

Troop 216 Committee Meeting 8-10-22

In attendance: Mike Veith, Albert Middeke, Tim Valley, Mike O'Koniewski, Brian Heil, Zack K., Gary Gill, Dave Kistner, Martina Bishop, Christin Rigoni, Barb Kane, Steve Kupsky

Eagle Scout Project Presentation – Jack Rigoni

Jack R. presented his Eagle project to the group. Jack R. plans on installing a bike repair station within Township (aka Airplane) Park in Edwardsville by the bike trail access to the park. The repair station would be a permanent fixture that is bolted to a concrete pad.

Jack R. is working with the township office to determine placement and design. Several discussion points on funding came up as well as suggestions for fundraising. Currently Jack R. expects the project to be take about \$2000 total, require 10 scouts to assist and would like to see this done before winter 2022.

Committee approved of the project unanimously, but recommended Jack R. solidify some of the details.

Secretary Report – None

Dave Kistner has accepted the position of secretary moving forward. Brian Heil sent out the minutes from last month that had been circulated and finalized prior to the committee meeting and were given to Mark Koester to load onto the website.

Report and past minutes passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Tim Valley

Tim presented a treasurer's report that included the balance of the scout accounts. It's noted that the recent Cardinals Fundraiser has not been updated into the Scouts individual scout accounts. Once those are added, he will distribute a summary to each scout, so they are aware.

Current troop balance is reported at almost \$9K. This includes scout accounts and restricted funds. This does not include finalized deposits from the Cardinals fundraiser. Discussion is that the balance has roughly been flat in recent history.

The report was passed unanimously

Activities Report – Martina Bishopp/Christin Rigoni

- Hike on August 13th was discussed. 10am at SIUE nature preserve across from Korte field. Barb Kane and Dave Kistner will be the adults attending.

- Camp Vandeventer on August 26-28, 2022. Activity will be caving on Saturday. It was discussed that many scouts have never seen the camp or facilities (trials, fort, etc). Currently there is not a large number of scouts signed up. Will need to determine participation and headcount at next meeting. Take the opportunity to promote the camp at the next meeting.
- Mountain biking on September 10th. Will be at SIUE at the gardens
- September 30-October 2nd. Rendezvous at Warren Levis
- January 20th is Klondike at Warren Levis
- March 4th is the Klondike alternative date
- September 17 is a volunteer opportunity at cub launch at Warren Levis

Brian Heil will upload these actives into Scoutbook. Martina will be sending out an email to the troop to summarize.

The report was passed unanimously.

Advancement Report – Barb Kane

Barb reported that all scouts are advancing well moving through the ranks as expected.

Barb discussed a merit badge opportunity for the older Star and Life scouts for the newly required Citizenship in Society. She has reached out to them individually for a one-day event at township where a merit badge counselor is hosting a one-day workshop.

The report was passed unanimously

Council/District Report- Steve Kupsky

Steve updated the committee on several items including

- Our district executive, Kyle Lamm recently underwent weeklong training and is now fully trained. In general Kyle will be handling Cahokia mounds south (Collinsville, Granite, etc.) and Kevin Burr will handle Cahokia mounds north (Edwardsville, etc.).
- Service hours are available for scouts to volunteer at the Rotary Criterium on August 20 with the district. They will have a booth set up for recruitment.
- Roundtable meetings will resume in September. Meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month. The upcoming months Scouts BSA break out will be to discuss summer camps.
 - It was mentioned that we could coordinate attendance to ensure we have representation.

The report was passed unanimously

Senior Patrol Leader Report – Zack K.

Scouts would like to have another Monday meeting at Township (aka Airplane) park toward end of summer. Decided August 29th would be a good date to have that meeting. Martina will reserve a pavilion. The start time of that meeting will be 6:30 again.

A Patrol cookout/competition will be held on September 24th. It would be beneficial to invite cub scouts to come and attend as well. We will reach out to the various packs about attending. A conversation was held about recruitment in general and trying to coordinate individual pack recruitment based on their tentative dates of cross over for the packs in the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Area. We could get that information at roundtable.

A day hike will be held at Pere Marquette. Date was decided to be October 8th or 15th.

Troop update was that there were 16 scouts at the last meeting, so attendance is good. We have one scout actively working to finish Eagle (Sam G.).

Quartermaster Report – Gary Gill

Gary mentioned he emailed out a quartermaster report. He is actively working on determining if any of the troop tents need to be retired. Gary will get a propane inventory and fill empty propane tanks prior to the next campout. Gary has one flagpole his is actively working on repairing as well as one propane lantern.

Communications Committee- Brian Heil

Brian will enter all activities into Scoutbook and get the last meeting minutes to Mark Koester to upload onto the webpage.

We will need to update our email distribution list from the troop email to remove inactive members

Recruitment Report – Mike O’Koniewski

No report given

Fundraising Report – Varies

Mike mentioned that the Cardinals fundraiser was extremely successful and that scouts have made several thousand dollars collectively for their scout account. He is finalizing numbers now and will have an update once that is compiled.

Steve Kupsky discussed the meat stick sale. It was brought up that the Rigoni’s sold several hundred sticks sitting outside Sam’s Club. Discussion was held about continuing the meat stick sale and potentially coordinating a troop wide sale outside Sam’s a couple times a year.

Note: It was proposed that the Longhorn cattle farmers that partners with our troop on supply and pricing, SS Backwoods in Medora, IL had volunteered to host a tour or campout on their land.

Scoutmaster Report – Mark Mason

No report given.

Committee Chair Report -Mike O'Koniewski

No report given

Charter Representative Report

No report given

Old Business

None

New business

Barb Kane mentioned that we need to verify scouts and parents information in Scout book and she will mention that in the next meeting.

Calendar Summary (3 months)

August

Saturday, August 13th. Hike at SIUE, meet by Korte Stadium
Monday, August 15th. Regular meeting at First Christian, 7pm
Friday August 19- Sunday August 21st. Order of the Arrow fall reunion and ordeal. (OA members only)
Saturday, August 20th. Rotary Criterium (bike race). Service Hours opportunity.
Monday August 22nd. Regular meeting at First Christian, 7pm
Friday, August 26- Sunday August 28th. Overnight a camp Vander vender and caving.
Saturday, August 27th. Masonic Lodge monthly charity breakfast. Service Hours opportunity.
Monday, August 29th. Meeting at Township (aka Airplane) park at 6:30 for meeting

September

Monday, September 5th. Labor Day – **No meeting**
Saturday, September 10th. Mountain Bike Ride at SIUE. Meet at Gardens at 10am
Monday, September 12th. Regular Meeting at First Christian, 7pm.
Saturday, September 17th. Cub Launch at Warren Levis. Service Hour opportunity
Monday, September 19th. Regular meeting at First Christian, 7pm
Saturday, September 24th. Cookout and recruitment at Township Park.
Monday, September 26th. Regular meeting at First Christian, 7pm
Friday, September 30-October 1st Rendezvous. Camp Warren Levis

October

Monday, October 3rd. Regular meeting at First Christian, 7pm
Monday, October 10th. Columbus Day – **No meeting**
Saturday, October 15th. Troop Hike at Pere Marquette
Monday, October 17th. Regular meeting at First Christian, 7pm
Saturday, October 22nd- Sunday October 23rd. Haunted Hay Rides at Warren Levis
Monday, October 24th. Regular meeting at First Christian, 7pm
Monday, October 31st. Halloween... **No meeting**

