

## April 13, 2016 Troop 216 Committee Meeting

- Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Dan Ruark presiding in Annette Schoeberle's absence.
- Previous meeting minutes were reviewed and clarifications/corrections made and then approved, including date of cemetery flag placement as 5/21. Steve Kupsky motioned for approval, Steve Dunning seconded, unanimous approval.
- **Treasurers' Report:** Tim Valley reviewed the March report and noted the addition of the "Restricted Funds" balance of \$1200. Steve Dunning reviewed those boys current in dues. Steve reported that Chris Robinson (former scout, aged out) asked about his scout account as he is applying now as ASM and appeared surprised that it was at zero and the balance had been donated to the troop. He was active in terms of chartering/dues in 2015, but out of the country for some of that time and now has returned. Max Maier motioned a Treasurer discuss with Chris the scout account and offer this back to him to help cover his upcoming registration fee, camping fees etc. since he will be involved with the troop, Tim Valley seconded. The committee was supportive of the money being returned to Chris' scout account. Compliments were given for the new treasurer report format.
- **Activities:** Pere Marquette camping April 8-10 was cancelled due to too few adult campers. An alternate activity for April was discussed. Craig Watson has offered his property for a bonfire and/or overnight sleep over camp out in April. Scouts could use troop tents but trailers and heavy gear like stoves and patrol boxes would be quite difficult to get close to camping sites. It was felt a family bonfire would be a nice activity to welcome new parents. Options appear to be April 22-23 or 29-30. Gills will discuss with Watsons, report to the committee, and send an invite once arranged. (Follow up note: was not able to be scheduled for month of April).  
Diane Gill reported that May 13-15 is scheduled for Camp Warren Levis including rifle shooting on Sunday. Archery was offered also however Gary Gill felt the size of group should work well for rifle shooting only. Boys can attend shooting without camping and vice versa. Gary will contact Dave Padgett regarding targets. Mr. McClintock has a FOID card and has offered to procure ammo. Max asked if this would be a merit badge activity. It was felt that if a boy has been working on rifle merit badge, it could apply but this activity would not be for starting rifle merit badge. It was noted that the NESAs Day that will be going on that Saturday of the campout at CWL does not offer rifle merit badge. Discussion included what additional cost the shooting activity and extra meal would involve beyond the regular camp out costs. The committee agreed to charge a total of \$5 from each attendee to cover the costs of ammo, targets, and food. Bob Schoeberle motioned to approve, Max Maier seconded. Quayle Lake campout is scheduled for June 10-12.  
Flag placement at Woodlawn cemetery will be 9 am May 21.

Presently 18 Scouts are signed up for Summer Camp. Swim tests cannot be done in advance, per Camp Gamble. John Evans offered to have a practice swim at the YMCA however. Discussion included how to give boys lake experience since that is the swimming situation at camp, coming to no resolution. The adult fee for summer camp will be finalized later depending on total number of boys attending. Steve K asked if Scouts new to the troop would be eligible for early bird discount. Diane indicated she thought Annette S had been inquiring about that matter but Diane did not know outcome.

- **Senior Patrol Leader:** John Schollmeier brought up how best to communicate with patrol leaders. Steve K offered to add John Schollmeier to the Troop 216 email account. A new method of attendance-taking was proposed and John indicated he would implement. John requested guidance on filling leadership positions and queried what improvements he could be making. Suggestions included: creating a meeting agenda to be given to Scoutmaster in advance, getting feedback from past SPL and patrol leaders as far as opinions and help, further welcoming the new boys by older boys giving them additional support, and keeping older scouts engaged by giving them jobs and having them share/show what they know. It was noted that the May 2nd scout meeting will be held at the St. Cecelia pavilion and June 6 will begin the summer season meeting at the pavilion instead of the school.
- **Advancement:** John Evans discussed new blue card procedure (retain one third, return the other third to the Scout). A question was posed about storage of old blue cards. Gary has the old ones so any additional can be given to him so that they are all stored in one place. Participation levels were discussed, including the percentages and should different types of activities be weighted. Gary expressed that he gives careful consideration to a boy that explains a missed activity, especially if notified in advance and based on the nature of the conflicting activity. John E proposed looking at participation percentages at 3-month and 6-month marks. The Troopmaster program will determine participation numbers but further review and consideration can be an option in particular cases as appropriate.
- **Fundraising:** Sheri has about 50 Camp Cards still available. John E can enter fundraising information into Troopmaster in the future.
- **Quartermaster Report:** Gary reported Jim West provided to the troop a new regulator for a propane tank. ~12 cots are still available to be given to new Scouts. Additional camp equipment continues to be considered for purchase. Gary briefly covered information about three different backpacking stoves but he recommended others look at equipment before purchases are made. He stated he felt backpacking stoves and backpacks are the top priorities to add to troop equipment. The two key questions still to be answered are the budget allowed for new equipment and exactly what equipment is desired. Max M made a motion to form a subcommittee to address these key questions, with Steve Dunning seconding. John Evans volunteered to serve

as Quartermaster in light of Jim West's work schedule changing preventing him from being able to attend meetings. Steve K made a motion to accept John's offer and Max seconded. Costs of buying/replacing old propane tanks vs refilling were discussed. Plans were made to replenish propane after the next campout.

- **Scoutmaster:** Chris Robinson's father had donated his uniform shirt to the troop and Gary proposed giving it to Chris. Gary brought up the possible council merger. Wes Searcy offered some explanation and considerations of the situation and stated that there must be agreement of the decision on both sides, or the merger will not take place. Gary indicated he was in favor of whichever position best served the boys. Gary stated that the committee chair position was filled by Annette S in January on a temporary basis originally and he did not know her intent, but expressed he would be happy for her to continue on beyond a temporary timeframe. Gary asked if the group would recommend for him to search out an opportunity involving Camp Ondessonk in the Shawnee Forest near Ozark IL related to trail making and biking, and the group agreed. Max brought up the Space Jam opportunity and will research further and present that information. The recent Court of Honor was mentioned and was reported to have gone well and was a nice ceremony. Appreciation was expressed to John E for awarding select boys with a camping award, for which they were not even aware they were eligible, and felt it could incentivize Scouts to participate more.
- **Council/District Report:** Wes presented a trained leaders report and various upcoming activities through Council. The group discussed moving Wes' council report and any discussion be moved up earlier in the committee meeting schedule so that the SPL is still present while that info is being covered. Max gave an overview of the Jamboree opportunity. He has a visual presentation he can make but due to the meeting already running long, chose to do so at another time.
- **Committee Chair Report:** Items covered by others and under New Business.
- **New Business:** Bev West presented the digitized image available for neckerchiefs that is similar to the ones older scouts were given once achieving Scout rank in place of the plainer BSA one. Costs for embroidered neckerchiefs will be considered and a decision deferred until later. Ordering Class B t shirts was discussed, with an option of gray with plain darker ink or blue shirt with metallic ink. There will be a minimum order of 10 shirts for the blue shirt to be available. The gray t runs \$8 for small thru XL and two dollars more for each additional X. The blue runs \$9 for S-XL and two dollars more for each additional X, for example blue XXXL=\$13. Bob made a motion to charge \$10 a shirt with a minimum of 10 blue shirts required for the blue ones to be ordered. John E seconded.
- **Charter Org Rep:** Nothing reported.
- **Motion to Adjourn** at 9:50 by Diane Gill, seconded by Max Maier, approved.