

# BSA Troop 918 Committee Meeting Minutes – 18 Feb 2019

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## Attendees...

- Paul S
- Mark L
- Rick W
- Len M
- Suresh J
- Maureen W
- Greg W
- Brett M
- Keith La

## SECRETARY – Brien C (/Maureen W)

- Meeting minutes for the previous Committee Meeting - approved

## CHARTERED ORGANIZATION REP—Keith La

- No updates

## TREASURER/FUNDRAISING — Suresh J

- Dues status – everyone 100% up to date, except for new scouts. Do we pro-rate for transfer scouts? BSA fees only needed if they had a lapse in scouting. For troop dues, we don't pro-rate for cross-overs, in order to fund handbook and neckerchief. If others join later in the year, we will pro-rate troop dues and give them a list of required items (handbook, neckerchief, epaulets, shirt).
- Summer camp payment
  - To get the discounted price (\$375) due date is April 12, \$415 for another month, after that is \$455
  - Suresh will send out note to entire troop with deadline of April 8 for payment
  - Need to note how much is refundable if a scout needs to cancel
  - Needs to go in information for new scouts bridging over
  - All high adventure payments made on time
  - Cost deferment for parents/adults who are going? Previously the troop paid \$400 spread across all adult volunteers.
- Camp Cards
  - 120 handed out already
  - Len will find out when they're due
- Popcorn
  - Need to identify additional popcorn team member
  - Don't need to sign up for a few months

## ADVANCEMENT – Dave N

- BoRs
  - 4 successful tonight
- CoHs
  - Eagle COH this Saturday for Dominic and Aaron
  - March 4 troop COH

## MEMBERSHIP – Dave N/Len M

- Adults in the pipeline: Mike P, Keith Liimatta

- New Scouts – visiting/joining
  - 8-10 coming over from Cub Scouts
- B&G Attendance – needed March 1, March 4

#### **OUTDOOR PROGRAM – Brett M**

- See attached below

#### **QUARTERMASTER –Aaron K**

- Absent

#### **SPL –Garrett B**

- Absent

#### **SCOUTMASTER—Mike B**

- Absent

#### **CALENDAR REVIEW**

- ECoH – Feb 23 – Nguyen and Duncan
- CoH – March 4, including FoS
- St. Margaret’s Winter Relief Service Opportunity – March 25-31

#### **WEBMATTERS – Len/Brien/Suresh**

- Get new Scouts/parents on Scoutbook

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- New Troop T-Shirts, et al (Maureen/Mike)
- Projector screen repair/replace - completed
- Signage/Banner (Len)
  - Mockup completed and approved by committee
- Youth Leadership Scholarship – see proposed section for handbook
  - Changes annotated below

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Neckerchiefs
  - Desire to standardize neckerchiefs for the entire troop
  - Standard one is \$11, custom ones for OSLC are \$20
  - Maybe standardization isn’t appropriate since Scouts can earn special ones from camp, Eagle, etc.
- New scout packet
  - Youth Application
  - Joining Info Sheet
  - Medical forms A/B/C
  - Neckerchief and slide
  - Troop numeral strip
  - Info about Merit Badge Madness
  - Info about Summer Camp
- Need to review dates on medical forms in binder (binder is probably on the trailer)

## **Proposed addition to Troop Handbook Re: Youth Leadership Scholarship**

Purpose: To establish a perpetual scholarship fund to assist youth with registration fees for National Youth Leadership Training.

Troop 918 will create a separate accounting line for the Youth Leadership Training Scholarship. This line will accommodate the expenditure of at least two (2) \$125 scholarships for NYLT. Current cost of NYLT is \$250 per person. If the cost of NYLT increase, the scholarship will increase to 50% of the registration cost.

The intention is that this line have at least \$250 in it at the beginning of each calendar year. Income for the fund may come from multiple sources:

- Donations from parents and/or interested parties
- A portion of excess funds from the troop general fund, as *approved by the Troop Committee*
- Fundraising activities, if necessary

For a youth to receive the scholarship funds, they must formally request assistance from the Troop Committee, DISCUSSING HOW THEY INTEND TO USE THIS TRAINING TO LEAD WITHIN THE TROOP, and subsequently must report back to the Troop Committee at the conclusion of the training activity that they have completed the training and share their experiences. The Scout will be expected to pay the full registration fee. At successful completion, the Scout will be reimbursed for 50% of that fee.

This scholarship can only be disestablished by a majority vote of the Troop Committee, at which point funds will be transferred to the troop general fund.

Additional suggestions:

- Add provision that the Scout must become a leader within the troop

Also –

- Removed term “hardship issues” as possibly embarrassing to Scout or parent.
- Removed entire sentence about providing funds up front – will be handled as all other funding which can be provided up front based on need.
- Added approval by the troop committee for adding funds to this from the troop general fund
- Changed voting to disestablish to troop committee

**2018-19 TROOP 918 EVENT**  
**SCHEDULE**

**January 2019-1/25-27**

Overnight: Shooting Spts Program, Yurt  
camping reserved (Henson) \$345 PAID  
\$2/scout/day shooting NOT PAID  
MD Youth Card Renewal—Need charter  
organization officer name, signature, tax-  
exempt certificate, and charter agreement  
with Troop

**February 2019**

No Overnight Events (1<sup>st</sup> weekend March)

**March 2019**

Overnight: Henson Muzzle/22s 3/1-3  
Nanticoke Lodge Reserved/ \$245 Paid

Overnight: Battleship NJ \$69/person  
/Eastern State Penitentiary/Philadelphia  
3/23- Reserved 30 (28 confirmed + 2extra)  
Paid \$600 deposit on 12-19-18  
\$1470 due 2/21/19 (\$44/person)  
Radio merit badge?

Merit Badge Madness 3/30-3/31

**April 2019**

Overnight 4/26-28:

Laurel (PA) Caverns- 3 hr drive

- 1) Reserved Geology merit badge for 10am  
(\$18) and Lower cave tour 1400 (\$25) on  
4/27
- 2) Can add upper cave tour later for no  
additional down payment
- 3) Stay at Ohiopyle state park 4/27- Site 228  
Reserved \$69 (#2-11365520)  
Spring Break 4/17-4/22/NYLT 4/12-14

**May 2019**

Overnight 5/11/19: Old Rag hiking  
Stay: Matthews Arms Campsite  
Reserved \$50, Group site D166  
Other: NYLT 5/17-19

**June 2019**

Overnight: Whitewater rafting-Harper's Ferry  
(Tentatively 6/21-23)

- a. River and Trail--Scout Day \$57.50 ½ day  
with lunch (normal \$71--add zip line \$20)

- b. Harpers Ferry Adventure Ctr. ½ day  
\$41/person. Add ropes course for  
additional \$29/person

**July 2019**

Overnight: BSA Summer Camp-Goshen (7/7-  
13) RESERVED  
\$375/scout by 4/12; \$415 by 5/18; \$455 by 7/6

**August 2019**

Overnight: Age>13, Seabase (8/2-9)

**September 2019**

Overnight: Wilderness survival weekend  
Other: Drive-In Movie (Benjie's)- could camp  
out or not 9/7-8

**October 2019**

Overnight: Gettysburg 10/18-20/2019-  
reservation made site#1  
Gettysburg Battlefield/ghost tour

**November 2019**

Overnight: USS Constellation and visit to  
Baltimore sites

**Future:** Philmont in 2020?