

Troop 918 Committee Meeting Minutes - February 29, 2016

Executive Committee			Other Attendees	
X	CC	Len M.	Rick W.	Chris Y.
X	COR	Gary B.	John V.	Aaron K.
X	Treasurer	Greg W.	Paul S.	Gordon C.
X	OPC	Deb W.	Dani R.	Brent S.
X		Maureen W.		
X	Secretary	Linda W.	Suresh J.	Pete H.
X	Advancements	Dave N.		
X	Scout Master	Darren R.		

- Secretary Report- Linda W.:
 - Feb. 8, 2015 Minutes – update to previous minutes:
 - 1) room request forms for meetings and use of church next couple months
 - 2) lock up/lights out at church after meetings
 - 3) hall monitor for meetings – ensure noise and wandering kids kept to a minimum
 - Note: Order of Arrow events not listed in minutes
- Chartered Organization Representative Report – Gary B.:
 - New Trailer Registration – OSLC will not do this. Old trailer registered in Dave N and Rick W's names, new one will be registered by one of the other adult leaders. Comparison: Catholic Diocese chartered orgs and the SP Elks will not be registered owners of unit trailers.
- Treasurer Report – Greg W.:
 - Balance of funds \$5101.25. Scout accounts \$1586. Summer camp \$800 deposit (550 collected so far). Philmont \$14,590 (almost \$12K spent so far). Trailer fund detailed below.
 - Troop dues are \$40. Pro-rated Committee agreed for \$33 cost for seven new Scouts
- Advancement Report – Dave N.:
 - Mike B. Eagle Board of Review (BoR) and Court of Honor
 - Dave C. Star BoR
 - Andrew V. Has until middle of May for Scoutmaster conference, working on Eagle required badges
 - Went over process again BSA advancement guidelines – Scoutmaster or ASM pre-approval and sign blue cards. Dave records earned badges and ranks in Troopmaster
- Membership Report
 - Crossovers – got seven new Scouts, any more?
 - New parent indoc/admin status – forms, Scoutlander, etc
- Outdoor Program Report
 - Status of Philmont Trip Readiness – first day hike was Feb 20, tonight (Feb 29) was gear check, next weekend hike of AT is sked for Mar 12-13
 - Status of SeaBase Trip Readiness?
 - Battleship New Jersey Sep 24 (overnight)-Sep25, 2016. Non-refundable deposit of \$20 is due to commit to this event; total is \$75.
 - Feb 27 snow tubing got cancelled
 - April 15-17 Maple Tree camping reservation confirmed – ASM coordinator needed
 - May 13-15 Gettysburg camping confirmed

- May 27-30 – Memorial Day Philmont Shakedown hike & camping weekend
- June 26-July 2 – Rodney summer camp
- SPL Report – Jeremy W.:
 - Two new Scouts potentially joining Philmont trip, at meeting tonight – plan to be at Mar hike/camping
 - Scouting for Food – see calendar schedule
 - One meeting in Mar – plan to go over color guard, etiquette, drill and practice
 - Troop flag golden fringe is tearing – clipped on with safety pin. Report back on research on repair/mending it or destroying it
- Scoutmaster Report – Darren R.:
 - New Scouts work on 1st Class skills and instruction at camp-outs
 - For leadership and a better Scouting experience, new Scouts to be split up into different patrols
 - Mar 7 – orientation for new parents
 - Plan to organize gear for new trailer – maybe after Food for Scouting?
 - PLC meeting – Wed Mar 2, on church calendar – clean-up garage soon?
- Webmaster Report - NTR
- Old Business
 - Vote for buying new trailer – available by Merit Badge Madness (MBM)? – Committee approved \$3000 (trailer fund had \$1755)
 - Update: trailer cost was \$3200
 - Vote for computer projector – Committee approved \$500. Church has several screens – projector can be used at meetings and functions, may be loaned to church
 - Update troop handbook and by-laws
 - Define troop’s role in High Adventure outings more clearly - \$\$, shakedowns, signup, etc.
 - Who approves changes? Never do two high adventure events same year again – rules for future events, and differences between troop event and individual Scout laid out in writing
 - Update: Committee chair email re: join BAC Philmont 2017 contingent, eliminate risk to 918?
 - Shed punch list, action plan?
 - MBM – no registration sent in yet, some sessions already full (MBM holds 600). Ed K and Chris C handling roster – 25 Scouts from 918 attending. Withdrawals of \$30 from Scout accounts for MBM fee already done.
- New Business
 - Vote for Philmont Fee Forfeiture – Committee approved troop pay \$400 as Committee had said in Aug 2015 it would fund 12 Philmont attendees (could be \$200 if two additional boys join 2016 918 contingent).
 - ◆ Update: two extra boys did pay and join in Mar Philmont overnight hike & camping
 - Old trailer – Committee approved donating it to CS Pack 918
 - Permission Slips – Options|Scoutlander? Not working as boys could approve their own activity – (In TroopKit parents had to approve participation) - so individual permission slips still required for activities for now - liability
 - Future - more merit badge instruction offered during meetings
 - Update/validate Merit Badge Counselor roster
 - Journey to Excellence – Rick W.: There is no 4RD Unit Commissioner and Rick cannot be commissioner for his own unit. Next Roundtable meeting: Mar 14 (2nd Monday)
 - No Scout meetings Mar 21 nor 28 due to AA County Spring Break – Scoutmaster and Committee chair available for MBM pre-requisites or other Scout needs
 - Funding options – popcorn vs. dues, other opportunities – Note: did not address this at 29 Feb meeting, moved to next committee meeting
- General Committee Issues
 - Staffing – Succession, Changes, Expectations, etc.

- Who's up for a change? We have new parents and open positions.
- Upcoming Scouting Events:
 - Scouting for Food – drop-off/distribute bags Mar 5, pick-up Mar 12
 - Game Design workshop – Mar 6, Baltimore Robotics Center
 - Merit Badge Madness (MBM) - Apr 1-3, AACCS
 - BAC Volunteer Recognition Banquet – Apr 21, LaFontaine Bleu
 - STEM Day at Ft. Meade - Apr 23
 - Black & Decker Day – Apr 26 (Election Day, schools closed), Towson
 - Massing of Colors – Scouts participate? Sun, May 22, Ft. Meade
 - Memorial Day Flag Placement – Sat, May 28, Crownsville
 - District Awards Dinner - June 13, Michael's 8th Ave Glen Burnie
 - Cub Scout Day Camp - June 27-July 1 (same week as T918 summer camp)
- ❖ Future District Calendar Events:
 - Kinder Farm Park Festival – Scouts volunteer? Sat, Oct 8
 - Webelos Woodsmoke – Scouts volunteer? Oct 14-16, Downs Park
 - BS Camporee – Nov 11-13
 - Operation Clean Sweep – Nov 12, Brooklyn Park

Next Committee meeting: Mon, Apr 18, 2016