

November 8, 2017 Troop 216 Committee Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Annette Schoeberle. In attendance: Richard Coolbaugh, Steve Dunning, Diane Gill, Gary Gill, Neil Joellennbeck, Steve Kupsky, Larry Miller, Mike O'Koniewski, Dan Ruark, Annette Schoeberle, and Tim Valley.

Secretary Report: Previous meeting minutes were reviewed. Larry Miller moved for approval with the following amendments: 1) Hawn State Park was misspelled in the Activities Report as "Hahn" and this is corrected in the final minutes, and 2) in New Business, the sentence that formally read, "Questions arose as to what patches or paraphernalia the troop provides to new Scouts, Steve Kupsky will investigate, make recommended adjustments to new family documents" is now amended to read, "Questions arose as to what patches or paraphernalia the troop provides to new Scouts, Tara Kuhne and Steve Kupsky will investigate and make recommendations for adjustments to new family documents." The motion was seconded by Tim Valley and approved by a vote of eight in favor and one abstention.

Treasurers Report: Tim Valley provided written copies of the October 2017 treasurer's reports. Highlights included:

- Opening balance was \$23,942.93 and ending balance was \$20,772.40. Total Scout accounts balance is \$4,487.51.
- This was a busy month for account activity, including:
 - We received large deposits for Rendezvous (\$585.00) and Philmont (\$300.00).
 - We had a large debit for Philmont of \$2,940.00.
- All Boundary Waters reimbursements have now been settled within individuals' accounts or by check except for John Schollmeier and the Welshes.
- Total Scout accounts balance is totaled about \$4,000, which is relatively high due to recent fundraising. Three scouts have negative account balances; they will be contacted.

Activities Chair Report: Diane Gill reported on the following:

- 11 November – Veterans Day Parade. Participating Scouts and Scouters should line up in the parade in front of Jack's 66 gas station at 7 PM.
- 11 and 18 November – Scouting for Food drop off and pick up. Tim Valley is organizing.
- 17-19 November – Hawn State Park campout. Deadline for turning in permission slips is Monday 13 November.
- 1 December - YMCA lock-in.

- 19-21 January 2018 – Beaumont Scout Reservation camp-in. We will have a cabin for 20 people to stay.
- Mr. Gill and SPL Reece W. discussed the need for a Patrol Leaders Conference (PLC) to work on a schedule of events for 2018.
- The Committee discussed the timing of the 2018 Philmont trek and whether it could be moved to early July to avoid conflicting with summer school and/or band camp.

Advancement Chair Report: John Evans was not present but he provided the following to the Committee in an email:

- One Board of Review scheduled for next Monday.
- Shane Smith has expressed an interest in learning Advancement Chair duties. Steve Dunning seems willing to concede as he has enough to do already. Shane will be getting an email from me shortly with instructions to download and implement Troopmaster software.
- I just received one of the new scout's information yesterday, I will have in TM before the next meeting. Not reflected in Advancement Report.
- Mr. Gill also provided the following:
 - Edgar M. passed his Eagle Board of Review and has tentative plans to have his Eagle Court of Honor on 16 December.

Council/District Representative Report: Steve Kupsky gave this report:

- University of Scouting is on January 27 at Granite City High School (a change from the past practice of holding it at Collinsville High School).
- Recharter fees and paperwork are due 4 December.
- Order of the Arrow (OA) dues notices will go to unit leadership on 3 December. Payments are due by 27 January 2018, but can also be paid before then at the 6 January Winter Banquet.
- Reece W. probably needs to get Scouts thinking about which summer camp they want to attend this year; there are discounts available to Troops which attend 2 Council camps.
- Steve and Gary discussed how there is no standard timeline across GSLAC regarding OA elections. Nisha Kittan Lodge has a 30 April deadline for elections so that the paperwork can be processed before the summer camp tap-out. This places Scout Leaders in the uncomfortable position of having to keep a secret (who has been elected) from the Scouts. Other GSLAC lodges run their elections at summer camp, proving that the paperwork can be done relatively quickly.

Fundraising Report: Mike O'Koniewski reported on following:

- Twenty wreaths have been ordered and 19 are sold. Mike will pick them up between 18 and 29 November, depending on when they are ready.

- He received an email from the St. Louis Cardinals regarding the ticket sales fundraiser for the 2018 season. Requests for tickets will begin to be taken the second week of December. Mike is working with Troop 72 to run a joint fundraising campaign, perhaps with each Troop responsible for selling 100 tickets each. Looking ahead, we should probably target games on weekends to maximize their appeal; in addition, there are three Cardinals-Cubs series on weekends that should be easy to sell tickets for (4-6 May, 15-17 June, and 27-29 July).
- Beth Welsh provided the following information on Cardinals calendar sales:
 - Order forms and payment for calendars are due from Scouts by this Monday's Troop meeting (13 November).
 - Calendars cost \$15 each and will earn the Scouts \$7 each for their accounts.
 - Checks should be made payable to Troop 216.
 - Questions should be directed to Beth at beth@pjwelsh.com.

Quartermaster Report: John Evans was not present but he provided the following to the Committee in an email:

- The Troop's camp stove has been repaired. The orifices were removed, and a graphite looking buildup was cleaned out, and it seems to be working correctly. I will put it back in the trailer with colored tape around the handle. Please have adult patrol use it first and verify that there are no lingering problems.

Communications Report: Steve Dunning gave the Communications report:

- He is looking into ways to secure documents on our website that contain personally identifiable information.

Senior Patrol Leader Report: Reece w. gave the report.

- Reece reported the Scouts are interested in reorganizing into mixed patrols. Gary said that could be discussed at the PLC.

Scoutmaster Report: Gary Gill reported the following:

- Gary thanked everyone for covering for him when he could not make the most recent Troop meeting.
- Gary thanked Max Maier for the terrific job he did organizing the 20-mile hike.
- Gary told the committee that he won't be able to attend the Scouting for Food pickup and drop off; the YMCA lock in; and the 4 December Troop meeting.

Committee Chair Report: Annette Schoeberle reported the following:

- She presented the Committee with information and photographs regarding a new Eagle Scout plaque. It will cost around \$205 for the plaque and name tags, and between \$3.50 and \$5.00 for each new engraved plaque. The Committee decided the individual scout name plates will have the Eagle Scout's name and

the date of the Board of Review. The top of the plaque will have a title plate that reads on the first line "Eagle Scout Honor Roll," on the second line "Boy Scouts of America Troop 216," and on the third line "First Christian Church of Edwardsville." The Church's logo will go on one side of the title plate and the Eagle Scout logo will go on the other. Annette will run this by Mike Veith before ordering the plaque.

- Larry asked if there would be interest among the Scouts in earning an Emergency Preparedness pin. He could proctor the required training for us. There was general agreement that this was a good opportunity for the Scouts.

Charter Organization Representative Report: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Motion to adjourn by Dan Ruark, seconded by Steve Kupsy, approved unanimously.