

**Boy Scout Troop 33 -- Takoma Park Maryland
Monthly Committee Meeting -- Draft Minutes
September 16, 2019, TP Church Parlor Room, 8-9:30pm**

Present: Howie Schaffer (Committee Chair), Nicole Phillips, Liz Hoge, Dave Lanar (Assistant Treasurer), Margaret Newman, Kevin Balfe, Sonja Kueppers (Secretary), Tim Miller

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

Eric Smith was also present at June meeting. Minutes were amended accordingly.

Discussed policy on youth names - first name and last initial is OK for use in minutes.

Minutes were approved.

COR Report - Liz Hoge

Pipe in new storage closet leaks steam. Cannot be cut or capped. Church property committee is bringing someone in over the next month to repair it. Liz would like us to consider making an additional contribution to help with this.

Items in troop's library storage area will be removed soon.

Cub Scouts need to move their things out of the library storage over the next 6-8 months.

Priorities

- Pancake Supper - Howie will reach out to people over the next week who have been involved in the past to find volunteers to run it. Will try to find new leadership as well.
- Summer Trip - We need to make a decision soon about what kind of summer trip the troop will offer next summer. We could go back to the Adirondacks, or to 1000 Islands, or Maine -- there are many options. We need to decide if this is a high adventure trip, a family trip, or some combination. Other related issues discussed were:
 - Would Philmont benefit from the Scouts being a year older?

- Should we offer a second week of residential camp, maybe somewhere else? Can we afford to offer camperships? Should we consider raising prices for pancake supper and mulch sale to ensure that we can?
- Tim reported that at Philmont, boys commented that there wasn't that much for older boys to do in the troop. Maybe we should offer shotgun shooting, caving, etc.
- Camp Horseshoe debrief - physical environment has changed, many trees were removed.
- Centennial Planning - Peter Bielak
 - We are the fifth troop that will become 100 years old in the council. Troop 52 - 1913, Troop 104 - 1916, Troop 100, Troop 8 - 1918.
 - Key insights from presentation were:
 - Make sure the space is big enough.
 - Inviting everyone who was ever a member of the troop is a good practice. Original rosters are available on microfiche at NCAC.
 - Give people the opportunity to send in a donation even if they do not attend.
 - Don't be afraid of the up-front cost.
 - Make sure there is enough planning time, and that people who might want to attend know well in advance.
 - Make sure that the people who are being celebrated at the dinner/event aren't doing all the work. Scoutmasters and Scouts should be considered guests, although the Scouts can do some of the work.
 - Hiring a caterer ensures that the Scouts, etc. can really listen to and understand the significance of the event.
 - PB can advise on who it is customary to invite (politicians, community leaders, etc.)
 - PB estimated that there would be over 500 former scouts who need to be invited.
 - Invite the press. Note that television stations like to have their footage by 6pm.
 - Having a nice commemorative item for attendees is very worthwhile. Neckerchiefs, engraved glasses, etc.
 - Could have 1-2 special speakers, followed by all available Scoutmasters/Former Scoutmasters.
 - Could be nice to have a slideshow/video about the troop, perhaps created by a Scout.

- Howie - Lee is going to handle doing a yearbook. Roger Griffis will do memorabilia displays. Rachel Schaffer and Emily Velasquez will be co-chairs of banquet. Someone needs to take the fundraising lead/ mailing czar. Can validate a mailing list. Yellow document has many of the people from before 1970. Could be helpful to find people from different time periods to help find the folks from those eras.

Committee Reports

- Eagle Scout Committee - Jonathan Andersen 162nd T33 Eagle Scout
- Advancement Report
 - Court of Honor Sept. 26. It's been an advancement rich summer with the following accomplishments anticipated for the CoH:
 - 18 Rank Badges
 - Scout 1, Tenderfoot 2, Second Class 3, First Class 4, Star 2, Life 2, Eagle 4
 - 136 Merit Badges to be awarded across 41 different badges
 - Special Awards: 50 Miler
 - The two Philmont Crews and the Adirondacks crew from last summer are working to complete their 50 Miler requirements. Those completed as of this meeting include Paul H, Boone S, Jack W, Nick W, Johan Hammerstrom, and Tim Miller
 - The other crew members will have a chance to complete / nearly complete their service requirement on Sat. 21 by volunteering with Montgomery Country Parks on expanding the hiking trail network of the Anacostia watershed at Burnt Mills East Park (close to Blair). If sufficient number of crew members do not RSVP, we will open this opportunity up to all Troop 33 scouts (must be 14 yrs old). Contact Matt Rees with questions.
 - Propose at the CoH either Johan or Matt Rees make a request of all parents, but particularly those of the 1st year scouts, to consider becoming a MB counselor. We can make the ask at the CoH, and then I will draft an email blast to follow-up. With scouts aging out, so do parents. Our cadre of MBCs is dwindling.

Adjourned 9:53pm (Next Meeting October 21, 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 – 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-Coordinators/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