

Troop 918 Committee Meeting Minutes – 24 Aug 2015

Meeting Start Time:	7:15pm	Meeting End Time:	8:15 pm
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Executive Committee			Other Attendees	
X	CC		John V.	
X	COR	Gary B.	Paul S.	
X	Treasurer	Greg W.	Rick W.	
X	OPC		Lisa M.	
X		Maureen W.		
X	Secretary	Linda W.	Robin R.	
X	Advancements	Dave N.	Chris Y.	
X	Scout Master	Darren R.		

1. Committee Chair – Dave N in place of Gordon C.

- Deferred to other reports: shed, outdoor, popcorn, etc.

2. Secretary Report – Linda W.

- NTR; minutes for May 2015 committee meeting added to the record

3. Chartered Organization Representative Report – Gary B.

- Written statement from OSLC 918 sponsor regarding BSA lifting ban on gay adult leaders approved at committee meeting, added to record.

4. Treasurer Report – Greg W.

- Troop 918 has approx. \$3500. Reduced funds – less earned in popcorn sales, less scouts
- has been working on 2015-16 budget
- Outstanding scout accounts: send emails if account is short for an event or if account falls below \$50 balance?
 - expenses for 6 Flags day trip not submitted yet
 - deposits for both Philmont and Seabase due 1 Oct; not enough money in Troop account to pay for these, so scouts need to have first installments/payments of \$400 by 28 Sep meeting.

5. Advancement / Membership Coordinator Report – Dave N.

- 31 Aug Court of Honor. 23 scouts have awards from summer camp
- rechartering will be upon us soon. Under new BSA rules Youth Protection Training has to be good for whole year, so must be redone by 30 Oct 2015. Fees increase?
- BSA also revised adult applications process with new questions. If any questions are answered yes applications must be reviewed at council level. If application all no's, Gordon as committee chair can approve adult applications.
 - question – what is the cost of background checks? Are they included in rechartering cost?
 - merit badges – many partials. Counselors and scouts need blue cards for recording, not verbals

6. Outdoor Program Coordinator Report – Maureen W.

- Need more adult volunteers for camping trips; also need transport to/from, leading activities
- Summer camp not yet confirmed for 2016. Probably Jun 26-2 July, so as not to conflict with Philmont and Sea Base trips
 - Oct camping will be 50 mile bike trip (GAP)

7. Senior Patrol Leader / Assistant Senior Patrol Leader Report –

- Skipped this; Jeremy W discussing Aug NOAC Conf at meeting, David C at school event

8. Webmaster Update - Maureen W.

- Will be sending out test messages from Scoutlander, another system similar to TroopKit, but a combination of TroopKit and website

9. Scoutmaster Report - Darren R.

- Summer camp went well, 2 scouts did high-adventure sailing
- one new scout in troop, other one did not continue
- Sep 11-13 – 25 mile bike trip. Will try and arrange camping as well for younger scouts who need to work on advancements, falling behind. Need extra adults for this. Jeremy W. will go as senior scout.
- Philmont sign-ups still 3 short. Open it up to Venture Crew, other SP troops, District?
If girls want to go, will need a female leader to attend as well.
- NYLT – National Leadership Training – Sep 18-20 and Oct 30-1 Nov – Jeremy W. And Garrett B. attending
- Elections in September for senior patrol leaders

10. Old Business

- Shed. 8x8 shed, approx. \$1600, to be stick built on site. Troop gather an adult group for building soon? Motion to pay for shed and build it – Greg W. motion, Paul S. 2nded. Len M. drew up plans for shed, although was at District meeting and could not attend committee meeting. Dave N. has copies of drawing for church approval.

11. New Business

- All about the upcoming Popcorn sale.
- Greg will work warehouse on Sep 17, so troop gets popcorn earlier.
- ShownSells set up for first two weekends Sep 19-20 and Sep 26-27 at Arundel Mills and SP Safeways. Need scouts and adults to sign up for the three shifts (9-11,11-1, 1-3) at each site. Limited sales at popular sites to maximize sales at the beginning of campaign.
Scouts decided to forgo prizes – adds 4% to commission.
- Scout goals for this sale are \$250 in sales per scout
- Discussion about the scouts who do not meet their goal or sell at ShownSells – 918 Handbook says scout can pay \$50 to troop account – but this will not fund Council nor District expenses. Expect this discussion to continue at 21 Sep meeting.
- Bottom line: Troop 918 does not have enough money to fund the activities planned for 2015-16 – increase scouts' fees with rechartering? Increase cost of camps and other activities?

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 21 Sep 2015 (3rd Monday of month)