BSA Troop 89, The Woodlands, Texas

 Troop Committee Meeting

MINUTES

21 May 2017

The regular meeting of BSA Troop 89, was called to order by Committee Chairman Jon Gregoire at 4:00 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church. Attendance: Jon Gregoire, Edna Asare, Sally Johnson, Erin Crocker, Tim Benish, Keith Landau, Hannah Wilems, Jennifer West, Hunter Pyle, and Nathan Eppler [scout webmaster].

Committee Chairman Report. Jon. Next meeting: June 11. No meeting July. We will continue to encourage parent involvement.

Scoutmaster Report. Keith. Positions were added to the committee chart [see attached Org Chart]. Shooting sports should be restarted – we want a certified range master and instructor. Initially we can use district resources. Interested in someone with military experience and two merit badge counselors. Erin suggested a parent skills/interests survey.

Troop Camping Calendar. Keith. The Patrol Leader Council chose 2017-2018 events/locations at the May PLC. Keith chose dates.

Sea Base. Hunter. He and Thomas have competed Wilderness First Aid and the other requirements. All forms are in. Some of the Scuba training was done online, which worked out great. Edna stated some participants still owe money in order to be able to go. She will email the specifics to Hunter, and he will handle. Keith reminded that the adults attending need to create a Sea Base notebook for future use, including checklist, etc.

Summer Camp 2017. Keith. A reminder about the campership fund needs to be sent. The campership fund is handled by Jon, Edna, and Brant. The first step in applying for campership funds is a formal written request to Edna, then an informal conversation. There is no form to fill out, but further information may be requested. Hannah stated that not all parents have current classroom YPT, and it is too late to get through Roundtable. Training will likely be available at summer camp.

Future Summer Camp. Jenn and Keith will look into out-of-state camps and present suggestions. Cost will be an issue.

Treasurer’s Report. Edna. The Treasurer’s Report was passed out [attached to Minutes]. No discussion. NYLT scouts need to turn in their expense forms [Zach and Griffin]. Edna will email. The majority of the negative balances are from Sea Base and summer camp. She would like to have $50 balances in all accounts. The revised Expense Form is almost ready. Continuing problems with Expense Forms not being completed or signed/authorized correctly, and thus complaints re scouts charged for food, etc. Jon will send a “last call for expenses” reminder email just before the 45 days runs.

Troopmaster. Keith will do training for anyone who needs it. The calendar on Troopmaster is the primary calendar, and the calendar on the website needs to be updated regularly to agree, or populate automatically, if possible. People not using Troopmaster need to be able to get full, correct information from the website calendar.

Website. Nathan reported that he is working on a survey to determine what on the website is being used, what is needed, and whether to password protect. Sally stated she added a password to the photo Drop Box page. It is “photos”.

Membership. Hannah. The “Be A Scout” application should be on the website. Sally will add a “Join Our Troop” link. The “Be A Scout” link to bsa.com still has T89 at the YMCA – Jon will look into fixing. We need to co-plan with P883, hopefully camping together twice per year. A rocket event is planned.

Equipment. John Sanders is getting an additional $25k insurance policy to cover the equipment inside of the trailer and when it is not in his garage. Erin mentioned using a bar-coding system for inventory on primary equipment worth $50+, such as tents, stoves, and lanterns. She will check what other troops do.

Social Media. We need to determine what the scouts would like to use – Instagram? FB? What would be on it? Camp out photos? Sally thinks this is separate from the website. Jon will appoint a Technology Committee to look into an FB page and report back to the troop committee.

Scoutmaster Minute. Keith. The troop historian needs to attend camp-outs and take photos. He suggested an advancement charts with “shingles” that can be moved by the scouts at each rank advancement.

Other Business. Edna asked that everyone be reminded that completed expense forms can be put into the T89 mailbox at the church – NO Checks.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted.

Sally Johnson, Secretary

[Distributed by email to those in attendance for corrections, then posted to T89 website. Treasurer’s Report kept in Minute Book, not posted.]