

Troop 1333 Committee Meeting Minutes – Sunday, September 9, 2007

Members Present: *Chip Breitweiser, Chris Brisack, Terri Byrne, Lisa Gerdes, Susan Gibson, John Landry, Pauline Ramsey, Kimberly Derry-Thompson, Mike Zarella, Ken Zoeller*

Mike opened the meeting with prayer at 3:45 pm. Note: *Ken Zoeller* joined the meeting in progress but was unable to stay for the duration. Updates from him are included in the minutes that follow.

Chicken Fundraiser, Saturday, October 20 and Sunday, October 21 – *James Y'Barbo*, chair

Mike Zarella provided a bit of an update in *James'* absence:

Per *Ken Zoeller*, all sales to Trinity Lutheran Church membership will remain “free will”. The committee discussed a minimum pricing for pre-sales outside of TLC but, in the end, it seemed to come back to “free will” pricing with a suggested donation of \$5 to \$7 per half if asked. *Chip Breitweiser* inquired as to the need for a license. *Mike* reported that *James* had indicated no license was needed regardless of whether we charged a specific price or accepted donations.

Ken confirmed that chickens are purchased by the pound (never by the chicken). Note: The troop secretary understood and reported in recent past minutes that chickens would be purchased “by the chicken” this year to avoid the shortage of chickens that occurred last year. The committee noted that the actual number of chickens will have to be counted after purchase. In the past, the chickens averaged 3 lbs each. Last year, they weighed an average of 4 pounds reducing the number of chickens purchased.

Mike confirmed his plans to set up an “on-line” pre-order system for use by the troop to monitor pre-sales.

John Landry suggested pre-sales at Champion Forest Baptist Church as a second, nearby source of sales. Five Scouts attend church at CFBC. *Terri* volunteered *Dave Byrne* to approach the (new) pastor about pre-sales at church. The idea would be to pre-sell chickens and then deliver the product to CFBC for pick-up.

Ken confirmed one 65-chicken capacity smoker for October 21; and *Mark Garrett's* smoker. He indicated *John Fleck's* smoker should also be available. Other contacts mentioned were: *Rob Mentz* and *Mike Brook*. It was suggested that an “all-troop” communication be sent to troop families requesting smokers.

Chickens are smoked in batches of 125 (depending on combined smoker capacity) at 4 hours per batch. An increase in pre-sales could mean additional shifts. It was suggested that a batch designated for troop families be started earlier on Saturday to be ready for pick at the troop dinner on Saturday evening. Depending on pre-sales, the number of shifts may increase over previous years.

The plan is to set up everything (including the smokers) at the Scout Hut. The Scouts can sleep in the Scout Hut. Troop canopies will be set up as needed for weather protection. *Ken* will reserve the Pavilion in case of rain but some committee members were concerned it may not be available due to church renovations. *Ken* will also reserve the gym for dinner. The FLC will not be available due to other church activities that day.

Annual Troop Dinner will be Saturday, October 20 in the gym at 6 pm. *Pauline Ramsey* and *Margaret Brandenburg* have been nominated to coordinate the dinner. *Pauline* accepted her nomination. *Ken* indicated that *James* would coordinate the dinner meat (beef) with the purchase of the chickens. *Pauline* and *Margaret* would coordinate the side dishes.

Note: The committee decided to keep the annual dinner as a “troop families only” event rather than inviting Webelos recruits as in the past. An overnight Webelos recruitment event is scheduled for October 26 and 27.

Terri Byrne reminded the committee that **re-charter dues** will be collected at the annual dinner as well.

Troop Finance Report - *Lisa Gerdes* indicated about \$4500 in the troop account to cover carpet expenditures for the Scout Hut and incidental purchases until more funds are added from the upcoming Chicken Fundraiser.

Outstanding Expenditures

John Landry indicated that new tents would be purchased only as replacements were needed. The troop would like to eventually replace the current “A” frame tents with tents more suitable for “high adventure”. *John* noted the cost for new tents is actually about half that of the current style. Over time, *John* would also like to purchase trail stoves. The troop has a lot of equipment right now, *John* reported, the need is to acquire the right equipment. The canopy may need to be replaced at some point but probably not this year.

Troop Trailer - No trailer update was available. From past minutes, Alan Carmichael was planning to solicit funds from troop families through an “all-troop” communication. He and Daree Stracke will provide some additional financial resources hopefully to bridge the gap.

Summer Camp 2008 will be at Buffalo Trails Scout Ranch (BTSR) per final troop vote. Targeted dates will be June 14 – 21, 2008. *John* will talk with *Daree Stacke* about making reservations for current interested Scouts and additional reservations for anticipated new Scouts. Traditionally, the Troop recruits 15-22 new Scouts primarily from Troop 1333. 2007 recruitment net was closer to 10.

Susan Gibson reported for *David Gibson* on the following:

Haberdashery – have received at new order of t-shirts; a new order of neckerchief patches should be ready in two weeks; have recovered all blank neckerchiefs to use for next year's new Scouts.

Membership – Attended Pack 1333 Cub Scout Rally; will attend Pack 1999 Cub Scout Rally as well. Targeting Webelos from 1999 (Hassler), 1323 (Theiss), 1324 (Krahn), 1550 (Earhardt), 382 (Abercrombie) and Haude, Kreinhop, Kuehnle and Brill.

Troop visits from Pack 1999 and Pack 1324 are in the works for Sunday, September 16.

A **Webelos Overnighter** at Kaiserhof will be October 26 and 27. *David* will organize activities. The troop needs to plan a workday in preparation for the event.

Friends of Scouting (FOS) – *David* plans to send an “all troop” communication in October regarding FOS once school gets started.

Chaplain – Scout Sunday in February 2008.

Troop Training - Kimberly Derry-Thompson reported that 16 participants were enrolled for Basic River Canoeing (BSC) on October 2, 6 and 7; 10 participants will attend Fundamentals of Canoeing (FOC) on September 11, 15 and 16.

Note: The troop secretary had to leave early for other mom taxi duties. *Mike Zarella* kindly continued taking notes.

Mike Zarella updated the committee on the status of the website. The webhost service has been changed and the website is expected to be up within a week.

Meeting closed with prayer around 5:15 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by *Terri Byrne*, with help from *Mike Zarella*, on Tuesday, September 11, 2007.