

# BSA Troop 918 Committee Meeting – 25 September 2017

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## ATTENDEES

Gordon C                      Len M  
Aaron K                        Maureen W  
Gary B                         Deb W  
Greg W

**SECRETARY REPORT**—Maureen W: Meeting minutes for August 28<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting were approved by the Executive Committee and posted on Troop 918 website under Committee tab.

**CHARTERED ORGANIZATION REP**—Gary B: Gary noted that we need to schedule the room if we change the Committee Meeting (or any meeting) to a different night.

**TREASURER REPORT**—Greg W:

<b>Bank Account Balance</b>	3849.11
<b>Scout Accounts</b>	1487.00
<b>Balance</b>	<u>1362.11 + 1232.00 (S/A outstanding)</u>

- Popcorn Sales
  - We did one Show & Sell and sold \$1050 + \$300 in donations in 1.5 days.
  - Greg can only return 10% of what we preordered.
  - October 23<sup>rd</sup>: order forms are due back.
  - October 28<sup>th</sup>: final order will be placed.
  - October 30<sup>th</sup>: second final order
  - November 15<sup>th</sup>: popcorn delivered.
  - Allocation discussed by Len & Greg before meeting. Past Committee Meeting Notes had researched and determined we would stick with details in handbook; each Scout needs to sell \$250 or pay a pro-rated amount to account for that.
    - *Subsequent Exec Committee Vote approved a request that all proceeds for sales above \$250 will go to the Scout.*
- Camp Cards were discussed briefly. The Troop Committee had previously decided the Troop will participate in the Spring. After Camp Cards are sold in the spring, the Committee needs to readdress fundraising.
- Dues—BSA dues have gone up for registration and insurance. New total is \$37 for both adults & Scouts.
- Boys/families will need to be squared up on Scout accounts before re-registering.
- Aaron, as an overseer to the Quartermaster, requested a budget of \$200 to spend on items that need to be purchased. If an item is over \$100 then Aaron would need to clear it with the Committee first. This motion was passed by the Committee.

**ADVANCEMENT** – Dave N could not attend; Len presented:

- One Scout was ready for a BOR tonight but no one knew about it so it was not held.
- One Scout didn't respond to requests regarding the BOR so it has been postponed.
- They will wait for three weeks until October 16<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting.

**OUTDOOR PROGRAM REPORT** – Deb W:

- 50-mile Canoe Trip came in under budget. Deb proposed we refund each participant that attended \$40. The motion was approved by the board.
- See attached report.

**SPL REPORT** – Jack W could not attend; Sam W presented.

- Collin K & David C both completed Eagle Scout projects; the Troop did not have confirmation of this in time for the Court of Honor
- Troop held ILST training September 16-17. The ILST training provides leadership training for future troop leaders. It's also a good review for existing leaders.
- Popcorn Show & Sell was held on September 16 & 17.
- Court of Honor was held on September 18.
  - There was some confusion because of the way the pamphlets were printed.
  - Dinner was a good idea and really encouraged families to attend.
- Great Falls weekend camping included Emergency Preparedness instruction by Calder. The Troop also was able to hold a hike.
- Five mile hike was held instead of September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Turnout was good. There was a rush at the end to get to Froyo before closing.
- October 4<sup>th</sup>: first PLC under new management.
- October 13-15: Catocin Camping with the promise of a beautiful hike to waterfall.
- October 19<sup>th</sup>: Old Rag Day Hike since AACPS is out.
- November 10<sup>th</sup> : Troop will run a station (type TBD) at District Camporee.

**SCOUTMASTER REPORT**—Mike B:

- Quartermaster role has been good. Chuck boxes will need to be adjusted before next camping trip. They will also need to be shellacked at some point. Need to have some straps attached to chuck boxes.
- Great hike this weekend with good weather. Handtrucks got a good workout for up and down the hills.
- Patrol reorganization was floated at ILST. Troop never seems to camp with the better part of a patrol so Scouts are always in different patrols. Hoping two patrols will help with this.
- Would like to see the attendance better with weekend camping. Not sure that's going to happen, the boys are all very busy. This is one of the reasons for the Patrol reorganization. Things are going fairly smoothly but Mike feels that it could be more consistent with the new patrols by balancing the roster with very active and less active Scouts. Scouts seem okay with the idea. Each patrol will name one PL and two APL (Note: one problem is that APL does not get BSA leadership credit.)
- No one has expressed a strong interest in becoming ASM.
- Chip has taken on a lot in the past months. Would love to get some additional ASM. Several are currently helping with Cub Scouts and hopefully they will be able to help next year.

**WEBMATTERS** – Len/Maureen

- Nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Getting “graduated” Scouts to return/help out.
- Flag retirement ceremonies.
  - Len to hand off some of the flags to Woodsmoke which is the third weekend in October. There will be a flag retirement ceremony.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Rechartering—Adults AND Scouts participate.
  - Adults need to complete Youth Protection Training annually because Baltimore Area Council requires it. National BSA requires it only every other year.
  - Len will be bugging people about this rechartering and YPT.
  - Need to follow Handbook/by-laws process for leadership slate for 2018
- Need more Eagle Coaches

- Len to reach out to Chris C and John V
- Life to Eagle Seminar – on District website
- Merit Badges

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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 generate a permission form for you to sign if you respond “yes.”

**September 2017      September 16 – Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (IYLT)**

One night camping (Saturday) confirmed at Martinak State Park (near Denton, MD), Site D – mini cabin with tent camping available as well. Six Scouts and 2 Adult leaders attended.

**September 2017      September 22-24 - Marsden Tract Group Campsite, Carderock/Great Falls**

Confirmed tent camping for 30 at Marsden, located at Mile 11.5 on the C&O Towpath. 9 Scouts and 4 Adult leaders attended.

**October 2017      October 13-15 - Catoctin National Park, Poplar Grove Youth Group Campground**

Confirmed tent camping for 25 at Loop C001. (Minimum 6, maximum of 25 campers).

**October 2017      October 19 (Thursday) – Old Rag, Shenandoah National Park**

Because Anne Arundel Public Schools are closed, those Scouts that are able are taking a day hike to Old Rag. Depart at 6:00 a.m. and return that evening.

**November 2017      November 10-12, Camporee, Theme: “Mountain Men”**

**December 2017      Assateague Island National Seashore, December 8-10, 2017**

Group site 4, tent camping for 25 is confirmed.

**January 2018      Lock-In OSLC, January 19, 2018 (confirmed)**

**General Topics of interest for 2018 as discussed at the Annual Patrol Leadership Council. Location(s) and dates to be determined.**

**February 2018: Camp Henson Campmaster Program, February 9-11, 2018**

Muzzle Loader & 22 Rifle on February 9-11. Confirmed in the Longhouse Bunkhouse (capacity 14).

“Woodstove for heat and with indoor bathroom facilities and running water. All cooking and eating must be done outside on firerings or with unit cooking equipment. Low priced facility great for inclement weather and comfortable sleeping.”

**March 2018: Backpacking (towards Merit Badge) on flat surface (i.e. C&O canal)**

Waiting to confirm date of March 2-4, 2018 depending upon Merit Badge Madness.

March 2018: Merit Badge Madness – day trip, no camping – dtbd. (Is it always the weekend before Palm Sunday? If so, would be March 16-18 – with March 17 being the day visit.

**April 2018:** Biking/camping trip to be determined. PLC was very interested in ATV'ing at Henson but decided the program was too narrow and too expensive. Biking trip will now be planned, location to be determined.

**May 2018:** Sandy Spring Rope course and camping. Tentatively May 11-13, 2018. Also looking into outdoor rock climbing. PLC will discuss at October meeting.

**June 2018:** Boy Scout Camp (location tbd)

**July 2018:** Summit Experience. More details to follow – with transportation, should be under \$1000 per participant. (The Summit Experience is \$779, plus transportation costs, etc.)

**August 2018:** Family camping near an amusement park – Hershey, Guppy Gulch

**September 2018:** Backpacking (towards Merit Badge). Location to be determined.

**October 2018:** Backpacking (toward Merit Badge)

**November 2018:** Camporee

**December 2018:** Winter camping/frostbite camping