

BSA Troop 918 Committee Meeting – 16 October 2017

ATTENDEES

Gordon C
Gary B
Greg W
Len M

Maureen W
Dave N
Paul S
Rick W

SECRETARY REPORT—Maureen W: Meeting minutes for September 25th Committee Meeting were approved by the Executive Committee and are posted on Troop 918 website under Committee tab.

CHARTERED ORGANIZATION REP—Gary B:

- Gary noted that there are some upcoming dates that OSLC will be unavailable to the troop.
 - November 18th OSLC is not available for troop use.
 - John G is rescheduling his Eagle COH, possibly to Nov 18th if they can find an alternate location.
 - Mon, November 20th OSLC is not available so new location or different location. Dave N noted that sometimes the boys make sandwiches on this evening.
 - OSLC is also not available Monday, December 11, due to the SPAN food basket activity.
- No PLC meetings are currently on the church calendar. These need to be scheduled and added to calendar.

TREASURER REPORT—Greg W:

Bank Account Balance	5002.17
Scout Accounts	2265.00
Balance	<hr/> 2737.17

- Final popcorn sales due next week.
- Maureen noted PayPal is now working on the website. Maureen will make notes on Pay Pal process to pass on to Len.
- Most Scouts accounts still need additional \$\$ for 2018 annual/recharter fees. Len to send email reminder.
- A phantom patrol has been created in Scoutbook for Scouts that are aging out or dropping out.
- Dave N noted that Scoutbook includes a feature for providing transaction information on Scout accounts, but this would be double the recording work for the treasurer and the balances could easily get out of sync with true balance. We'll consider loading balances occasionally, but Greg has no problem with answering balance questions by e-mail in timely fashion.

ADVANCEMENT – Dave N

- Josh G may not be returning.
- John R is now Scout rank.
- Collin S is now Second Class rank.
- Fuller C is now First Class. The adult leaders would be happy if he camped more since he's an older scout and could help with the younger scouts, especially since he's a PL now.
- David C: Some extra paperwork is needed for his Eagle package; it's being worked. David is getting close to his birthday so there is some concern over the time remaining.
- Collin K: Still needs to turn in paperwork to the BAC for verification.
- John G: Eagle COH is delayed; more details soon.
- The board approved up to \$100 engraved the latest names on the Eagle plaque in the foyer. Len will take care of it.

OUTDOOR PROGRAM REPORT – Deb W couldn't attend.

- Len noted that the Camporee will be free to all Scouts/adults that are running a station. The troop will be charging \$25 for Adults & Scouts to cover the cost of food and the station. If the troop spends a significant (but not ridiculous) amount on foodstuffs for teaching cooking, we can get it reimbursed out of the district's budget with receipts. Check with Len as to what significant and ridiculous are, beforehand.
- See attached report.

QUARTERMASTER – Aaron K unable to attend. No report provided.

SPL REPORT –Sam W:

Since the last Committee meeting on September 25:

- Troop elections were held, Oct PLC occurred, the troop worked on the chuck boxes and at a meeting the Troop discussed what to take on camping trips.
- Sam also met with Mr. Binnix to discuss leadership positions.
- This past weekend the troop camped at Catoctin National Park and hiked over 8 miles. Six adults and nine scouts participated.
- Some scouts going on a day hike to Old Rag on Thursday. Two adults and seven scouts are planning to go.
- Next Monday is Emergency Preparedness.
- Following Monday is Halloween Party.
- When asked, Sam couldn't think of anything that he needed from the Committee.
- Mr. Paul S requested Sam notify him after an OA rep is selected.

SCOUTMASTER REPORT—Mike B:

- Mike was notified that the church calendar does not have dates reserved for upcoming PLC meetings.
- Mon, November 20th OSLC is not available so new location or different location. Dave N noted that sometimes the boys make sandwiches on this evening.
- Mon, December 11th OSLC is not available. Typically an offsite Christmas party is held on this date.
- Reports on camping trip were positive.
 - The troop is working out the administrative issue of the missing campsite number. That information will now be put on Scoutlander so it can be accessed anywhere.
 - Mike forwarding photos to Maureen for posting on website.
- Great Falls good & Catoctin good, too. Struggling with attendance of senior scouts, which is making things harder with the younger scouts. This past weekend three older scouts attended and six younger scouts.
- Camporee will be a good opportunity to reinforce some menu planning.
- Mike noted that he has a shopping list for Aaron (Quartermaster) for restocking chuck boxes before camporee.
- Cub Pack 918—Mike asked a couple den leaders if the Scouts want to attend Assateague camping with Troop 918. Scouts were enthusiastic. Parent support will need to be provided by Pack 918.
- Election results were discussed. Sam W is the new SPL & Calder N the new ASPL with Garret B being ASPL for Volunteer Projects. More slots were filled and some additional slots will be nailed down.
- Photos on bulletin board will be updated, hopefully including the Eagle Scout project, particularly those held at OSLC. Some information could be provided for the church bulletin.
- Chuck boxes still being fine tuned. Doors may need to be reworked. Bungee to help hold to hand truck would be helpful. Calder, Zach and Darek will work on.
- Administration before camping trip needs to be worked out, such as what cars are going, who is driving, etc.

WEBMATTERS – Len/Maureen

- Pay Pal is now working again on the website.

OLD BUSINESS

- 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.
- More Eagle Coaches
 - John Vernon and Chris Chamberlin are both willing. Both should plan to attend training. We need to get them the appropriate forms, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

- New national membership policies. Len requested Gary check with the OSLC Church Council as to their stance about the possibility of girls in Boy Scout Troop, though implementation details are not well defined yet. Len also asked if Gary would ask if they would engage the troop leadership in the discussion.
- It was proposed and approved that the troop would spend \$120 to order 24 troop number 918 patches that are one piece instead of three separate numbers. They will leave the veterans bar off. Patches will be offered to Scouts/parents/leaders for \$5.
- Chip requested money to purchase 15 Eagle-required merit badge books that are currently lacking in the troop library. A motion was made to pre-approve \$100 for Eagle-required merit badge books. Motion passed. Meanwhile ask Scouts if they have any current merit badge books they'd like to donate.

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

October 2017 **October 13-15 - Catoclin National Park, Poplar Grove Youth Group Campground, Loop C001**

Six Adults, 9 Scouts in attendance. Beautiful hiking.

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. Two Adults, 7 Scouts have signed up. Depart at 6:00 a.m. and return that evening.

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

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

Group site 4, tent camping for 25 is confirmed.

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

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 fire rings or with unit cooking equipment. Low priced facility great for inclement weather and comfortable sleeping.” Additional cost is \$2.00 PER SCOUT for use of 22 rifle.

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. Looked into outdoor rock climbing, but PLC discussed at October meeting and decided to stick with Sandy Spring. (Call to Chris at Sandy Spring Adventure Park 240-389-4386 has gone back and forth.)

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.

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November 2018: Camporee

December 2018: Winter camping/frostbite camping