

## Troop 918 Committee Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2016

Executive Committee		Other Attendees	
	CC	Len M.	Rick W.
	COR	Gary B.	Gordon C.
	Treasurer	Greg W.	Paul S.
	OPC	Deb W. Maureen W.	John V.
	Secretary	Linda W.	Dani R.
	Advancement	Dave N.	Suresh J.
	Scoutmaster	Darren R.	Abram R.

- Secretary Report – Linda W.:
  - Minutes posted to Scoutlander
- Chartered Organization Representative Report – Gary B.:
  - Annual report for sponsor due; 7<sup>th</sup> year of Gary working on it – needs info on how many ranks achieved, advancements, number of Eagle scouts, etc.
  - Starting in fall – PRAY God & Country Award will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month
- Treasurer Report – Greg W.:
  - Several scouts still in arrears for summer camp; troop must make payment to Rodney by last week in April to get discount. Emails will be sent, several were cross-over scouts from Pack918 so some additional time allotted
  - Credit card ordered for Mike B for Philmont and Shakedown expenses
  - \$100 deposited at Scout shop for troop account
  - \$500 voted on last Committee meeting for computer projected purchase
- Advancement Report – Dave N.:
  - Two scoutmaster conferences tonight, two more need to finish one requirement each. 4 scouts will have Boards of Review on Apr 25; Gary B POC as Dave unavailable.
  - Merit Badge Madness recorded & uploaded into Scoutlander, and reports updated.
  - Troop got Journey to Excellence Gold, banner from unit
- Membership Report – Dave N.:
  - New adult application for Ian C., so he can apply for overseas scout job – needs to be sent to District Exec for approval
  - Troop may be getting a future 11-year old scout
- Outdoor Program Report – Deb W. & Maureen W.:
  - Battleship NJ event Sat Sep 24 – 14 scouts and 5 adults signed up; last call tonight
  - Last call for Gettysburg camping May 13-15 – only have 3 scouts and 3 adults signed up. Problems with transition to Scoutlander, or just so much going on? Cut-off for must be May 2 meeting, so grubmasters can plan
  - Summer Camp Rodney – Committee vote to pay for 3 full-time equivalent adults (\$300) for summer camp. 19 scouts signed up
  - Issue with Maple Tree and extra charges – VERY expensive! \$189 expected refund NOT happening
  - Ocotber camping will be 14-16 at Antietam; another \$97 payment due 30 days before
- SPL Report – Jeremy W.:

- Merit Badge Madness – good time had by all, even in rain. Four troop meetings held, one Maple Tree camping trip and one Philmont Shakedown Jeremy missed due to illness. Updated phone trees are needed for new scouts. Troop elections – secretary needs list of scouts and positions.
- Scoutmaster Report – Darren R.:
  - Maple Tree camping – no rain! Split the cabins differently: 1 cabin 4 brand new scouts & 5 gnomes, other cabin 2<sup>nd</sup> year scouts. Scouts executed patrol method – some work still needed on duty rosters, cooking and cleaning. Skills used on hike, including compass and orienteering
  - Trailer inventory in-progress.
  - Merit Badge Madness after action: wind and rain (of course); 2 tents collapsed, broke some poles – some scouts slept in gym. 5 partial merit badges outstanding.
  - Philmont on track – two new scouts went on Shakedown; Mike B coordinating flight reservations for them with rest of group?
- Webmaster Report – Deb W.:
  - still not getting responses in Scoutlander (SL). Can SL be used to generate phone trees? Jack W. – produce these by patrol, dump into Excel?
- Old Business
  - New trailer/old trailer – Rick W turned in tags for old trailer, should get back 25.50 credit. Donated to Pack918 at Elks Lodge – haven't had a trailer in months.
  - Permission slips – need new one for each event due to SL set-up. Event leads should have blank ones at departures to ensure all scouts have signed permission.
  - Friends of Scouting – Len is Troop POC
  - Staffing – Succession, Changes, Expectations, etc.
    - MBC roster - Ed K new merit badge counselor?
    - Transition rechartering from Dave N to ? Len? 1 Dec deadline for recharter this year
    - Advancement - ?
  - Shed punch list – step with concrete, painting, more shelves still outstanding. Move units from garage to shed?
  - Garage cleanout – continuing. Goal to have this done by end of May
  - Update troop handbook and by-laws
- New Business
  - Bateman Eagle Court of Honor May 7 - Dave N or Tom B pick-up Eagle award kit?
  - Donation for Scoutlander (SL) – Committee voted on \$50 donation to SL.
    - Encourage photos be uploaded for events – photo release is part of annual permission slip. Encourage troop historian to spread the word
  - Behavior issues – emphasize to parents bylaws & handbook procedures
  - Order of Arrow (OA) items have not been on SL calendar - Paul S. has added some
  - Unit volunteer recognition – District dinner 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of June, Len encourage nominations for 918 leadership
  - Committee voted \$25 for updating Eagle plaques at OSLC – Len M.
  - Youth Protection training – must be redone by 1 Oct online.
    - There is also online Troop Committee training that must be completed one time
  - Meeting night change next year? It has been Monday night for 20 years – conflicts with roundtable, district meetings, but OSLC sponsor problem for room reservation if night changed
  - Jamboree 2017 – if scouts want to go, be part of BSA Council contingent

- Upcoming Scouting Events:
  - 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
  - Scout Aviation Day – Apr 30
  - Support P918 Spring Camping – May 13-15
  - Scout night with Orioles – Sun May 14, and also Sun Sep 18
  - Massing of Colors – Scouts participate? Sun, May 22, Ft. Meade – Greg & Jeremy W POCs
  - Memorial Day Flag Placement – Sat, May 28, Crownsville
  - District Awards Dinner - June 13, Michael's 8<sup>th</sup> 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, May 16, 2016