

BSA Troop 918 Committee Meeting Agenda – 20 March 2017

Roy P, Unit Commissioner
Len M, Chair
Greg W, Treasurer
Gary B, COR

Dani R, Record-keeper
Rick W, Committee Member
Maureen W, Secretary
Dave N, Advancement & Membership

UNIT COMMISSIONER – ROY PINTO:

Roy introduced himself and let us know that he provides info from Commissioner Meetings to Scoutmaster & Committee Chair. Noted that Rick and Dave have been helping Roy with providing info to Troop. He can answer policy questions and make detailed assessment of unit as needed. He's interested in finding out how the Troop is running.

SECRETARY REPORT – MAUREEN W: Meeting minutes for 2/27/16 Committee Meeting were approved by the Executive Committee and have been posted on Scoutlander.

CHARTERED ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – GARY B.

- Church received information about Massing of the Colors coming up Sunday, May 21st. Will pass information on to Mike B; Greg W noted that Troop 918 needs to send a minimum of two Scouts, and they need to be in full field uniform to march in the procession.
- Stephen B. & Ryan M. coming back to visit in uniform and speak to Troop on 4/24/17.
- Gary reported that next week will be second check-in for three month merit badges. When they are closer to completion the Scouts will need to run a mile. Of the 19 boys taking part in this, 18 boys showed up with info filled out last month. Gary will send out a Scoutlander reminder about next week's check-in.

TREASURER REPORT – GREG W.

Bank Account Balance	7556.80	
Scout Accounts	909.00	
Summer Camp Deposits	3020.00	(1150 deposit)
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Balance	3627.80	

- Treasurer's Report provided
- Greg trying to catch up with Scouts in arrears.
 - Len questioned how long we should let them go in arrears and whether we should hold up advancements or prevent them from attending camping trips;
 - Roy was unsure of what happens in other troops;
 - Maureen suggested if it was \$30 and they were relatively active we shouldn't be too worried. Perhaps it needs to be a dollar amount that kicks in;
 - Maureen noted that PayPal is now inactive which some families were using;
 - Len noted families should ask for financial help if they need it;
 - Greg was confident that it was a minor issue and will keep working to get balances positive;
 - More discussion and/or research needed.

ADVANCEMENT REPORT – DAVE N.

- Len noted there were no BOR today.
- Dave was not present initially as he was demonstrating the use of Scoutbook to the Scouts at meeting;
- Greg noted that he went through all partial blue cards. All are logged in Scoutbook. If they were entered on Troopmaster, those have been transferred to Scoutbook. Electronic Troopmaster records of partials are acceptable.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – DAVE N.

- New Scouts: Johnny Reed has registered. Darion & Keegan are potential new Scouts, but have not submitted registration paperwork.
- Roy questioned if new and younger Scouts seem less reverent than they have been in the past. He noted that some boys do not seem to be going to church.
 - Len hasn't seen a pattern reflecting this.
 - It was noted that there is no church program (e.g., Scout Sunday) for Scouts at OSLC.
 - It was also noted that Scouts can be reverent without being churchgoing. There may be personal reasons that some families do not belong to churches.

OUTDOOR PROGRAM REPORT – DEB W.

- Deb unable to attend but provided a thorough OPC Report, hand-delivered by her husband, Jon.
- March OPC report attached.
- MBM adults: Tim, Mike B and Darren R are attending to coordinate our Scouts' participation; Paul is going to check everyone in on Friday night. Boys must manage their own transportation both ways. Some Scouts will finish earlier, other not, so either Scouts need to be prepared to wait for a ride, or parents need to be ready for pickup earlier than expected.

SUMMER CAMP PREP – (ALL)

- Registration Status: Maureen ready to send in deposit for 17 Scouts & 4 Adults.; Aaron K not sure son is going to attend; Greg noted that we are waiting on deposit for Sean H.
- We can either order custom summer Camp T-shirt design (Redmond coordinating) or order Horseshoe shirts with troop identification (\$15). The option will be presented to the PLC.

SPL REPORT – JACK W.

- On March 4th and 11th the Troop participated in Scouting for Food
 - There was some confusion on pickup time starting at 9 or 10am (Scoutlander noted 9am, note on bags said 10am);
 - 9 Scouts participated on distribution day;
 - 7 Scouts participated on pickup day and picked up 34 bags of food. Bags turned in to SPAN.
- Camporee day trip was on 3/18. Camporee was a lot of fun but there was not a great turnout. Theme was Heroes – there were police, armored trucks, etc. Six T918 Scouts attended.
- March 12th is John G's Eagle project. Jack was unable to participate and had no information on the project.
- Patuxent Research Refuge hiking and trail cooking is the weekend of 3/24-26.
- Merit Badge Madness on April 1. Jack noted that the Troop is not providing transportation.
- In April, after Spring Break, is Swallow Falls SP camping;
 - Jack W, Sam W & Zach B will be at NYLT and unable to attend.
- Massing of Colors: Jack said he would let the Troop know about this event.

- T-shirt will be discussed at PLC meeting.

SCOUTMASTER REPORT – MIKE B.

- Mike noted that he is pushing to reinforce the Patrol Method;
 - Instituted Patrol seating assignments. Meetings start with a written agenda including names of those responsible for presentations that evening;
 - Parents have been notified if Scouts have misbehaved; Mike will continue to do that. Parents have all been agreeable so far;
 - Formalizing the idea of the Honor Patrol;
 - Will be recognized at the end of weekly meetings, month end and during events;
 - Mike noted he may need some funds to provide a small reward, noting that he does not want to generally be rewarding the Scouts but just to get things started. PLC is supportive of this.
- Mike working on NYLT training pre-requisite training (IYLT). Older scouts need help with EDGE method.
- Scoutbook will be a huge help in keeping track of Advancement. Mike expressed his thanks to Dave N for all his work in getting this going.
- Patuxent Wildlife Refuge Camping Weekend;
 - Len and Mike discussed what the Scouters will have for dinner at Patuxent. Leaving for Patuxent at 5:30pm;
 - Mike noted that any petty cash over \$100 is returned to Greg;
 - Key to gate provided. Everyone must sign Patuxent permission form waiver.
- It was requested that we get a screen to go with projector.
- Mike is checking into a PA system.
- Closet rollout organizer may be needed after some housekeeping is completed.

CALENDAR REVIEW – (All)

- March 24-26 – Patuxent River Campover
- April 1-2 – Merit Badge Madness (Individual)
- April 17 – Troop will have a meeting even though it's an AACPS holiday, since there's a campover the following weekend.
 - Len will be out of town for the April 17 BoR/Committee Mtg; Maureen volunteered to run the meeting.
- April 21-23 – Campover at Swallow Falls SP

WEBMATTERS – LEN

- Scoutbook (Dave N.) – progressing; Dave going to start inviting the parents.
- Discussion of Scoutbook calendar versus Scoutlander calendar. Dave strongly encourages Scoutbook calendar use since it gives the ability to decline attendance (Scoutlander only allows positive responses).

OLD BUSINESS

- Staffing – Succession for Treasurer, OPC, Sec'y; Assistance for Advancement (Len)
- Updating medical records (Dani R.): Dani sending out April reminders. Mike B will also accept the forms and give to Dani when she's there.

- Getting “graduated” Scouts to return/help
- PA system procurement

NEW BUSINESS

- Massing of the Colors/Memorial Day Flag Placement participation
- Need night-time opportunity and adult coverage to close out Astronomy MBs.
- Scouts/Leaders would like a troop-owned portable projector screen to go with the projector
- The storage closet needs to be neatened; a rollout organizer might help store flags, small tubs, etc. and make them more accessible.

Next Committee Meeting – April 17, 2017