

# Troop 626 Committee Meeting

## June 9, 2008

7:00 Call To Order – Molitor

**7:05 Invocation - Haffely**

**7:07 Treasurer's Report – Miller**

- Reviewed Financial Status
- Troop is in good shape

**7:10 Eagle Coach Report – Smith**

- James M. & Scott M. - All documentation has come back
- Tom F. – should be ready for BOR
- Steven O. & Dan H. – Packets should be wrapped up in the next month.
- Quinton T. – Project Planning Phase
- Mr. Smith suggests considering encouraging Scouts to do their Eagle project earlier (not hold it until the end of their scouting career).

**7:15 BOR Chair Report – Podvin/Shearon**

- Anticipating a bunch of 1<sup>st</sup> year Tenderfoot BORs soon
- One 2<sup>nd</sup> class soon as well.
- Teddy T. – Recently had Life Rank BOR

**7:17 Religious Awards - Podvin**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years will have the opportunity to work on Ad Altari De Religious award this Fall.

**7:20 Unit Commissioner's Report – Hudson**

- Final Roundtable before summer is this month. Roundtable meetings start up again in August.

**7:30 Fundraising Chair Report - Haugland**

- Linder's Gift Card Weekend update

**7:32 Good Turns Report – Andrews**

- Service Project planned for Sat. Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9am – 4pm at Coon Rapids Dam.
  - Plan is to hopefully include some Merit Badge content at the event as well.
  - Committee agreed to provide \$5/person for lunch during the service project.

**7:35 PLC Report – Teddy T**

- Reviewed Schedule for the next 6 weeks
- Worked on Duty Roster for meetings
- Discussed Patrol communications
- Quinton T. discussed Tomahawk
  - Reminder – All attendees (Scout and Adult) need Bear Training
- Forestville currently flooded and we may have to reschedule that campout
- September – Lake Superior campout

- Mr. Smith suggested we might consider “Irwin Ore Boat” in Duluth. You can arrange to stay on the boat overnight.

### **7:37 Scoutmaster’s Report - Glander**

- Focusing on Patrol Method and Patrol Leader Training. Also Patrol Oriented Campouts
  - Help them understand leadership roles and chain of command.
  - Understand what it is to be a Good Leader. Not Big Foot approach, but communications, delegation, empowerment, etc.
- Purchase request/idea – 2 canopies for campouts.

### **7:41 Camping Coordinator’s Report - Evenson**

- Camping Calendar
  - Southern MN Adventure (Forestville State Park) 6/27-6/29
    - Flooding issue
    - 5 scouts currently signed up (2 – 1<sup>st</sup> years, 3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> years)
    - Andrews and Glander could go as adult leaders.
    - Can cancel @ 2weeks prior so we must decide by Friday.
  - Lazin’ by the River Campout (Fred C Anderson) 7/11-7/13
    - Plan \$35 – includes canoe rental fees.
  - September – Tetegouche on the North Shore.
  - November – Weekend of 7-9, Star Gazing in Young America (in place of Rocket Campout this year).
- Camping Recap
  - Whitewater Rafting (Jay Cooke) 6/6-6/8
    - Dale Swanson indicated the kids had fun. Patrol cooking went well. We used two group camp sites at Jay Cooke and that worked great.
      - Consider a progressive dinner for next year.
      - Add thoughts to camping file from Adults, SPL
      - They had Class IV Whitewater.
  - Patrol Campouts – Larry asks that you please use campout spreadsheet (available from Larry Evenson or Dennis Miller) to track check and camp credit payments. This spreadsheet than can be provided to the Camping Coordinator and Treasurer for their tracking/documentation purposes.
    - Larry is putting together a checklist

### **7:55 Philmont Trip Report – Haugland**

- Philmont – July 22 – Aug 7, 2008
- Reviewed Philmont Prep report from Kevin Frisbee.

- Prep is going well.
- They did a 10+ mile hike at Jay Cooke and practiced camp breakdown.

### **7:58 Tomahawk Report – Schmittziel**

- Tomahawk Scout Camp – Aug 2 - 9, 2008
- Merit Badge selection review
- Larry will print MB cards for camp.
- Tom Glander indicated Tick information should/will be included on TSR Bear Training or separate session
  - Also at TSR too.
- Bob Hudson will be coordinating adult cooking, but spread actual cooking responsibilities through all the leaders.
  - Cooking sign-up
    - Plan is to have 2 adults preparing meals each day.
  - Bob has menus put together.
- Additional roles for adults at camp
  - Peter reviewed Adult coverage for MBs and roles planned for adults.
- Kevin Frisbee (with help from Quinton T. and Jack H.) will be doing Swim Tests.
  - Note: The Rice Creek swim test will apply to Tomahawk.
- Adult coverage was discussed.
  - Last year we had 18 adults assisting in various capacities spread over the full week of camp.
    - Not all there at once but some there all week and some rotating in and out to cover the week.
  - Currently we have 12 adults committed so far.
  - Also, we had 42 scouts last year and currently 38 signed up this year.
- Bear Training – Another session is planned for June 30<sup>th</sup>. If you missed the last one, plan to attend.
  - Bear Training is required by Tomahawk for anyone (scout and adult) attending.
- Reminder – We should Preorder Subway for on the road to TSR (in Barron, WI)

### **8:13 Camporee Planning Status Report – any attendee**

- Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> will be Dry Run Setup and Run activities for Camporee.
  - This will be at Phillipso Scout Reservation (Cannon Falls, MN) for the day (down in AM and back in PM)

### **8:15 New Items**

- Troop Communications Policy – Informational Review – **Molitor** – 5 min
  - << **NEW POLICY** >> **We reviewed the Troop Communications Policy (automatically adopted based on input from our Charter Organization – St. Odilia)**

This new Troop Communications Policy text is inserted here for Convenience...

## **Troop 626 Communications Policy**

It is the goal/intent of the Troop to follow the recommendations/procedures of the parish (our charter organization) as it relates to communications with parents. To that end we are adopting the parish policy as it relates to Joint Legal Custody (and related) Communications.

The parish recommends that the troop require any exceptions to the customary joint legal child custody be submitted to the troop in writing. If these situations exist the troop should require the parent to provide the troop with the proper legal documentation supporting these situations including any restraining orders if applicable. Verbal or written requests not supported by the appropriate legal documentation would not be accepted. The troop should be completing two mailings in cases where the customary joint legal child custody applies. This is done in an attempt to not limit communication between parents and children. In situations where joint legal child custody does not exist, scout communications should be limited to the appropriate custodial parents.

The troop should also keep a list of these situations on file. This list should be distributed to adult leaders to advise them of any limitations on the distribution of information.

The parish also recommended that our registration forms ask for the name of anyone who is prohibited from picking up the child in our program and the relationship that person has with the child. If anyone is listed on the registration form the troop should obtain the appropriate legal documents to verify the restriction if it involves a legal parent. If there is a restraining order or other restriction on the physical custody of a scout, that information should be shared with the adult leadership so as to properly advise them of any limitations on the adult pickup of scouts.

NOTE: This will be done annually as part of the scout re-charter and webelo scout transition process.

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- **Troop 626 Twins Fund Raiser – Twins Ticket Sales – Andrews – 5 min**
  - Ric Heins, Jodi Andrews and Chris Byron proposed a Twins Ticket Sales Troop Fund Raiser.
    - This would be for a baseball game on Sunday, Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>.
    - They proposed maybe 100 tickets to start.
      - Ticket price would be 21 with a troop cost of 12.
      - In addition, they proposed starting with 50 meal tickets as well.
    - Decided the Finance Sub-Committee would get additional details from proposers and discuss this item. Then they would give feedback to Jodi, etc.
    - In addition, we discussed the Troop Fundraising Policy of 15% of profits going to the troop general fund.

## **8:25 Old Items**

### **8:30 Troop Friends of Scouting (FOS) Report – Clysdale**

- Matt Clysdale reviewed the FOS results.
- We had a 2008 Participation Goal of 80%. We reached that goal.

- As a result, we should get Free Advancements/Badges in the Council Scout shop for the upcoming year.
- We had gifts from 5 families who no longer have scouts in the troop.
- We lost 8 key givers through attrition.
- Overall the average gift was down by 19/family.

**FOS Report as of June**  
**2008**

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Goal	\$4,000	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$6,300
Growth Goal	\$4,500	\$4,950	\$6,200	
Total (amt raised)	<b>\$6,020</b>	<b>\$7,720</b>	<b>\$6,325</b>	<b>\$6,845</b>
Matt (thru Matt's efforts)	\$4,960	\$6,085	\$5,665	\$4,920
Council (thru council)	\$1,060	\$1,635	\$660	\$1,925

**8:35 New Item – Fuel Cost Reimbursements**

- Discussed reimbursement for Fuel Costs of drivers for campouts
- Items discussed / Thoughts shared included the following:
  - Should reimburse if transporting other scouts (beyond their child)
  - Should be incorporated into the fees of the event
  - Adults do get free food and have no camping fee so maybe they don't need reimbursement
  - If reimbursements are to be made, these costs should be included as part of the camping fee.
  - Should not reimburse for fuel costs if adult is driving alone or with only their own scout.
  - Consider option to make it a request only option to get 50% of fuel costs reimbursed (some adults may elect not to worry about it).
  - Since mileage should be tax deductible, perhaps we don't need to reimburse from the troop.
  - A disadvantage of reimbursing fuel costs is it would drive up the cost of campouts.
  - Perhaps we should consider a poll of parents (anonymous poll) to get input.
- Finance Sub-Committee will review and look at longer term perspectives on this.
  - They will get input from the Council and other Troops as available.
- The full committee further discussed the short term issue of the additional cost born by the adult driver pulling the trailer to campouts (particularly longer distances like Tomahawk or Duluth, etc).
  - It was discussed that the Adult pulling the trailer bears an additional cost due to the fact that they must drive a bigger vehicle capable of pulling the trailer which really accentuates the costs.
  - We have a limited pool of drivers able to pull the trailer and we need drivers willing and able to pull it.
  - << **NEW POLICY** >> **Committee agreed that the Troop will reimburse the gas costs for the vehicle pulling the trailer.**
    - **At this time this only applies to the vehicle pulling the trailer**
    - **This policy will start with the Jay Cooke (Duluth) campout.**

**8:40 Secretary Clarification - Molitor**

8:40 Adjournment

Next Committee Meeting:

July 14, 2008

St. Odilia Cafeteria