

Troop 216 Committee Meeting

July 13, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Annette Schoeberle.

In attendance: John Evans, Diane Gill, Gary Gill, Steve Kupsy, Max Maier, Dan Ruark, Annette Schoeberle, Bob Schoeberle, John S., and Tim Valley

Secretary Report: Previous meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Tim Valley moved for approval, Steve Kupsy seconded, motion passed with one dissenting vote (Dan Ruark).

Treasurers Report: Tim Valley reviewed the June 2016 treasurers report. Several topics were discussed:

- Tim Valley noted the checkbook balance was down around one thousand dollars but that was just a timing issue.
- Gary Gill reported that Council asked the Troop for financial information to help it determine how much it costs to run a typical troop. The Committee agreed to provide some financial information to Council.
- Annette Schoeberle noted that the statement from S Bar F Scout Ranch shows a balance due of \$20, but the online payment form shows a zero balance. Gary said if it comes up, they can address the issue when they arrive at camp.
- Annette reported that based on the number of adult leaders attending summer camp, the Troop fell short \$160 in adult leader registration fees for three of the adult leaders that plan to attend the camp all week. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of asking these leaders to reimburse the Troop for the shortfall. Steve Kupsy moved that the adult leaders that attend camp all week do so at the expense of the Troop and not be asked to reimburse the Troop for the \$160 registration expense. Motion was seconded by Dan Ruark and passed unanimously.

Activities Chair Report: Diane Gill gave the Activities Chair report:

- The Quayle Lake campout on the weekend of 10-12 June went well. Seventeen boys and seven adults attended. Lots of food was left over from the campout, which sparked a discussion of how the Troop could save money on campout food in the future. The Committee decided we will try saving money by 1) consolidating the patrol and leaders menus into one shopping list so items shared among the units could be bought in bulk, and 2) as many supplies as possible will be purchased at Sam's.
- Summer Camp o Sixteen scouts received CPR training at the Glen Carbon Fire Department. Six more are on the waiting list for the next session we can arrange. The CPR certificates haven't arrived yet; if necessary, Gary will take proof of training to Summer Camp.
- There will be a Patrol Leaders Conference at the Gill house on Saturday, July 16 from 4 to 7 PM. It will be open to all scouts and Scouters. A mass email announcing the meeting will be sent.
- The July 18 Troop meeting will be held at Wes Searcy's shop in Glen Carbon. Parents with scouts attending summer camp will be invited to attend a separate meeting during the Troop meeting from 7:30 to 8:00 Pm to discuss summer camp.
- About 100 invitations have been mailed to the Troop's 10th anniversary celebration. Annette reported she also plans to send email invitations.

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- Gary reported that he had arranged a mountain biking event for the Troop to take place on August 27 from 9 AM to noon on the SIUE mountain bike trails. The mountain bikes will be demo models provided free of charge by the Bike Surgeon in Shiloh, Illinois. The Bike Surgeon will also provide outfitting and instructors free of charge, but participants will have to sign a limited liability form. Craig Watson lives close to the trails and offered to allow the Troop to camp or picnic on his ten acres there; no decision was made on whether to take advantage of the offer.

Advancement Chair Report: John Evans provided the committee with advancement reports.

- John reported that he has had one case where a scout thought they were under the old rules but instead they should be operating under the new rules. He will reiterate to the scouts at the next meeting who falls under which set of advancement rules. Otherwise, he reported that advancements are going smoothly.
- John reported that most of the scout leaders are doing okay on attendance and he is tracking those that are not.
- This fall, Troopmaster will move to a new web-based interface with a secure login procedure. This should be a good thing for parents and the Committee. There is also a phone app that can be used to update records.
- Scout Brian O.'s rank is still being sorted out; we are waiting on paperwork from his previous advancement chair (troop 31). John will also contact Council to see if they have the needed records.
- Jack G. earned his Eagle rank and Pradeep K.'s Eagle Board of Review is tomorrow night (14 July).

Council/District Representative Report: Wes Searcy was absent so Steve Kupsky reported council and district activities on his behalf.

- Wood Badge will be taught on the weekends of September 9 and October 8.
- Unit Leader High Adventure Training will be held August 27.
- NESAs will be held at Camp Joy on August 27.
- Roundtables start back up on August 2.

Senior Patrol Leader Report: John S. provided the SPL report.

- John reported he has noticed a few scouts are not attending meetings or activities regularly. Gary suggested John simply ask them about it in a low-key manner to determine what is happening. John also mentioned attendance has been down lately in general. This is probably due to summer vacations, and may continue with band camp starting shortly.
- John suggested there be a dedicated time during the Troop meetings when scouts can check in with John Evans and show him their books to make sure they are advancing properly and on time.
- John reported that he will not attend summer camp and so needs to appoint a second-in-command for Garret V., who as Assistant SPL will stand in for John at camp.
- John suggested we plan for two functional patrols at summer camp for cooking and cleanup purposes.

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Fundraising Chair Report: Gary Gill raised the issue of declining scout account balances and the need to replenish them. He suggested the Committee should discuss the pros and cons of participating in BSA popcorn sales. A vigorous discussion followed, which included recognition that the popcorn is not particularly appetizing. Gary reported that individual scouts can do popcorn sales independently of the Troop, including online. Gary offered to gather more information and the Committee decided the gauge interest among the Scouts for selling popcorn. Gary also reported there are still about 20 unsold camp cards. He asked that we recognize Logan M. at the next troop meeting for being the top seller of camp cards.

Quartermaster Report: We have identified a \$45 replacement tarp for the rain canopy. John Evans moved the Troop purchase one replacement, Max Maier seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Scoutmaster Report: Gary Gill reported that everything he intended to cover had already been mentioned. He did add that things are operating smoothly and also that Dennis Dietzen has one adult small Troop t-shirt if anyone wants one.

Committee Chair Report: Annette Schoeberle reported the following:

- Troop 216 neckerchiefs: Between 35 and 40 neckerchiefs have been requested. Annette recommends we purchase them through the Council, at \$6.49 each, and that we purchase 50 so we have some extras. There would also be a small charge for thread for the logos. Bob Schoeberle moved the Troop purchase up to 60 neckerchiefs and the needed thread and stabilizer for the logos; Steve Kupsky seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- Annette reminded the Committee that there is an old Troop 216 Facebook page. It is a closed group and has about 35 members, mostly prior members of the Troop and/or Committee. She increased the page's security and added a post stating the Troop will not use the Facebook page or permit posts until further notice. She reported that BSA recommends that troop Facebook pages be open sites; nevertheless, some Troops still exercise some control over the sites, regulating who can see what and approving posts. The Committee will need to eventually decide how or if to use the Facebook page and what control it wants to exercise over it. One of the disadvantages of using Facebook to promote the Troop is the sheer amount of administration it may require; the advantage is the ease with which photos can be shared. Annette offered to gather more information on this topic.

New Business: None.

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Charter Organization Representative Report: Bob Schoeberle reported the following:

- There is no word yet on a decision by Father Al Allen on whether St. Cecilia will become the Troop's new chartering organization. Bob knows Father Al is currently very busy being involved with another church in Alton.
- The Troop could ask for an extension of its current charter with the Knights of Columbus to gain us more time if we haven't identified a new chartering organization by the end of the year.
- Gary reported that Laura Roach said Council would help the Troop find a new chartering organization if necessary.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Schoeberle, seconded by Diane Gill, approved.