

BSA Troop 918 Committee Meeting Agenda – 28 August 2017

Deb W.
Gordon C
Gary B.

Paul S
Len M
Aaron K

SECRETARY REPORT – Meeting minutes for 06/19/17 Committee Meeting were approved by the Executive Committee and posted on Troop 918 website under Committee tab.

CHARTERED ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – GARY B.

- Church property manager very pleased with the bike rack added by David C.'s Eagle project.

TREASURER REPORT – No treasurer's report – Greg W. on vacation.

- Robin and Tony R are new popcorn kernels (or is it Colonels?) The flyer was handed out tonight to the boys. Several sale dates will be announced shortly.
- Aaron K submitted a receipt for reimbursement for hand trucks. Greg to square up with Aaron ASAP.

ADVANCEMENT REPORT – LEN M

- Len reported that Zack K. advanced to Life Scout this evening. Congratulations!
- Rechartering is coming up – as well as the annual Youth Protection Policy renewal.

OUTDOOR PROGRAM REPORT – DEB W.

- See attached copy of OPC Report.

SPL REPORT – Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, SAM W.

- Jack W. is on vacation, so Sam W reported.
- July 24 had a final canoe trip meeting. July 31 meeting discussed backpacking skills and Citizenship in the Community for those who need that Merit Badge. August 3-7 50 mile canoe trip. Great trip! Six Scouts, 2 leaders, and 2 ground crew. August 14, roses and thorns meeting about the canoe trip.
- August 16 PLC discussed the Electronic policy, and planned a 5 mile hike on September 11 instead of a meeting.
- The Court of Honor and dinner will be on September 18.
- Elections will be on September 25.
- August 19, was David C's Eagle Project. On August 25, was Colin K's Eagle Project.
- Groups of Scouts at the next several meetings are presenting information on possible summer camps for 2018.

SCOUTMASTER REPORT – MIKE B.

- Mike discussed the pros/cons of the 2017 Summer camp experience at Horseshoe. Must have 4 at an absolute minimum of adult leaders – 5 full-time helpers would be better. Pros: consistent food, camp communication improved over the course of the week, merit badges good. Cons: the marching wasn't consistently liked by all Scouts. End of September should have a decision about next summer's summer camp.

- Canoe trip a great success. Three days of good weather; 1 day horrendous. Shakedown was very helpful. In the future, would suggest allowing younger Scouts to attend – if they participate in the shakedown. A critical part of the planning. As the week went along, a team attitude developed. Very good to see. Holes in duty roster were filled, and the meals were top-notch. Cooperation made the meals possible. Such a canoe trip is probably supportable bi-annually, but not annually.
- Deb W is coordinating September Court of Honor/Dinner. Deb proposed that guests contribute \$5.00 per person and be asked to contribute a dessert or salad. Troop will provide table coverings, paper products and beverages. (The committee approved \$50 expenditure towards those items.)
- Electronic use policy is based on practicality. Don't want devices to take away from an event or troop meeting, but they can be helpful.
- Both recent Eagle projects were completed. Colin K's project was less well attended for a couple of reasons – date was changed, date was in August, location a bit further away, and Colin is not as well known to the younger Scouts.

CALENDAR REVIEW – (All)

- Aaron K said he would lead a group to a September 5th Anne Arundel County Council meeting if there is interest. Would leave from the church parking lot at 6:30.
- No Troop meeting next week. Happy Labor Day!
- September 18 Court of Honor and Dinner. Will ask folks to bring their dishes at 6:15 so dinner can start promptly at 6:30
- Need adult sign-ups for fall/winter activities. Deb W to bring big white board for signups at the 9/18 dinner.

WEBMATTERS – LEN/MAUREEN

OLD BUSINESS

- Staffing – Succession for Treasurer, OPC, Sec'y; Assistance for Advancement (Len) (not discussed)
- Getting "graduated" Scouts to return/help (not discussed)
- Flag Retirement ceremonies. Need was reiterated. Len offered to take some of the flags to Woodsmoke for retirement there.

NEW BUSINESS

- Eagle Scout Coaches and Mentors (review by 3 people, Coach, Scoutmaster & Beneficiary)
- Life to Eagle Seminar
- Merit Badges