

# BSA Troop 918 Committee Meeting Minutes – 15 May 2017

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## ATTENDEES:

Len M  
Maureen W  
Deb W  
Dave N  
Greg W

Paul S  
Gordon C  
Rick W  
Aaron K

## SECRETARY REPORT – MAUREEN W.

Meeting minutes for 04/17/17 Committee Meeting were approved by the Executive Committee and posted on Troop 918 website under Committee tab.

## CHARTERED ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – GARY B.

Gary was not present. Dave N noted that he was mentioned during the church service. We hope everything is ok.

## TREASURER REPORT – GREG W.

**Bank Account Balance**  
**Scout Accounts**  
**Summer Camp Deposits** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Balance**

- Due to technical error bank account balances were not available this month. However, most Scout Accounts are current and Greg is following up with the few people that need to catch up.
- Most summer camp is paid up, there are a few that need to catch up.
  - Maureen will be in touch with Greg to get check for Camp Horseshoe.
- There was a question of whether PayPal should be discontinued. Subject was quickly changed.
  - Maureen thinks it's not used enough to warrant the upkeep. This should be a matter of discussion/decision at the next committee meeting.

## ADVANCEMENT REPORT – DAVE N.

- Tyler had his First Class Board of Review tonight.
- Dave successfully used Scoutbook to create an upload file and load advancement information to BSA website.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT – DAVE N.

- John R & *Darion G* are now officially on the roster.
- Dave will send Maureen notes on anything that needs to be discussed at COH.

## OUTDOOR PROGRAM REPORT – DEB W.

- Deb provided the OPC report (attached);

- Deb noted that we should be encouraging Scouts & parents to RSVP including “NO” responses.
- Camp Dancing Bear was cancelled suddenly this week, by the camp. No other camping locations were found but Mike B is arranging for a day tubing trip.

### **SUMMER CAMP PREP – (ALL)**

- Final payment due at end of month. Maureen will be in touch with Greg regarding this.
- Deb noted that summer camp/Troop t-shirts can be ordered through next Monday’s COH. No late orders will be accepted.

### **SPL REPORT – JACK W.**

- On April 24<sup>th</sup> a swim test was held for summer camp and 50-mile canoe trip.
- On April 21-23<sup>rd</sup> Swallow Falls camping trip was held; Jack was at NYLT.
- On April 23<sup>rd</sup> Alec V’s Eagle Court of Honor was held.
- Canoe merit badge training held this past Saturday at Antietam. Trip was fun and went well.
- Camp Dancing Bear cancelled at the last minute; Mike B is organizing a day trip to go rafting. Jack will be at NYLT this weekend.
- Massing of the Colors is coming up this Sunday.
- Memorial Day Flag Placement & Jeremy’s Eagle Project will be the following weekend.
- Len suggested to Jack that the Troop schedule a Flag Retirement service to dispose of the growing supply of used flags.
- Len mentioned to Jack that the Committee approved funding for Jack and Sam to attend the District Dinner on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Jack needs to let Len know.

### **SCOUTMASTER REPORT – MIKE B.**

- This weekend’s camping trip was cancelled due to overbooking by the campsite. Deb was notified this past week.
  - The Troop is trying to organize a tubing day trip this weekend. Mike is requesting all Scouts just pay cash at the rental place.
- Mike inquired if we had any luck finding an adult Quartermaster. Hopefully this person could determine what was needed so we could avoid overbuying. Also, it would be a great opportunity for a new parent to get involved more..
  - Len is going to talk to a few people that he feels would be a good fit.
  - Aaron Keel offered and will split the job with someone.
- Adult Leader Meeting has been changed to the third Tuesday of the month.
- Mike advocates cutting over to website/Scoutbook immediately.
  - Maureen will change Scoutlander to point to website/Scoutlander;
  - Maureen will make Scoutbook pop out to a new screen instead of an iframe;
  - Mike will ask Scouts to RSVP, including those who cannot attend.
- After COH we’ll head into every other week summer meetings.
  - June 5: Troop meeting scheduled. Scouts still in school so they wear Class A uniform;
  - June 12: No Troop meeting scheduled. District Dinner is held this night;
  - June 19: Troop meeting scheduled. Scouts can start wearing Class B uniforms;
  - Mike will check and update Scoutbook for dates;

- On off-Mondays Mike & Chip will do Scoutmaster Conferences.
- Mondays with “No Meeting” should be shown as such on the Scoutbook calendar.
- During a previous meeting the Committee approved up to \$300 for a small PA system for use during meetings and COH, etc. Maureen will purchase this.
- Discussion about Massing of the Colors on May 21, 2017.
  - Need to determine who is going.
- Discussion about the Memorial Day Flag Placement on May 27, 2017
  - Greg advocates getting there early otherwise traffic is impossible. It was decided that Scouts should arrive in Full Class A uniforms at 6:30am at OSLC; departure will be at 6:40am. It was also noted that no one can gain entry into the cemetery until 7:00am.

### **CALENDAR REVIEW – (All)**

- Adult Leader Meetings—changed to third Tuesday of the month
- May 19-21 Camp Dancing Bear cancelled reservations; tubing trip is now scheduled
- May 21 Massing of the Colors
- May 22 Court of Honor
- May 27 Flag Placement
- May 27 1pm – Jeremy W Eagle Project at OSLC (needs to be put on Scoutbook)
- Summer Meeting Schedule starts after May 22

### **WEBMATTERS – LEN**

- Scoutbook is now active. Scoutlander is being turned off.
- Website with link to Scoutbook is: <http://troop918.weebly.com/>
- It was noted that unfortunately Scoutbook does not allow non-admins to enter things on Event Calendar, but Len, Maureen, and Mike will aspire to provide one-day turnaround for calendar entry requests. Dave is also trying to figure out a scheme to accommodate OA events.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Staffing – Succession for Treasurer, OPC, Sec’y; Assistance for Advancement (Len) (not discussed).
- Updating medical records (Dani R.) (not discussed);
- Getting “graduated” Scouts to return/help (not discussed);
- PA system procurement; Maureen will purchase this.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- John Gething presented a request for additional financial support for Sarah’s House
  - This is not technically part of John’s Eagle Scout project. He is working on getting every room sponsored and currently has 15 of 48 sponsored. He will work until the end of June on getting sponsors;
  - He’s doing similar asks of other orgs, like the VFW
  - The shelter rooms compare to college dorms. When families leave they are able to take everything with them which is why funds are needed on an ongoing basis;
  - John asking if the Troop would be willing to support the Sarah’s House project;

- With the sponsorship, a plaque outside the door will note who sponsors the room;
- John noted that he realized this may be opening the door to others asking for money;
- Committee discussed John's request:
  - This is the first time that this situation has occurred;
  - It was noted that troop already donated \$100 for material support for John's project;
  - Paul expressed a concern that this may result in more "asks" that we can't support and that using troop meetings and e-mail as a vehicle may create the appearance of troop support.
  - Suggestion was made to support a one-time presentation to and collection from families at the COH; this avoids issues with reporting of fundraising in his Eagle Scout Project writeup.
  - It was decided that he can advertise at next week's Court Of Honor looking for donations, using Scoutbook, etc. to let people know ahead of time. No troop funds will be donated. John will aggregate the collection and allocate it to whatever shelter support tier is appropriate.
- Len proposed that – like we did last year - we cover the cost of four attendees for District Dinner on June 12, 2017. Committee unanimously approved this request. The tickets will be offered to the SM, SPL, and ASPL first, then an ASM. (The CC would be one of the four, but he's already going under another hat. Len will check for COR availability, too, in lieu of the CC.)
- Flag Retirement: Jack was asked to have the Troop consider planning a flag retirement ceremony over the summer. This can also help someone complete Communications MB requirements.
- Shed/trailer/garage cleanup AAR – good job, need to watch inventory closer so we don't accumulate.
- Len visited Troop 450 for a FoS presentation and saw some possible good practices for T918 to consider:
  - Uniform swap
  - All Scouts lined up outside and followed flag in
  - Skill Days—3-4 days they have a weekend day to learn certain skills
  - Rank Advancements—more of ceremonial aspect to it, explanation of the ranks
- We need refreshment coordinators for the May 22 COH. Len to pursue.
- Need to add Alec Van... to the Eagle plaque.
- Mike B asked for a projector screen. Maureen to pursue, not to exceed \$100.

May 2017  
Outdoor Program Coordinators Report

With the new Scoutbook system would encourage all parents to “RSVP” for your Scout’s participation – or not – in any particular event. The system will automatically complete a permission form for you to sign if you respond “yes.”

**May 2017      Antietam Creek Canoe, Saturday, May 13, 2017**

Skill proficiency instruction to complete Canoeing Merit Badge. Thirteen Scouts and 8 Adults participated. Although chilly and damp, it seemed to be enjoyed by all.

**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.~~ Awaiting update from Mike Binnix and others.

**June 2017      Annual Patrol Leaders Council (APLC) Saturday, June 3, 2017**

Annual APLC will be at either the Grachur Club or Fair Oaks swim club. Both locations have either an indoor facility or a covered pavilion that has electricity for laptops, etc. Both have swimming and game areas and restrooms. Fair Oaks also has a grill available for use.

**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.

**July 2017 Summer Camp at Camp 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