

**Boy Scout Troop 33 -- Takoma Park Maryland  
Monthly Committee Meeting Draft Minutes  
June 17, 2019, TP Church Parlor Room, 8-9:30pm**

**Present:** Howie Schaffer (Committee Chair), Nicole Phillips, Johan Hammerstrom (Scoutmaster), Dave Lanar, Lee Howard, Sonja Kueppers (Secretary), Eric Smith

**Introductions & Chair's Report - Howie Schaffer**

**Review/Approval of Minutes of May 20 Meeting - Sonja Kueppers**

Nicole moved that the minutes be approved, Lee seconded, motion passed unanimously

**Priorities**

- Discuss letter regarding past abuse of Boy Scouts from NCAC
  - Howie believes that the letter is inadequate, and wishes for the troop committee to write to the troop families, providing more context and talking about our troop values.
  - After extensive discussion, the Committee tasked the Committee Chair with drafting a letter for parents, which will be sent back out to the people who were here for this discussion, with a goal of having it sent out to parents by the end of the week.
    - Will add language about protecting youth from other youth/bullying prevention
    - Will suggest that parents take the Youth Protection Training which is already required for all leaders.
- Discuss Centennial
  - We will have a year of events, allowing people to plug in and engage where they are available.
  - There will be a display of historical objects at pancake supper on Nov. 9. Liz could reserve the gym the day before, so we would have time to set up.
  - Founder's Day - April or May at Camp Schmitt
  - Fancy dinner in June or September
  - Historic Takoma window display
  - Howie remarked that an ASPL had suggested having a troop Historian do a video about the troop's history.

- Lee suggested we form an actual centennial committee at this stage. He will send out an e-mail.
- The patches didn't come out as well as we had hoped and may need to be revisited. This will also be our logo for the event.
- We also need to create a new centennial version of the troop shoulder patch.
- Eagle Scout program support framework discussion
  - New policy - Scouts must submit all three copies of their notebook to Dave by the Sunday night before the BOR, to make sure they are complete.
  - Supporting Eagle candidates is resource intensive.
  - The committee is interested in finding ways to inspire all Scouts to excellence in their fulfillment of positions of responsibility, and in their Eagle Projects.
  - Lee pointed out that ensuring a rigorous program from day one will help to lay the groundwork.
  - It is ideal for Scouts to work on their Eagle Projects when they are at a point in their Scouting journey when everyone in the troop knows them, such as soon after completing a term as SPL.
  - The Eagle Rank is not an entitlement. Scouts who take an extended hiatus may not be able to get there.
- Calendar planning
  - Pack 33 used our calendar in planning their calendar
  - Blue & Gold and Webelos Weekend are on both units' calendars.

## **Committee Reports**

- Eagle Scout Committee
  - Abner & Massimo have reached Eagle rank - numbers 159 and 160 for the troop!
- Advancement Report (Matt Rees)
  - We awarded 34 Ranks (including 2 Eagle), 53 MBs and 2 National Outdoor Awards for Camping.
  - Other big news is that Dave Droddy and I are working on a TM to SB migration solution, ideally to take place before Horseshoe. With recent update and change to Internet Advancement the writing on the wall seems to be in marker instead of crayon. :)

## **Report from Scoutmaster - Johan Hammerstrom**

The scouting year has been wrapped up, and the recent Court of Honor went very well. The Scouts were fantastic on the most recent campout, and Johan is looking forward to going to Horseshoe with 60+ Scouts. Two Eagle Scouts will be

coming to Horseshoe; they have been asked to act as Junior Assistant Scoutmasters.

Scout meetings will be cancelled in July, but there will be an advancement session on July 11 with Howie and Sonja. The August 1 meeting will be Horseshoe prep.

Howie would like to discuss feedback from BoRs at an upcoming meeting.

**Adjourned at 9:39 (Next Meeting TBD, 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 – Bert Brandenburg
- Webelos Crossover – Rebecca Goldberg & Erika Carter Williams
- **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

- 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
- **Service Projects (Church/Community) – Vacant**
- Centennial Coordinator – Lee Howard