

Troop 626 Committee Meeting

September 10, 2007

7:00 Call To Order – Evenson

7:05 Eagle Project Presentation – Scott M

- Take measurements of storm retention ponds in The Pines, North Oaks
- Goal is to complete this fall
- Used to determine if ponds should be filtered or dredged – water eventually enters the St. Paul Water system
- Water risk
 - Need pfd's
 - Lifeguard trained person
 - Safety afloat training
 - Tour Permit needed
- Scouts to help
 - 12 to 14 scouts to help
 - Safety crew
 - Circle Crew (measure circumference)
 - Depth Crew (measure depth of pond)
 - Finishing Crew (communicate with neighbors)
- Next step is presentation to Advancement committee at District level

7:10 PLC – James Monson/David Kahat

- 9/17 - Advancement night (Merit badges)
- 9/24 – Thematic night / activity (Alka seltzer rockets?)
- 10/1 – Movie night at Mr. Smith's house

7:20 COR Report – Halverson

- Troop is alive and well
- Merit Badge Program
 - In depth committee to review program
 - Working with issues and move forward
 - Mr. Smith work with 3rd years; individual talks, meeting with parents
 - Can continue with BOR's
 - How troop conducts the program
 - Leader involvement
 - Ask families to help expand the Merit Badge counselor list
 - Scouts should work with counselors who are not family or friends; growth opportunity
- Mr. Smith is acting scoutmaster to the end of the Charter year – January 31st, 2008.
- Mr. Byron is taking a leave of absence for personal reasons his announcements follows:
“Greetings to all:

As some of you know, I have started a new company and it is taking more of my time than I had hoped. There has been a small group working on an interim plan to keep Troop 626 with a focused strategy. The plan is for Mr. Smith to take over as interim Scoutmaster until the end of January. We will be monitoring the availability of Mr. Smith and myself and if need, I will be willing to help out Mr. Smith where

needed. Also, if things are still consuming all my time come January, then the group will need to consider and look into a more long-term plan.

So, with a sad heart, I will turn the Troop over to Mr. Smith, whom I know will do a great job in the interim.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with you and your scouts. I look forward to the day when I will get to once again be more involved in Troop 626.”

Chris Byron

7:40 Advancements and Merit Badge Initiative – Evenson

- Scout Lead – discussion of what this means
 - Coaching
 - Mentoring
 - Scouts helping others – mixed aged patrols?
- Merit Badge Process
 - Ms. Andrews is now responsible for the Merit Badge counselor list
 - Team of 2 or three scouts working together
 - Challenges
 - Opportunities
- Rank Advancement Process
 - Equal and affirmative
 - Look for opportunities to let the scouts lead
 - Small steps
 - Challenges
 - Opportunities
- Committee to be created to discuss further – Interested individuals are Mr. Evenson, Mr. Schmittiel, Mr. Podvin, Mr. Haffley, Mr. Chervenak, Mr. Glander, Mr. Molitor

8:06 Camping Coordinator’s Report – Glander

- Campouts review
 - September Campout – at FCA; 2 scouts signed up – Campout is coming quickly
 - Camporee – Nick and Michael to approach the pack; Could be fun; Web 1 and 2 on Saturday; Monty Python theme; Spam cooking contest
 - Philmont – 8 scouts; may limit crew to 11
 - 2008 Camping Calendar – About ½ determined; summer months open
 - 2009 High Adventure – not determined
 - BWCA HA Winter Patrol Trek – Required to have participated in the 2007 Winter campout
 - Winter Troop Campout – President’s Day weekend
 - Rocket Camp (Hudson)
 - Pre-Construction of Rockets – construction completed Saturday morning
 - 2 stage rockets
 - November 2 through 4

- Scouts approach the Webelos 2

8:25 Eagle Coach's Report - Smith

- Jake R – awaiting Eagle BOR
- Jim P – awaiting Eagle BOR
- James M – will present project next month to Troop; nature oriented (trails and rails); concept is approved at the district level
- Kevin S. – concept has been approved; collecting shoes
- Scott M – Presented to committee tonight
- Stephen O – Salvation Army possibility
- Quinton T – computer related

8:28 Unit Commissioner's Report – Hudson

- Roundtable this Thursday
- New Scout recruitment in the pack

8:30 New Items – Evenson

- Mr. Rafter stepped down as treasurer
- Mr. Frisbie is new treasurer
- Mr Haffley indicated that we could reserve the Blackfoot campsite for Tomahawk – given go ahead

8:35 Adjournment

Next Meeting: October 8, 2007 St. Odilia Cafeteria