

Troop 64 Committee Meeting

July 20, 2009

In attendance: Terry Clift, Diane Fuhrman, Jill Frost, Deb Ramstad, Dora Clark, Leitha Courtney, Carlene Dawson, and Guy Bretches

Quartermaster Report: Two tents were damaged by scouts during Chisholm Trail camp. (one by not following established tent set-up procedures--one by scout throwing rocks at tent). The committee voted to have the individuals who erred pay for the tent repair and in addition, Brad will give them some sort of assignment (like give a presentation on responsibility to the troop).

Outings Report: The boys who attended GSR for summer camp earned the Honor Troop Award (only troop to earn this award during both weeks of camp!). Thank you Ackie and Carlene for being their leaders.

The boys who attended Sid Richardson had a good time. Their main complaints were the heat and ants. The boys who did the merit badge camp reported they felt they completed a larger portion of their merit badges than they had in previous camps. Others voiced (as reported by parents on the committee) that they want to rerun to this camp so that they can participate in other activities they did not have the opportunity to participate in (Viking ship, Aliens, and special ops).

Summer Camp 2010: Brad will put together a list of potential summer camp locations for 2010 and present to the scouts within the next two weeks and report choice(s) during the August Committee meeting. A payment schedule will begin shortly thereafter.

Upcoming campouts:

GSR Summer Bash- 8/14-15

Troop Incentive Trip- 8/22-23

(Brad will soon be getting together who qualifies for this trip)

Challenge- 9/11-13 orienteering/triathlon

If anyone is interested Religious emblem camp is 9/18-20

Our Troop Adopt-a-road clean-up is August 9

Advancement: Boys will receive merit badge info tonight in order to know what requirements are still outstanding on the merit badges they began at camp. Carlene reported boys who enrolled in swimming or basketry did complete the merit badge in full.

A Court of Honor will be conducted sometime in August or September. Scouts are encouraged to get merit badges begun at camp completed asap.

Regarding Emergency Preparedness Camp: Carlene is getting a list of the scouts who attended from Brad. It is our understanding that the only requirements missing (if scouts have a first aid merit badge) are #8-9. Boys are required to have the First Aid Merit badge before they can complete the Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge. Jerry will be working with the boys in a meeting on #8. **#9 is a requirement that each boy should complete on their own at home. #9 requires the boy to do one of the following: a) inspect your home for potential hazards. Explain the hazards you find and how they can be corrected. b) review or develop a plan of escape for your family in case of a fire at home c) develop an accident prevention program for five family activities outside the home (such as taking a picnic or seeing a movie) that includes an analysis of possible hazards, a proposed plan to correct those hazards, and the reasons for the correction you propose.**

Treasurer's Report: Our current balance in \$2,9921.51 with \$829.43 in available funds. See treasurer's report for details. There are currently 11 boys who still owe \$7 for the patrol badge/flag fee. There are 5 scouts that are over 2 months behind on their monthly dues.

Membership: There are currently 33 active scouts.

Scoutmaster Report: Several of things Brad reported on have already been inserted into the other reports for continuity. He did further mention a hike sometime around Thanksgiving (weekend before) in Texas that may develop. It was too time consuming to enter all the pics from camps on the web site but Brad will get them together for the nearing Ct. of Honor.

Old Business: Jill looked into a possible canoe rental spot on the Ouachita River in Arkansas (good beginner river but does have some slight Rapid I and II). It would be a 4 hour (8 mile) trip. The guide suggested going by late September. He has 10-12 canoes for rent. The boys could camp at Ross Rhodes scout reservation on Lake DeGray. Brad said he would have to look into the specific scout requirements regarding getting trained on rapids.

New Business: Diane reported an upcoming council event scheduled for November 14 called "Get 'r Done". The idea is for scouts to complete a merit badge (or 2) in the same day, and meet with their counselors before leaving. They will either participate in 2 4-hour classes or 1 8 hour class. It will be held at Christ the King church. These merit badges will not be Eagle Required badges but may be badges like Emergency Preparedness, Aviation, Art, etc.

Popcorn Kernal: Kickoff for popcorn sales in August 6 at Sci-port. All scouts get in free. You can start selling 9/12. Turn in all monies 11/7. Brad and Cindy will be contacting First Baptist about selling popped popcorn at their fall festival. The committee needs to decide next month what we will need to order for show 'n sell or what fundraiser we will participate in to give 30% to the council. Guy Bretches mentioned he might have access to a big popcorn popper and Brad will be contacting his brother about one.

Meeting adjourned.