

BSA TROOP 918 Committee Meeting Minutes – 17 Oct 2016

ATTENDEES:

Len M, Committee Chair	Gordon C
Gary B, Chartered Org Rep	Chris C
Greg W, Treasurer	Paul S
Maureen W, Secretary	

SECRETARY REPORT – MAUREEN W: Meeting minutes for 8/22/16 Committee Meeting were approved by the Executive Committee and were posted on Scoutlander.

CHARTERED ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – GARY B:

- Church parish administrator noted that we'd left an AC unit on; Gary determined it was another group using the room. We should still be vigilant about turning off lights and AC, locking doors, etc.
- Will request Jan 27-28th, 2017 for lock-in.

TREASURER REPORT – GREG W:

- The accounts summary was presented, reviewed, and accepted.
- Popcorn sales: Greg heading out of town. Any additional orders must be received by Greg by Monday, 10/24 at the very latest. The final order will be placed on that day.
- Greg noted that post-popcorn, we need to revisit registration fees versus dues quickly to support rechartering.
- In January a payment plan for summer camp will be available; need to determine if we want to charge the boys slightly more to offset the higher cost for adults attending camp (Horseshoe only, so far).
- Greg inquired about the status of PayPal. Len will check to see if Ted N would like to take this back over. It's convenient, but a little cumbersome to get funds moved to the bank account.

ADVANCEMENT REPORT – DAVE N: (Dave not present)

- A vigilant Fuller C made it through Tenderfoot & Second Class Boards of Review. Good job, Fuller! It was noted that Fuller didn't really know who a few of the board members were. We should work on familiarization in the future.
- Question brought up about why it took so long for Fuller to get his Boards of Review. Primary reason was flow of completion info from SM/ASMs to Dave over the summer. Hopefully, the new monthly BoR pattern will help resolve some of that.
- It was noted that it's ultimately the responsibility of the Scouts to keep up with merit badge progress and blue card handling, as well as general rank progress. This information is available on Scoutlander.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – DAVE N: (Dave not present)

- Len noted a couple of boys have dropped out, including Mike M and John La. Len will follow up with Scouts/families.
- Len is continuing to pursue rechartering information. Many registered Scouters still need a YPT refresh.

OUTDOOR PROGRAM REPORT – DEB W:

- See attached report.
- February camping trip dates need verification.
- Some camping trips need to be updated on Scoutlander. Len and Maureen will look at this.

SPL REPORT – JACK W:

- Calvert Cliffs:
 - Jack left early due to illness
 - Orienteering course
 - Many younger Scouts attended and not older Scouts; controlling younger Scouts was a challenge.
- Antietam:
 - Behavior was better but still an issue
 - Lack of communication occurred when Jack created patrols during Monday's meeting which SM Darren was unable to attend. The Troop ended up with two grubmasters in same Patrol. In the future an email will be sent by SPL to Mr. Darren to ensure everyone's on the same sheet of music.
 - Hike was good at Antietam; not as long as older Scouts would have liked because it was too much for the younger Scouts
 - Issue at monument/observation tower; at least one Scout was throwing stuff off the tower. Darren discussed/resolved this with the Troop at the campout.
 - Scouts' Own Service was held at Burnside Ridge, led by Mr. Newell. There was a question about why a Chaplain's Aid didn't lead it. SPL to determine who the CA is.
 - A late Scout addition to trip caused some confusion.
 - Cleanup after breakfast continued until 11:30am or so. Need to work on mealtime efficiency.
- At the last PLC, the Scouts created a process for reports. Scouts will now email that the Scribe, SPL & ASPL their monthly reports and put into document on Google email. Everything will then be ready for Scribe at next PLC.
- Committee inquired if there is anything they can do to help with behavior issues. Conflict Resolution training? Jack will let us know if unacceptable behaviors continue. Older Scouts should have fun too, not just spend their time trying to reign in younger Scouts. The committee concurred.
- Board suggested reinforcing recitation of the Oath and Law so it's not a challenge at BoRs. One step - make sure everyone is participating in the Oath and Law at meeting openings.

SCOUTMASTER REPORT – DARREN R:

- Antietam
 - Overall a good campout this weekend at Antietam.
 - Slow start on Saturday trying to get breakfast going. Dinner went well.
 - First year Scouts did well with one issue; learning moment with whole Troop.
 - Sean Harrington advanced at campfire which was nice and they will continue to do. Campfire program was good.
 - Need to get flagpole for flag ceremonies. Multi piece flagpole will be looked into. Lashings would work, too.
- The last PLC meeting selected date for lock-in as Jan 28-29th, 2017. Dates were debated but due to two Monday holidays the Troop will stick with Jan 28-29 and extend into the afternoon on Saturday. 5pm Friday – 4pm Saturday three hours of MB instruction Friday night, Saturday morning & part of Saturday afternoon.

- Having Scouts choose Merit Badges hasn't worked out; new thought is to poll adults for what they could teach and have Scouts choose from list. Assume 3-, 6- or 9-hour blocks durations; counselors to provide prerequisites. Recommend have a parent be an organizer of this, including age restrictions, number of Scouts, etc. Would need to find Merit Badge Counselor to oversee even if they weren't doing the training. Ed Knox nominated to be the coordinator. Seconded by several people. (Ed not there to defend himself. 😊)
- Adult discussion about the younger scouts needing cooking experience; older scouts need to get some mentoring by maybe cooking for adults where they can plan more elaborate menu. This will allow three Scouts to cook during each meal instead of two.
- Scouting for Food badges will be given out by Darren, who has a list.

CALENDAR REVIEW:

- Troop
 - No meeting October 31, 2016 – Halloween
 - No meeting on Nov 21, 2016 – Thanksgiving week and church is full
 - Next Troop Committee meeting should be Nov 21, 2016 but there is no Troop meeting that night; we will determine need or re-location ASAP.
 - BoRs to continue on 3rd Mondays. Next should be Nov. 21; we will determine need or re-location early November.
 - 4R Camporee – Postponed/participation TBD

WEBMASTER REPORT – LEN M:

- Len is working on updating the website. Maureen assists on occasion.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Behavior issues
 - Ideas/Actions Planned: Ask Parents (?) for ideas on triggers to cease negative behaviors.
- Staffing
 - Webwrangler needed, but not critical
 - Medical Record Keeper (MRK) = Dani Rodriguez is taking health form books from John Vernon; will also keep Swim Test acknowledgements
 - Ed Knox & Brent Stees will register as ASMs
 - Chip Bulgin will become a Committee Member (?)
 - Tom Bateman & Johan Van de M will become Committee Members and no longer ASMs
- Computer projector – was purchased

NEW BUSINESS:

- Adult Leader Meetings – now scheduled for 3rd Wednesdays at OSLC.
- Scoutbook – Nothing to report.
- Paul S expressed concern that the Committee Chair was inserting himself into activities that were the normally the purview of the SM/ASM, for example, long-term/APLC planning with Scouts. Len acknowledged; the participation was to temporarily bolster the SM given his challenging work schedule.
- In accordance with the by-laws, the Exec Committee met to lay the groundwork for 2017 leadership. Step one was to determine if current CC and SM are willing to stay in those positions. Len agreed to continue as CC. Prior

to the meeting, Darren expressed his willingness to stay on as Scoutmaster to Len, but also said if someone else is available to step up that would also be agreeable. Len discussed this option with Mike Binnix who expressed his willingness to step up as Scoutmaster in 2017. Darren will become ASM. The committee voted unanimously on the following slate for 2017. Any changes or additions would be vetted with the Exec Committee.

- **2017 Leadership**

- Chair: Len M
- OPC: Deb W
- Secretary: Maureen W
- Treasurer: Greg W
- Advancement: Dave N
- Scoutmaster: Mike B
- ASMs: Roe, Stees, Gleason, Knox, Chamberlin

September-October 2016
Outdoor Program Coordinators Report

September Calvert Cliffs, September 23-25, 2016

In lieu of the cancelled USS New Jersey trip, 16 Scouts and 8 adults camped at the Calvert Cliffs youth campground for hiking, cooking, wildlife watching and fossil hunting on the beach.

October Antietam, October 14-16 2016

Camped at Rohrbach youth campground, site 1. Approximately 12 Scouts and 5 adults attended.

November Camporee 2016 at Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds, November 11-13, 2016

Rescheduled for March 17-19, 2017.

November Tuckahoe State Park, November 11-13, 2016

Camping at Youth Group Area 1 confirmed.

December Broad Creek Cabin Camping, December 2-4, 2016

Paid in full for Conowingo Cabin (18 bunk beds, wood stove, kitchen with gas oven/stove, sink, refrigerator. Tent camping for up to 40.)

January 2017
January 27-28th)

Our Shepherd Lutheran Church. Lock-In ~~January 20, 2017.~~ *(Changed to*
Confirmed with the church for one night.

February 2017

Yurt camping at Camp Henson, ~~February 17-19, 2017,~~ TBC *(should this be*
February 24-26?)

March 2017

Patuxent Research Refuge – North Tract for Camping,
March 24-26, 2017, TBC

Merit Badge Madness TBD will be only a day experience – no camping

Four Rivers Camporee at Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds
March 17-19

April 2017

Deep Creek Lake – Swallow Falls Tent Camping April 21-23, 2017
Confirmed camping at Swallow Falls Youth Camp Site #1 (25 campers)

May 2017

Camp Dancing Bear (Hereford, MD) Tent camping, May 19-21, 2017, TBC

July 2-8, 2017 Summer Camp at Horseshoe.

We are confirmed for Camp Horseshoe. They will send 'next step' info out mid-December to early January. (Thank you Maureen Whittington & Ed Knox!)

Summer 2017 50 mile canoe trip Tentative dates, July 28-31 or August 4-7

Annual Patrol Leaders Council (APLC) All to be determined

September 2017 Calvert Cliffs – Should we talk to the boys about another selection since we visited Calvert Cliffs in September 2016

October 2017 Catocin National Park

November 2017 Camporee

December 2017 Assateague State Park (cold weather camping & surf fishing)

January 2018 Lock-In