

## April 18, 2018 Troop 216 Committee Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Annette Schoeberle. In attendance:

Tara Kuhne, Gary Gill, Annette Schoeberle, Steve Kupsky, Mike O'Koniewski, Tim Valley, Steve Dunning, Shane Smith, John Evans, Mike Veith, Will DeLaTorre, Joel D, Anthony E

### **Eagle Presentation--**

Joel D presented to the Committee his proposal for building a utility shed for Edwardsville Watershed. Also included is the laying of pavers, and the construction of a stand for hanging a wheelbarrow. Questions were fielded by Committee members in attendance, and suggestions were made to improve presentation to Eagle Board.

### **Secretary Report--**

The March committee minutes were approved as posted via email. Correction made to include Steve Kupsky as attendee. A motion was made by Steve Dunning to approve the minutes and Shane Smith seconded.

John Evans substituting for the Secretary duties at this meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report--**Tim Valley and Steve Dunning

The February treasurer's report showed a \$3,580.84 change in opening and closing account balances with 5 deposits and 12 debits. Account balance is \$19,407.17. The deficit seems to be a result of the timing of deposits and payments related to the Philmont activity.

Kyle T's family has authorized a donation of \$136.70 from his Scout account to the Troop's general fund.

The Scout account spreadsheet was presented.

**Activities Chair Report--** Diane Gill submitted report via Slack channel. In her absence the following activities were noted.

- Shopping for campout, Shop n Save, 7:30pm
- Giant City camp out April 20 - 22
- Pere Marquette camp out June 8 - 10
- Last Philmont installment of \$297 due April 30
- Swim tests at EHS May 6, 12:30-4:30pm, further details coming
- Hawn State Park camp out May 12 - 14

- Philmont Health/Medical Forms due May 31
- Philmont trip June 29 - July 14
- Summer Camp Health/Medical Forms due June 25
- Famous Eagle Summer Camp at S Bar F July 15 - 21

Currently, 8 Scouts and 1 adult are signed up for Summer Camp. Mr. Gill to coordinate with SPL for a PLC meeting in near future.

## **Advancement Chair Report-- John Evans and Shane Smith**

### **Item #1**

The COH conducted last week seems like a good point to transfer Advancement Chair Duties to Mr. Smith. Annette, please update the email link and agenda page. Mr. Dunning, please update the Troop Website. Of course, I will be at Mr. Smith's disposal going forward to assist as needed. Advancement Report submitted under this cover, in case Shane has not thought of it.

### **Item #2**

COH supplies were purchased on Mr. Dunning's debit card. I placed the receipts in Mr. Valley's capable hands. Going forward, Mr. Coolbaugh made a couple of good suggestions to keep Troop costs down. Neckerchief slides could be made from a variety of materials. Paracord tied into woggle knots (aka long Turkshead Knot). Wood or antler could be carved. It would add to the Scouts' skill set, and give them a sense of pride in accomplishment. Troop numbers might be farmed out to a local embroidery shop? BSA scout store is expensive. Further suggestions would be entertained. There is a box with lots of supplies, i.e. troop numbers, epilates, council patches, position of responsibility patches, as well as adult patches. The next purchase may not be as expensive.

### **Item #3**

Positions of leadership to date are updated on TM, and a pdf report of positions, filled and vacant, have been sent via email to Anthony, Mr. Gill, and Mr. Smith. Also the new patrol assignments are set up in TM as well. The Titans have changed their name to the Armadillos. They will have to select a patch, I suggest that they make a selection from those available in the "Class B" catalog. Quantities of patches needed will have to be determined.

### **Item #4**

I am working on finding out the details regarding a field trip for the Troop to tour Callaway Nuclear Power Plant. If there is a date this year that they will conduct a tour, I would propose that Anthony see if there is sufficient Scout interest to pursue. If so, perhaps one of the Activities Chairpersons could coordinate a nearby campsite, and make a weekend of it?

### **Item #5**

I still have in my possession registration paperwork for Sam J, to be turned over to Mrs.

Schoeberle. His information has been added to Troopmaster. His merit badge patches were ordered and presented, but he is not on the Council roster, and consequently, his advancement has not been updated there.

## **Item #6**

As I am freed of the daily/weekly Advancement duties, I am available in any other capacity this Committee may deem appropriate.

All adults will need to retake YPT training this year, and it now takes longer to complete. Mr. Kupsky is looking into the possibility of presenting group training.

Council is encouraging Advancement Chairs to submit electronic advancement report on a monthly basis.

Shane Smith officially recognized as new Advancement Chairman going forward.

## **Council/District Representative Report-- Steve Kupsky**

Report on District level events posted to the Slack Channel by Steve Dunning. Steve Kupsky read the highlights of events. Steve will be conducting an assessment of the Troop in the near future in conjunction with Annette S., Gary G, and Mike Veith. This group will also evaluate submission for Journey to Excellence report.

The district will be holding its annual program preview in place of the May roundtable meeting on May 1.

There will be a NESAs day at Camp Warren Levis on May 12.

## **Fundraising Report-- Mike O'Koniewski**

Report submitted via Slack, as follows...

Camp Card Sales - We have qualified for the fundraising extension by turning in money earlier in the month. Deadline to collect money and any unsold camp cards is 23 April.

Cardinal Ticket Fundraiser – I have received the Cardinals tickets for the Friday night game 14 September vs the LA Dodgers. Our cost per ticket is \$23 and the face value of the tickets are \$61. I propose that we sell the tickets for \$35 each. That would give each scout a profit of \$12 per ticket sold. The committee should probably vote on this. Pack 34 is going to start selling their tix at \$50 each, and then drop the price as the game gets closer. They are trying to raise money to replace their trailer and buy a commercial grade, tow-behind grill. I met with Adam over the weekend and gave them their tickets. My thoughts are that this shouldn't impact our ticket sales at all since we are selling at a lower price and would only be a factor if boys from both organizations were selling tickets in the same neighborhood or to mutual friends.

Tickets should be available to Scouts at the next meeting.

**Recruiting Report--** Mike O’Koniewski

There is potential of one or two more scouts transferring to our troop from another troop. I will keep you posted on that. In the meantime let’s continue to welcome our brand new AOLs who just crossed over. I propose a weekly meeting focus on training requirement for the early scout ranks to introduce our new scouts to the Boy Scout rank process.

Request was made to Anthony Evans to concentrate on new Scout advancement.

**Quartermaster Report--** Karen O’Koniewski not in attendance

Mr. Gill replaced the trailer tail light and sealed the trailer leak. The repairs seem to be holding. John E. repaired the camp stove that was acting up at Beaver Dam. The stove is marked for “Adult Use Only” so the adults can verify the repairs are adequate before circulating to the Scouts.

Tent poles have been repaired and several replacements are available in the trailer.

**Communication Report--** Steve Dunning

Discussion was entertained regarding the usefulness and/or need for using Slack as a mode of communication. Some were not in favor of another format, while some were in favor. It was generally agreed that Slack would be used for Committee communication between meetings, while One Drive would be reserved as a repository for official documents.

**Senior Patrol Leader Report--** Anthony E

The plan for future Troop meetings is to focus on one point of the Scout Law each week, with an associated activity to reinforce that point. A further goal is to place an emphasis on the Patrol Method, in meetings as well as activities. Anthony requested the support of adults in helping to monitor the implementation of this endeavor. Anthony was encouraged to utilize the assistance of the Patrol Leaders to help with this.

A request was made of Anthony to pair Life Scouts with the new crossovers, in addition to the Troop Guide’s efforts.

Steve Kupsy pointed out that the COH script that the SPLs have been using is out of date regarding the number of merit badges available.

## **Scoutmaster Report-- Gary Gill**

Report via email as follows.

- We operated as an intermediary between the Madison County Sheriff and STL Bike Works to get 15 bikes from evidence locker donated to charity. 2 additional bikes were cleaned, repaired, and inspected by Sam G then turned over to FCC to be used as prizes for the Bike Rodeo. This can be a regular thing, if the Troop wants, we could resume ReBicycling, will need to coordinate storage.
- Don Halpin and I attended Wilderness and Remote First Aid training @ Beaumont. Shane Smith and Cole S have also taken the course, believe Tim Valley is current, which more than covers us for Philmont.
- Received contact from Anne Michelski in Glen Carbon to have Scouts participate in the Arbor Day event again as Color Guard. Looking for Troop interest and POC.
- Camped at Beaver Dam successfully. Impressed with how Scouts handled gear.
- I found a clearance sale on lantern globes and mantles, purchased ~\$16.
- Richard Coolbaugh donated a case of MRE's for Troop use.
- Anthony (SPL) did an outstanding job with Court of Honor.
- 8 Webelos crossed over (BZ Mike O'Koniewski!). Next ceremony is Monday April 23 @ Glik Park, I have conflicts, looking for help.
- Reallocated Scouts to new patrols, looking for adult help in ensuring that gels. It will be natural for Scouts to resist change if they feel it's forced upon them, let's seek and find it, and help navigate the changes so they feel it's an improvement. Patrol Method is not an optional part of Scouting.
- I've taken the new Youth Protection Training, nearly an hour, recommend people schedule time and get it done before the deadline.
- We have a few Class A and Class B shirts, adult sizes, for new Adult volunteers.
- Want to have "New Troop Family Night". Need to coordinate with new families for a date, set agenda, materials, etc. Objective is to welcome them, get them comfortable with us, answer questions, and solicit participation.

Mark Brase approached Mr. Gill about manning a station at the Klondike Derby next winter. Anthony to propose to the Troop.

\*(BZ = "Bravo Zulu" meaning "Good Job")

## **Committee Chair Report-- Annette Schoeberle**

PDF report submitted via Slack

John Evans is contacting Woodlawn Cemetery about the Troop's annual Flag Placement. This year's proposed date is Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Reminder about needing to find an alternative Troop meeting site for Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

I'll be sending an email note to ALL registered adults with the Troop to complete the updated online YPT training by October 1, 2018.

All new adults must show proof of YPT training before registering with the Council office.

Training available 24/7 at  
<http://www.scouting.org/youthprotection>

I'm working with Tara to obtain all of the new scout parent email addresses to add them to the Troop's Gmail contacts. I will also provide the Troop Gmail account password to Shane Smith for him to access and use for Advancement Chair email correspondence.

**Chartering Organization Representative Report-- Mike Veith**

The Church would like to thank the Troop for their support and participation in the Bike Rodeo last weekend.

**Old Business--**

None

**New Business--**

Steve Kupsky and Anthony E will be coordinating OA elections.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:20 pm by John Evans and seconded by Shane Smith.