

BSA Troop 918 Committee Meeting Minutes – 17 April 2017

ATTENDEES:

Dave N	Gordon C
Dani R	Rick W
Greg W	Deb W
Mike B	Maureen W
Paul S	Aaron K

SECRETARY REPORT – MAUREEN W.

Meeting minutes for 03/20/17 Committee Meeting were approved by the Executive Committee and posted on Scoutlander.

CHARTERED ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – GARY B.

Gary could not attend but stopped in to say that he had nothing to report.

TREASURER REPORT – GREG W.

Bank Account Balance	7707 . 13
Scout Accounts	984 . 00
Summer Camp Deposits	3675 . 00
Balance	<u>3248 . 13</u>

- Greg is sending out emails. About 2/3 of Scouts are in arrears based on upcoming camping trip. He noted that all Scouts & parents should be aware of Scout account balance.
- Greg stated that we may get to a point that Scouts will not be allowed to attend a campout if they are not current.
- The Troop used an existing \$50 gift card for Bass Pro Shop to purchase two (2) new three-man tents.

ADVANCEMENT REPORT – DAVE N.

- Dave noted that there were four Boards of Review held tonight. Jack, Sam & Zach all advanced to Life Scout & Lennon G. advanced to Second Class.
- Gordon noted that he thought Advancement was going better for the Troop and asked Dave's opinion. Dave noted that it is incumbent on adults/Scouts to tell Dave when they're ready to advance and need a BOR. Scoutbook does not provide an easy report that will provide that information.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – DAVE N.

- One official new Scout, John R.
- One soon-to-be new Scout, Darion G. (application being sent).

OUTDOOR PROGRAM REPORT – DEB W.

- Deb provided the OPC report (attached) and the report was reviewed.
- It was noted that the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge was a good trip, all enjoyed.
- Swallow Falls trip this weekend will have 6 Adults & 13 Scouts camping this weekend.
- 19 Scouts went to Merit Badge Madness.
- 2018 High Adventure (Mike B.) – Philmont via BAC. Deb noted that Lloyd was inquiring about this and was told that he should contact BAC directly. Deb let Lloyd know this at the end of the meeting.

SUMMER CAMP PREP – (ALL)

- Registration Status—Maureen noted 19 Scouts and 4 Adults have been registered.
- Dani noted that Ethan R needs to be removed from the roster as he can no longer attend—this brings the total down to 18 Scouts.
- PLC tasked Sam & Zach to decide on Summer Camp T-shirt design and fabric. A sample was brought in tonight and the Scouts will be discussing and deciding on the shirts within next couple weeks.
- Payment Status—no payment is due at this time.

SPL REPORT – JACK W.

- Jack noted that MBM was not officially a Troop event and that the Troop opted not to camp so they generally gathered near the trading post. Jack noted that it was a pretty successful MBM.
- Last week was Spring Break so there was no meeting last week.
- ILST training was held on Saturday, 4/8/17 at Lake Waterford Park. This is a prerequisite for NYLT that Zach B, Sam W & Jack W will be attending this weekend.
- Also happening this weekend is Swallow Falls camping.
- Sunday afternoon is also Alec V's Eagle COH at 3pm.
- Monday is Swim Test at 7pm at SPCC.

SCOUTMASTER REPORT – MIKE B.

- Mike has requested that we have a designated committee representative to help keep track of Troop equipment. It's too much for Mike to keep up with. This position would, for example, verify when a tent is checked out it's also returned and in good condition. Would handle overall accountability of Troop equipment and discard anything Troop is not using.
- Mike is not happy with the current state of uniforms;
 - Scouts do not look like Scouts in gym shorts. They should be recognizable as Scouts;
 - Current Troop handbook does not allow for jeans. BSA guidelines are even more stringent;
 - Mike discussed with PLC and they like the flexibility of jeans;
 - Timing the kickoff of this may be an issue since summer is approaching;
 - Mike recommends Scout uniform shirt & olive green pants/shorts during the school year. In the summer the Scouts could wear olive green shorts and scouting t-shirts;
 - Dani suggested a uniform exchange;
 - Committee agrees with Mike's proposal and supports Mike in this decision;
 - Mike will discuss this with Len.

CALENDAR REVIEW – (All)

- April 21-23 – Swallow Falls Campover (discussed during OPC report)
- Next Leadership Elections – May 1, 2017
- Next CoH—May 22, 2017

WEBMATTERS – (Len unable to attend)

- Scoutbook (Dave N.) – progressing
- Maureen explained that Scoutbook cannot attach documents or store documents and does not give the Troop anyplace to put any additional information.
- Mike is putting things in Scoutbook to record attendance. Dave N feels we should move calendar to Scoutbook ASAP.
- Dave noted that Scoutbook has the benefit of RSVPing a “No” response which Scoutlander does not handle.
- Maureen noted that she has recreated the old Weebly site with a page for Scoutbook <http://troop918.weebly.com/> as an option.
- Much discussion ensued. No decision was reached.

OLD BUSINESS

- Staffing – Succession for Treasurer, OPC, Sec’y; Assistance for Advancement (Len); this was not discussed.
- Updating medical records (Dani R.)
 - Dani has been sending out reminders and they are trickling in.
 - Some are required for this weekend. Deb will follow up with emails.
- Greg W. suggested Parts A&B be completed by all Scouts during registration.
- Getting “graduated” Scouts to return/help; this was not discussed.
- PA system procurement; this was not discussed since Mike was no longer present.

NEW BUSINESS

- Massing of the Colors – May 21, 2017
 - Troop 918 is assembling a color guard;
 - The plan is to meet at OSLC and carpool.
- Memorial Day Flag Placement participation – May 27, 2017
 - The plan is to meet at OSLC and carpool;
 - It was confirmed that other family members can participate and earn service hours. Parents will need to attend with non-Scouts.

April 2017 (UPDATED)
Outdoor Program Coordinators Report

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

Nine Scouts, five adults attended the day only activity at the fairgrounds.

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

Fourteen Scouts, five adults have signed up for camping this weekend. A volunteer from the refuge (a young Coast Guard Academy graduate) led a 7 ½ mile hike.

April 2017 Merit Badge Madness April 1-2 will be only a day experience – no camping

Nineteen Scouts participated in MBM. Ed Knox, Mike Binnix and Tim Whittington provided adult coverage.

Deep Creek Lake – Swallow Falls Tent Camping April 21-23, 2017

Confirmed camping at Swallow Falls Youth Camp Site #1 (25 campers). Thirteen Scouts, and 6 adults camping. Mike Binnix coordinator/camp leader.

May 2017 Antietam Creek Canoe, Saturday, May 13, 2017 (tentative)

Skill proficiency instruction towards Canoeing Merit Badge. Scouts will be divided into two groups – older Scouts going on 50 mile trip, and younger Scouts or those not going on the 50-miler but interested in the Merit Badge. Both groups will receive Canoeing Merit Badge after completion of water training. Troop is responsible for “land” training. As of this evening, we have 5 blue Scouts and 4 blue Adults (individuals just interested in the canoe training) and 9 green Scouts and 3 green Adults (who are participating in the 50 miler and the training). We still have 2 Scouts pending.

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

Confirmed with Mr. Al Henneman. Have received insurance information from the Baltimore Council and sent off to Mr. Henneman. Boys will be tubing on the Gunpowder. Darren Roe coordinator/camp leader.

June 2017 Canoe Shake-down Trip, June 17, 2017

Confirmed for one night camping at Sandy Point State Park. Scouts will put in on either the Severn or the Magothy and canoe to Sandy Point. Darren Roe coordinating

Annual Patrol Leaders Council (APLC) to be determined

July 2017 **Summer Camp at Horseshoe, Chester County, PA, July 2-9, 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) (Please confirm attendance ASAP)**

September 2017 **September 24-26 Marsden Tract Group Campsite, Carderock/Great Falls**
Confirmed tent camping for 30 at Marsden, located at Mile 11.5 on the C&O Towpath.

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**