

# BSA Troop 918 Committee Meeting Agenda – 23 Jan 2017

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## ATTENDEES:

Len Morgan  
Maureen Whittington  
Greg Weight  
Gary Bishop

Deb Wood  
Mike Binnix  
Robin Redmond  
Paul Shollenberger

**SECRETARY REPORT – MAUREEN W:** Meeting minutes for 12/19/16 Committee Meeting were approved by the Executive Committee and posted on Scoutlander.

## CHARTERED ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – GARY B.

- Lock-in this weekend. Unfortunately the OSLC Red Cross Blood Drive is Saturday morning at 8am. Has been discussed with Mike B. Troop will have to adjust. Scouts can help set up and then can work in other rooms. Concern was expressed about how this happened and how to avoid in future.

## TREASURER REPORT – GREG W.

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

Bank Account Balance:	\$4806.48
Scout Accounts:	\$1684.00
Balance:	\$3122.48 (no checks outstanding)

- Greg handing out slips to parents of Scouts in arrears. E-mails will also be sent to the parents.
- Payment plan for summer camp is on website & in OPC report.

## ADVANCEMENT REPORT – DAVE N.

- Dave N unable to attend; Len filled in with following info:
  - Two Boards of Review completed tonight – Clement and Roe.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT – DAVE N.

- Dave N unable to attend; Len filled in with the following information:
  - Nothing back from Pack 918; Len will follow up.
  - Scouts and parents from Pack 994 & Pack 855 visited tonight. Len to follow up with them by e-mail.

## OUTDOOR PROGRAM REPORT – DEB W.

- Most of OPC report was covered during Parents' Info Meeting with visiting Packs 994 & 855.

- MBM registration is being handled by Ed Knox; being discussed tonight.
  - Boys pay \$15 (actual cost of MBM);
  - Recommend two adults should attend for general oversight; TBD if they should pay or if the troop will cover that cost.
    - Friday night check-in for all Scouts needs to be covered by adult (verifying correctly registered, etc.);
    - Adult coverage also needed for Sunday if one or more Scout(s) has a Sunday class.
    - If an adult attends on Sunday it's recommended they pick up blue cards (if not, they will be handed out during Roundtable);
  - No Troop transportation will be provided
- Monthly camping trip in September is open; Mike is discussing options with Scouts.

#### **SPL REPORT – JACK W.**

- Jack was busy with visiting Scouts and didn't get a chance to stop in Committee Meeting.

#### **SCOUTMASTER REPORT – MIKE B.**

- Mike inquired if pizza & breakfast cost would be covered by Troop this weekend. Committee agreed unanimously to cover \$100 expenses.
- Breakfast for Saturday morning will be done very early because of Blood Drive;
- The Binnix Bus will no longer be available in the near future. Parents will be needed to cover driving, plus a truck to pull the trailer (4-prong adapter needed, also requires a V8 engine).
  - (THANK YOU, Binnix family, for the use of the bus to date!)
  - Len to mention at Court of Honor

#### **CALENDAR REVIEW**

- February BoRs/Comm Mtg on 27<sup>th</sup>? No troop meetings on the 20<sup>th</sup> due to the Presidents Day holiday. Len to resolve.

#### **WEBMASTER REPORT – LEN**

- Need to find a way to get a Scout Webmaster involved (in general).

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Staffing
- Webwrangler needed, but not critical

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Scoutbook: Dave still evaluating.
  - If we decide to use, Dave hopes to implement in summer.

- Recommendations made that there be several months with both systems active: updates can be made on new system, but do not lose access to TroopMaster in the meantime (i.e., do not wait for renewal point of TroopMaster, better to have full access when making this transition);
- Librarian position
  - Who is the Librarian? MB books are taking up space in Whittington house.
  - If there is no Librarian, books should go to ASPL, Sam W (sorry, Deb);
- Summer Camp t-shirt design – need an adult to cover; Robin R may be interested. Maureen will send her info;
- High Adventure Trip Planning:
  - Len has a call in to Council to check on being Council contingent;
  - Greg W recommends we enter lottery on one or more of the high adventure trips; no cost is associated and there is no commitment;
- Len has spoken to Dani Rodriguez about updating medical forms. (Dani agreed to become the Medical Records Keeper);
  - Will be mentioned at CoH
- Camp Cards—discussion deferred. Need to speak to parents;
- Snacks for Court of Honor:
  - Jill Bulgin and Tivy Binnix have agreed to coordinate refreshments.

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Outdoor Program Coordinators Report

**January 2017**            **Our Shepherd Lutheran Church. Lock-In January 27, 2017.**  
Confirmed with the church for one night. Finish by noon on Saturday.

**February 2017**            **Yurt camping at Camp Henson, February 3-5, 2017**  
Yurt village confirmed (capacity of 32). Focus on Dutch oven cooking, etc.

**March 2017**            **Patuxent Research Refuge – North Tract for Camping,  
March 24-26, 2017,**  
Have received confirmation from Jeff Bolden coordinator for the Patuxent Research Refuge North Tract. (If the Troop decides not to attend, need to contact him ASAP.)

**Merit Badge Madness TBD will be only a day experience – no camping**  
Darren Roe coordinating registration once merit badge offerings are made known.

**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). Mike Binnix coordinator/camp leader.

**May 2017**            **Camp Dancing Bear (Hereford, MD) Tent camping, May 19-21, 2017**  
Confirmed with Mr. Al Henneman. (Contacted Baltimore Council regarding insurance requirement. Hold request for “Request for Certificate of Insurance” until after March 1, beginning of new BSA insurance year.) Boys will be tubing on the Gunpowder. Darren Roe coordinator/camp leader.

**May 2017**            **Antietam Creek Canoe, Saturday, May 13, 2017 (tentative)**  
Skill proficiency instruction towards Canoeing Merit Badge in preparation for the 50 mile canoe trip on the Potomac. (location to be confirmed)

**June 2017**            **Canoe Shake-down Trip, June 17, 2017 (tentative)**

**July 2017**            **Summer Camp at Horseshoe, Chester County, PA, July 2-8, 2017**

We are confirmed for Camp Horseshoe.

TOTAL COST FOR SCOUTS: \$410 if paid in full by 5/1/17 (Troop 918 t-shirt included in cost).  
Schedule for payments is: Feb 13th = \$105 (includes \$50 non-refundable deposit), Mar 13th = \$105, April 17th = \$100, May 15th = \$100

TOTAL COST FOR ADULTS: \$100 if paid in full by 5/1/17 (Troop 918 t-shirt NOT included in this cost). Weeks can be split with other adults, let us know if you prefer a half week by marking in the NOTES section of sign up. Schedule for payments: Feb 13th = \$50 (non-refundable deposit), April 15th = \$50, (Thank you Maureen Whittington & Ed Knox for taking care of this!) Camp website is: <http://cccbsa.org/boy-scout-camp-horseshoe>)

**August 2017**                      **50 mile canoe trip -- August 3 (Thursday evening)- August 7 (Monday evening) (more details, including cost, to follow)**

**Annual Patrol Leaders Council (APLC) All to be determined**

**September 2017**                      **Location tbd because of earlier Calvert Cliffs trip in September 2016**

**October 2017**                      **Catoctin National Park, Poplar Grove Youth Group Campground, October 13-15, 2017**  
Confirmed tent camping for 20.

**November 2017**                      **Camporee (tbd)**

**December 2017**                      **Assateague State Park (cold weather camping & surf fishing)**  
Assateague State Park is closed from end of October to end of April each year.  
**Assateague Island National Seashore** is open for camping, but cannot request reservations until **June 8, 2017** (Group site 3, tent camping for 25)

**January 2018**                      **Lock-In**