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BSA Troop 89, The Woodlands, Texas

Troop Committee Meeting

MINUTES

6 December, 2016

The regular meeting of BSA Troop 89, was called to order by Committee Chairman Jon Gregoire at 7:00 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church. Attendance: Jon Gregoire, Brant Jones, Chris Keene, Edna Asare, Sally Johnson, Linda Davies.

Jon introduced the COR Linda Davies. Linda informed the committee that LOL is run by a church council. Brant asked Linda to let the troop know immediately if there are ever any complaints about troop member conduct at the church and stated anyone from the LOL is always welcome at any of the Troop 89 meetings. Linda suggested a service project to clean out the holly near the garage door of the church.

Committee Meeting Calendar: Dates of future meetings: January 8, February 12, and March 5. These dates may be changed on an as-needed basis. Dates were chosen in consideration of CISD school holidays.

Treasurer’s Report – Edna: The monthly Treasurer’s Report was presented. The report is available for review by all troop members, but the balances will not be included in the Minutes.

Edna noted problems with scout accounts when scouts are charges expenses related to events they signed up for but do not attend. Patrol Advisors need to give her accurate and timely information to prevent this.

The Campership balance is higher because John Sanders gave Troop 89 the funds from the memorial for Sandy Sanders. There was discussion of how to thank John and others that contribute anonymously to the troop. The committee agreed with Linda’s suggestion of a framed troop photo signed by the boys. No decision on logistics of photo. Presentation could be at a PLC night campfire at Sanders.

Edna noted negative balances in some scout accounts related to the SeaBase trip. She needs the SeaBase finances determined so she can close the books fiscal year-end December 31. *Chris* will give a participation list to Edna so she can adjust the scout accounts. There was discussion of spreading the costs involved if the troop forfeits one of the crews. No decision was made.

Jon suggested providing an annual “estimated expenses” flyer to the troop parents regarding dues, fees, summer camp, etc. – or an updated Troop Policy statement. No decision was made.

Troop Calendar: [See troop website.]

Winter Camp: *Chris* will make payment and give Edna the information needed for the scout accounts.

Summer Camp: John LaPlante. No report.

SeaBase Scuba Adventure: Chris Keene. The troop may be short one adult for the trip. The crews are 6-8 members, two dives per day, food and lodging at SeaBase, no boats. *Chris* will check to determine what happens if not everyone is “scuba certified” before arrival at SeaBase.

Philmont: Chris Keene. The troop has received two crews for June 2018. Downpayment is due mid-January. *Chris* will conducted a non-binding, hands up, interest survey so the committee can determine whether to make the downpayment on one crew or two. The payment is $100/person. The troop will make the minimum payment necessary. *Chris* will check to determine whether the funds can be combined toward one crew if we initially pay for two and then cancel one. The committee decided to present a Philmont slide show at a troop meeting as soon as practical, probably January 9, to drum up interest, including encouragement from the boys that went this past summer. *Sally* will create the slide show and volunteered Dylan to speak. *Chris* will contact other boys about also speaking.

Recruiting/Membership. Hannah. No report.

Fundraising: Roxanne. No report.

Troop Quartermaster: No report.

Backpacking Equipment: Sally asked the committee to discuss the troop backpacking equipment, specifically that there is no separate High Adventure QM, the gear is scattered, there is no current inventory, equipment used at Philmont [and other equipment] was not in the Scout Hut, and some equipment needed for the backpacking trip this weekend has not yet been located.

Tents: Sally reported that all the tents were taken to the last troop meeting and opened and inspected. Over half the tents are unusable because the rain-fly seams have separated [some are over 15 years old]. These can be fixed, but it is time consuming. Chris stated he has purchased eight tents, not yet billed to the troop. After discussion *Sally* was authorized to dispose of all the old tents in any manner she chooses.

There was further discussion of the condition of the current troop equipment and what needs to be purchased for the weekend event. Chris has some equipment, and some of the missing equipment may be in the possession of the QM TJ Senn [from Ted Behrens/ Philmont equipment]. *Sally* will contact TJ to obtain all he has. She was authorized to purchase a dining fly and a kitchen kit if needed. There was discussion of water filters [3 are unaccounted], but no decision.

Stoves: The troop owns six Coleman Exponent butane stoves for which fuel is no longer readily available except possibly through eBay. Sally has purchased a few canisters and will determine if they fit the stoves. The stoves are useless without fuel. The troop owns a few [probably 2] upright propane canister stoves, but these are not very stable with a large pot on top. The troop also owns a few [probably 2] liquid fuel stoves, which were new when taken to Philmont [white gas]. Fuel bottles may be needed pending whatever equipment is obtained from TJ.

New Business. Chris asked authority for $150 to purchase a used bugle and music for the troop, to be used at Winter Camp. The previous bugle has gone missing. The new bugle would be the responsibility of the Bugler, rather than kept in the trailer or somewhere else unaccountable. Moved, seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted: Sally Johnson, Acting Secretary.

*Action Items for next meeting.*