperwork sent to District
- Jake Rafter is assembling his packet
- Jim Peterman is writing his packet
- A couple scouts have talked about projects

7:55 Advancements Chair – Thiele

- COH Procedures
 - Provide COH Report to all SA’s two weeks before COH
 - SA’s to review.
 - Cut off 1 week before COH

8:00 Scoutmaster’s Report – Byron

- Concern mentioned about late start times; requesting adult leaders to lead by example: on time, uniforms
- 5/7 troop meeting will be about leadership; plan is to discuss what it means to be a leader in Troop 626

- Discussion with troop this coming Monday about sneaking into the hallway and gym – 30 day probation
- 3 ASPL level leadership positions: Camping Coordinator (appointed); Fundraising (appointed); ASPL (elected)
- Create 2 Instructors and 2 guides for the First Years – year long position; terms are offset by 6 months
- Forestville State Park in August
- North Shore Hike – MEA? –
- Need to decide Philmont selection criteria
- Many Eagle projects available at the Pines in North Oaks
- Buckthorn removal in the Pines – troop activity

8:15 Unit Commissioner’s Report – Hudson

- District Dinner 4/26
<http://northwest.nsbsa.org/DD07.pdf>
 - Starts at 6:00
 - Mary Lillemo needs 3-4 scouts who lead flag ceremonies, MC the event and cleanup afterwards; service hours available
- Roundtable Thursday – New Leader Essentials will be offered
- O/A elections on the 4/16

8:20 Old Items – Evenson

- None

8:20 New Items – Evenson

- Merit Badge Counselors
 - Need Online Training and Youth Protection Training
 - Should be interested in the area
 - Scouts are not required to do more than what is in the book.

8:25 Secretary Clarification

8:30 Adjournment

Next Meeting:
May 14, 2007
St. Odilia Cafeteria