

BSA TROOP 918 Committee Meeting Minutes – 28 Nov 2016

ATTENDEES:

Len M, Committee Chair
Greg W, Treasurer
Maureen W, Secretary
Gordon C

Paul S
Chip B
Brent S
Dave N

SECRETARY REPORT – MAUREEN W: Meeting minutes for 10/17/16 Committee Meeting were approved by the Executive Committee and were posted on Scoutlander.

CHARTERED ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – GARY B:

- Stephen was here in Navy duds! However, he and Gary had to leave so none of us got to see him ☹

TREASURER REPORT – GREG W:

- The accounts summary was presented, reviewed, and accepted. Greg will forward to Maureen.

Bank Account Balance: \$5786.77

Scout Accounts: \$2480 - \$167

Balance: \$3306.77+130 pending deposit

- Popcorn:
 - Popcorn sales are closed & popcorn has been distributed;
 - Scouts will be levied additional dues if they did not sell popcorn or did not sell \$250. Additional dues will be pro-rated. This was agreed to last summer to ensure the troop finance stability.
 - Final sales tally was approximately \$4615, about the same as last year;
 - Top seller \$487 (John G) & \$395 (Jeremy W);
 - Held three Show and Sell for about \$1125 in sales. Next year will coordinate with another Troop for Safeway. Show and Sales should be scheduled early, May/June timeframe;
 - Redmonds intend on taking over Popcorn kernel duties; we should meet in January 2017 to make a popcorn sales plan for next year
- Troop has the funds to pay recharter fees even though some Scouts still owe fees;
- Greg will be contacting parents individually re: squaring up Scout accounts before the end of the year. Besides popcorn sales, there is 2017 registration fees, Boys Life (where applicable) and 2017 regular troop dues.
 - Len will provide roster and Boys Life subscriptions list to Greg
- Len is checking with Ted N to re: PayPal management. We need it, but it's been cumbersome to manage.
- Troop agreed to fund up to \$100 for pizza for Blastcar Derby;
- Discussion regarding Summer Camp payments:
 - \$180/adult;
 - \$390/Scout;

- Len recommends a formula for ongoing years;
- Payment plan starts in January. Need to determine if we want to charge the Scouts slightly more to offset the high cost of the adults going OR if the Troop should accommodate a certain number of adults going. Maureen will get some info together to present in January.

ADVANCEMENT REPORT – DAVE N: (Dave not present)

- Four Boards of Review were held;
- Scoutmaster conferences were held;
- Eagle Board of Review will be held Wed, 11/30 for Alec V.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – DAVE N: (Dave not present)

- Roster ready to send in, needs sign off by Church rep who is out of town and will be returning this weekend; (subsequently completed)
- We achieved gold level for Journey of Excellence for 2016.

OUTDOOR PROGRAM REPORT – DEB W: (Deb not present)

- See attached report;
- Correction: Lock-in is January 27, 2017;
- Len to check with Patuxent Research Refuge in person re: March 24-26, 2017 camping.
- Some consideration should be given as to whether we can accommodate a mid-week canoe trip next August instead of a weekend. Cost will be significantly cheaper; Mike Binnix will survey the parents.
- Paul expressed concern about camping trip dates and how they are scattered (week-wise) over different months. Mike B noted that he doesn't have a problem changing the date of a camping trip a few months out as long as the site location can be changed and it works out better for those involved. Paul suggested we – in addition to working around school calendars - vet final reservation dates with the SM, which we will aspire to do.

SPL REPORT – JACK W:

- Past Months' Activities:
 - One camping trip since last meeting;
 - Meeting with Mr. Dowling; would like to do that again.
- Upcoming Activities:
 - Blastcar/Xmas Party is coming up on 12/12/16;
 - PLC voted to participate in the Jan. 21 Klondike Derby, running a station;
 - For the PLC: do Scouts want to select another location for September 2017 since they just went to Calvert Cliffs (based on Battleship New Jersey falling through)?

SCOUTMASTER REPORT – MIKE B (stepped in for Darren R, not present):

- Mike B will be starting officially as SM in January; expressed gratitude for our confidence in him.

- Mike is looking for ideas to inspire better attendance. Turnouts for camping are low. Positive experience at Tuckahoe, made games/contests between Patrols which helped. Emphasized Patrol Method. Some acting out but less frequent than before;
- For upcoming weekend, nine scouts signed up. They decided to have one Patrol, one menu, divide labor. Plan is to form Scouts into two-man teams and work on individual skill building. Winter camping patch at Broad Creek available; Mike will look into;
- Four Star Scouts attending this weekend, plus SPL.
- Mike recommended the Troop could use a third EZ-Up/Canopy for camping;
- Mike could use help in inspiring parent participation; we didn't have enough initially for this campout;
- Need to inspire different parents to come so it's not always the same adults;
- Overall trends are positive and he feels like things are going in the right direction;
- Push for rank advancement which is inspiring the younger kids; also need high schoolers to express more interest;
- Question for seasoned scouters: experience with 18-24 year old volunteers? Alumni of Troop in the area that might be interested in helping, particularly with camping trips;
 - Paul noted some have a problem coming back in an adult role and might be difficult to make that change;
 - Mike noted that even if we could get one or two it would be worthwhile;
 - Former Scouts might need to register, complete Youth Protection, Medical A&B, etc.; Len will find out what's required.
 - Expectations would need to be made clear, but it may be helpful to have this additional level between parents and Scouts;
 - Len going to check with recent/former Eagle Scouts to determine interest.

CALENDAR REVIEW:

- BoRs to continue on 3rd Mondays; this is working well; next round on December 19 (Len verified that the church is available)
- Do the Scouts want to select another location for September 2017 since they just went to Calvert Cliffs (based on Battleship New Jersey falling through);
- Blastcar Derby & Pizza (replaces Cici's Pizza Christmas Party): 12/12/16;
- Troop Committee Meeting, 12/19/16
- Klondike Derby: 1/21/17;
- Lock-in confirmed for 1/27/17;
- Winter Court of Honor: 1/30/17.

WEBMASTER REPORT – LEN M:

- One Scout mentioned during his Board of Review he'd like to see more updated information on the website (his example was "How To Get A Blue Card" since information on the site varied a bit from how it was explained to him);
- The Committee agreed to NOT renew domain name BSATROOP918.ORG since we are no longer using it.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Behavior issues
 - Ideas/actions planned;
 - Get parental inputs for individual boys;
 - Follow handbook section on disciplinary actions;
 - Mike B has started letting the Scouts know when they are not earning Scout Spirit credit because of their behavior.
 - Conflict resolution training/guidance.
- Staffing
 - Webwrangler needed, but not critical.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Scoutbook: Dave to present options at January meeting
- Accommodating SM/SPL better at Committee Meetings: it was agreed that we can't accommodate except during the meeting, but they can come in individually at a time that works for them. When they arrive, topic will change immediately to them so they can get back as quickly as possible.
- Include SPL on Troop Committee meeting minutes review.

November 2016
Outdoor Program Coordinators Report

November 2016 Tuckahoe State Park, November 11-13, 2016

Camping at Youth Group Area 1 confirmed. Ten Scouts and 4 adults attended.

December 2016 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 Our Shepherd Lutheran Church. Lock-In January 27, 2017.

Confirmed with the church for one night.

February 2017 Yurt camping at Camp Henson, February 3-5, 2017 (*Note date change*)

Yurt village confirmed (capacity of 32).

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

Weird update. The envelope with our application was marked "Return to Sender." (This, of course, took months to unfold!) I called and was told that I had the correct address but that they sometimes have trouble with the US Mail (they get Fed Ex and UPS!). Anyway, assistant provided me with the email of Jeff Bolden who coordinates the Scouting campers. She does not believe he has any other requests for that weekend. I emailed him and am awaiting confirmation.

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

**Four Rivers Camporee at Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds
March 17-19, 2017**

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

Confirmed with Mr. Al Henneman. Sending \$100 deposit, and will contact Baltimore Council regarding insurance requirement.

July 2017 Summer Camp at Horseshoe, July 2-8, 2017

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

Have begun exploration of options. *One initial question is would adults be willing to move to middle of the week?* Rates are considerably better for youth groups seeking a 3-day canoe trip on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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 Catoctin National Park

November 2017 Camporee

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

January 2018 Lock-In

2017 Roster

Name	2016 Position	2017 Position
Thomas Thirlkel Bateman	Assistant Scoutmaster	Committee Member
Michael Kenneth Binnix	Assistant Scoutmaster	Scoutmaster
Lloyd Hill Gleason	Assistant Scoutmaster	Assistant Scoutmaster
Johan Vandemeulebroecke	Assistant Scoutmaster	Committee Member
Gary Gene Bishop	Chartered Organization Rep.	Chartered Organization Rep.
Ralph Leonard Morgan Jr	Committee Chairman	Committee Chairman
Gary Gene Bishop	Committee Member	Committee Member
Chip Bulgin	(none)	Assistant Scoutmaster
John Christop Chamberlin	Committee Member	Assistant Scoutmaster
Gordon Dean Clement	Committee Member	Committee Member
Gerard Gething	Committee Member	Committee Member
Patricia Ann Gething	Committee Member	Committee Member
Aaron Keel	Committee Member	Committee Member
Sherman Edward Knox	Committee Member	Assistant Scoutmaster
Brian P Mayers	Committee Member	DROPPED
Lisa Rose Mayers	Committee Member	DROPPED
Ralph Leonard Morgan Jr	Committee Member	Committee Member
Edwin Shavak Nanavati	Committee Member	Committee Member
David Eugene Newell	Committee Member	Committee Member
James Richard Ohler	Committee Member	Committee Member
Danette Rodriguez	(none)	Committee Member
Paul Shollenberger Sr	Committee Member	Committee Member
Robert Lee Shult	Committee Member	DROPPED/MOVED
Walter John Vernon	Committee Member	Committee Member
Greg Gene Weight	Committee Member	Committee Member
Linda Lyons Weight	Committee Member	Committee Member
Maureen Maynes Whittington	Committee Member	Committee Member
Timothy Andrew Whittington	Committee Member	Committee Member
Richard Allen Wiles Sr	Committee Member	Committee Member
Debra Williams Wood	Committee Member	Committee Member
Jonathan Brooks Wood	Committee Member	Committee Member
Mark Andrew Smith	Executive Officer	Executive Officer
David Eugene Newell	Key 3 Delegate	Key 3 Delegate
Ralph Leonard Morgan Jr	Registration Inquiry	Registration Inquiry
Darren C Roe	Scoutmaster	Assistant Scoutmaster
David Eugene Newell	Unit Membership Chairman	Unit Membership Chairman
Richard Allen Wiles Sr	Unit Training Chair	Unit Training Chair
Matthew S Bateman	Youth Member	Youth Member
Michael Thomas Bateman	Youth Member	DROPPED/AGE
Erik Norris Binnix	Youth Member	Youth Member
Zachary Binnix	Youth Member	Youth Member
Garrett Bulgin	Youth Member	Youth Member
Ian W Chamberlin	Youth Member	DROPPED/AGE

Christopher Chapman	Youth Member	DROPPED
David E Clement	Youth Member	Youth Member
Matthew Clement	Youth Member	Youth Member
James Paul Dean	Youth Member	Youth Member
Darius Eggleston	Youth Member	Youth Member
Joshua Jeffrey Garza	Youth Member	Youth Member
John Gething	Youth Member	Youth Member
Andrew Gleason	Youth Member	Youth Member
Lennon Groves	Youth Member	Youth Member
Sean Joseph Harrington	Youth Member	Youth Member
Adam Hoffensetz	Youth Member	Youth Member
Jacob Zachary John	Youth Member	Youth Member
Michael Kaub	Youth Member	Youth Member
Griffin Robert Keel	Youth Member	Youth Member
Tyler Knox	Youth Member	Youth Member
Zachary Edward Knox	Youth Member	Youth Member
Collin Kubista	Youth Member	Youth Member
John Lapati	Youth Member	DROPPED
Michael Mayers	Youth Member	DROPPED
Calder Nanavati	Youth Member	Youth Member
Joshua Ohler	Youth Member	Youth Member
Darek Redmond	Youth Member	Youth Member
Ethan Andre Rodriguez	Youth Member	Youth Member
Issac Weston Roe	Youth Member	Youth Member
Ryan Edward Schult	Youth Member	DROPPED/MOVED
Colin Stees	Youth Member	Youth Member
Alec Johan Van de Meulebroecke	Youth Member	Aged Out?
Nathan J Vandemeulebroecke	Youth Member	Youth Member
Andrew John Vernon	Youth Member	DROPPED/AGE
Jeremy Douglas Weight	Youth Member	Youth Member
Jack M Whittington	Youth Member	Youth Member
Samuel B Wood	Youth Member	Youth Member
Zachary E Young	Youth Member	Youth Member
Richard Allen Wiles Sr	Youth Protection Champion	Youth Protection Champion