

Boy Scout Troop 33
Takoma Park Maryland
Monthly Committee Meeting
Draft Minutes
January 21, 2019, TP Church Parlor Room, 8-9:30pm

Present: Nicole Phillips, Dave Lanar, Matt Rees, Sonja Kueppers (Secretary), Johan Hammerstrom (Scoutmaster), Howie Schaffer (Chair), Victoria Eisenberg, Lee Howard

Introductions & Chair's Report - Howie Schaffer

- Recharter has been completed. Thanks to Nicole Phillips & Mark Verschell for their work on this.
 - It was actually pretty easy this year in my.scouting.org to move people's positions around and to remove the people who are no longer members.
 - Made a decision not to carry over adults who had not been active. Did offer to let them continue if they paid their own membership fee, but nobody took us up on that.
 - It was very helpful that Lee Howard had been on top of who had Youth Protection Training (YPT) completed and who did not.
 - Got Gold Unit recognition in the Journey to Excellence (JTE), a rubric used to evaluate Scouting units.
 - 62 boys are continuing
- Scout Sunday, February 17, 2019, 11:00
 - Many troops fold in Scout Sabbath for Jewish Scouts and Scout Jumuah for Muslim Scouts.
 - We encourage Scouts to participate however is appropriate for their faith; if Scouts participate elsewhere, they should be sure to let us know so it can be recorded.
 - Scouts wear Class A uniforms.
 - Girls Scouts and Cub Scouts will be invited to attend and participate
- Lee Howard to chair Centennial Committee
 - Recruiting committee members
 - Need to set a date for the celebration
 - June 20 is original charter date
 - Connected with Peter Bielak (PB), who helped Troop 100 with their centennial.
 - Lee has looked at the Church Session minutes. In October 1919 they were discussing a men's club; that group formed a committee on creating a BSA troop. By May/June 2020 they were active. Troop 33 originally

chartered in DC in 1919, and the troop number was then given to our troop.

- It would be good to set a date before the annual planning process.
- We should consider activities throughout the centennial year.
- Suggestions from Scoutmaster of Troop 52
 - Have boys begin researching Eagles now to try to find them
 - Plan a campout at Schmitt
 - Make sure there are people available at the banquet to take notes about memorabilia that people bring.
- Lee will reach out to Rep. Raskin's office on behalf of Pack soon, so he will have a procedure for doing that.
- What are the goals of the Centennial?
 - Celebrate history
 - Reaffirm relationships in the community
 - Relevance in the community
- Maybe raise some money for the church as part of it? Perhaps with a specific goal in mind.
- Camp Schmitt
 - Precarious situations with trees, especially due to recent winds. That is currently being dealt with.
 - Tim Miller has been doing a lot of work out there.
 - Latrines, Explorer cabin, Fatso stove need work.
- First Aid Training
 - Philmont crews need Wilderness First Aid -- 2 adults, 2 youth. \$200 per person.
 - Should the troop pay for all or part of this training? After some discussion, the following resolution was proposed and passed unanimously.
 - Resolution - The troop should pay up to \$600 for youth and adults to offset the cost of the Wilderness First Aid training, at the Scoutmaster's discretion, with the caveat that those individuals should be people who are regularly involved with troop activities.

Review/Approval of Minutes of December 17 Meeting - Sonja Kueppers

Minutes were approved unanimously.

Priorities

- Update on final steps for Equipment Closet
 - It's moving along, Otto is drawing up plans for shelving.

- Scoutbook Update
 - New BSA supported platform, can be used instead of TroopMaster.
 - Matt has been investigating. Transferring data from TroopMaster is complicated.
 - TroopMaster is coming up for renewal. The committee unanimously approved renewing TroopMaster for three years on the basis that while we might want to transition to Scoutbook, the process would not be trivial.
 - Matt and Sonja will work together to figure out transferring data to Scoutbook. Johan proposed that we aim for March.
- Review Inclement Weather Policy
 - Currently says if MCPS is closed, we close. If MCPS cancels afternoon or evening activities, we cancel activities.
 - Twice recently this policy has caused us to cancel a meeting when it would have been safe to hold it. The preparation meeting immediately before the November campout was one instance, while the Court of Honor last week was the other.
 - Johan proposed that we usually follow MCPS policy, but the Scoutmaster should have latitude.
 - Nicole noted that our communication is not effective.
 - We will revisit the issue at a later meeting and revise or reaffirm the existing policy

Decisions

- Nominate and validate appointments of current troop leaders
 - Howie invites parents and caregivers to nominate themselves and others for adult leadership positions, particularly for open positions. He is also interested in feedback on the people currently filling roles.
 - People interested in leadership positions should speak with Howie. Dave proposed that all Webelos 2 parents be approached about taking on leadership responsibilities.
 - Lee suggested we figure out what the highest priority vacant positions are.
 - Howie will ask the Troop Committee next month for a nonbinding approval of the slate of officers. He noted that while it is his job to appoint people to these positions, he wants buy-in from the troop community.
 - Nicole proposed that we conduct parent orientation during troop meetings.
 - Howie suggested that we could have a parent meeting once a month during troop meetings.

Committee Reports

- Eagle Scout Committee
 - Willis and Lucas passed their Boards of Review. They will receive their patches right away, even though their Eagle Courts of Honor will be later.
 - Status of other Eagle candidates was discussed.

Report from Scoutmaster - Johan Hammerstrom

- Make up date for the Court of Honor is January 31
- There is a campout at Camp Schmitt this weekend
- Applications due on January 31 for next youth leadership term (March - August)
 - Elections will be held on Feb. 7
 - Currently have 5 patrols and 4 patrol leaders
- Troop merit badge day will be held Feb. 9
- Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) will be Saturday February 23.
- Howie, Brian Frey, and Johan met last week to kick off Horseshoe 2019 planning.
- Farm Mechanics and Animal Science MB will be offered March 9 (coordinated by Victoria Eisenberg)
- Lee has done a fantastic job planning a March backpacking trip.

General Discussion

Opportunity for questions, discussion, and development of action steps. 2-minute rule to facilitate as much input/discussion as possible.

Future meeting topics were proposed:

- Retention
- Policy for when Scouts from another troop are allowed to participate in Troop 33 activities.

Adjourn (Next Meeting February 18, 2019, 8pm)

Troop 33 Committee Officers

CHAIR – Howie Schaffer

CHARTERED ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE – Liz Hoge

TREASURER – Jim Vorhies & Dave Lanar

SECRETARY – Sonja Kueppers

- **Communications — Vacant**
- Webmaster – Charlie Hairston & Eric Smith

EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR – ** Maria Wiseman & Gary Cardillo, Co-Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR – Vacant

- September Renewal & Webelos Crossover – Bert Brandenburg
- **Recharter Coordinator – Vacant**
- Clothing Coordinator – Howie Schaffer
- **Training Coordinator – Vacant**

ADVANCEMENT COORDINATOR – Matthew Rees

- Merit Badge Co-Coordinator/Merit Badge Day -- Marian MacDorman & David Goldberg
- Eagle Coordinator --Dave Lanar

OUTDOOR ACTIVITY COORDINATOR – David Droddy

- Summer Trip Coordinators – Kevin Balfe & John Mark Nieman
- Ski Trip Coordinator – Kristen Dill
- Soap Box Derby Coordinator – Rick Swan
- Health Form Coordinator – Rebecca Woodings
- Camp Horseshoe Coordinator – Bryan Frey

FUNDRAISING/PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR – **Vacant

- Pancake Supper – Anna Golovko, Shellie Williams, Minya Zeru
- Mulch Coordinator – Dave Lanar & Eric Smith
- Scouting for Food Coordinator – Wagner Family
- **Service Projects (Church/Community) – Vacant**
- Centennial Coordinator – Lee Howard