

Boy Scout Troop 843
Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 10, 2006

Attendees: Pat Choban, Bob Cromley, Selwyn Dias, Deborah Dettra, Debbie Dorph, Susan Emerson, Diane Gearing, Irene Miller, Phil Price, Christine Rapp,

Secretary's Report: Secretary Susan Emerson presented the minutes from the December committee meeting. Diane Gearing moved to accept them and Christine Rapp seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Selwyn Dias provided a Reconciliation Detail report reflecting a cleared bank balance of \$10,932.92. Transactions occurring since that bank statement bring the actual balance to around \$9,000. Scout accounts and liabilities for the Seabase trip account for close to \$6,000 of that, leaving truly available funds of approximately \$3,000. A motion was made by Pat Choban and seconded by Christine Rapp to accept the report, and passed unanimously.

Training Update: Training Coordinator Dave Dennison reported there are several upcoming district training events. See the link on our website for details. He also highlighted the upcoming Pow-Wow January 21. The need for Den Chief training was discussed, and it will be scheduled soon. There will be time set aside at the COH for recognition of those who have been trained. There may be a Committee Challenge put on jointly with Troop 844.

Advancement Coordinator Update: Advancement Coordinator Irene Miller reminded the group of the following training opportunities:

- Blackfoot is coming in March and April.
- A Public Health Merit Badge clinic is being offered by the Council.
- There are many Venturing training dates available.
- Delaware District is planning a merit badge clinic day. More info will follow on the dates and exact badges.
- Pow-wow is coming up on April 21.

Old Business:

The lasagna fundraiser was discussed. Last year, we served about 360 people and made a profit of \$1237.50. As of the meeting date, two Blue and Gold banquets were booked – Pack 843 on February 16 at Delaware JVS North and Pack 842 on February 21 at Scioto Ridge. However, Delaware JVS later forced a change in the Pack 843 dinner, moving it to February 23. Several committee members volunteered to contact various vendors to see if we can get ingredients donated. It was agreed that we will meet at the Lewis Center United Methodist Church to put together the lasagna on February 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. A team of helpers will also be needed the day of each of the dinners.

New Business:

A recent analysis of Scout Accounts shows that a few Scouts no longer with the troop left a balance in their account, while a few others left a negative balance. It was determined that we will send a note to those with a negative balance to try to collect those.

A Parent Meeting will be scheduled for January 23. A key objective of this meeting will be to get more parents to become involved in volunteer positions in the Troop.

Dates for the next two Courts of Honor were tentatively set for March 6 and June 12.

Debbie Dorph shared that the original plan had been to start the pizza fundraiser on the date this meeting was being held, however, in light of no troop meeting until January 23, it was determined that the materials will be distributed on January 23, will be due back in on February 13, and the items will be delivered around February 25.

Debbie Dorph distributed a proof of a new layout for the troop roster. Committee members were asked to review it and provide Debbie with feedback. She will incorporate that feedback then distribute the new roster to the entire troop.

Treasurer Selwyn Dias has submitted a request that a replacement for him be found by April, 2006, at which time he will have been in the position for two years. The committee expressed its gratitude for his service and brainstormed names of possible replacements.

It was reported that Dave Ivancic has assumed the title of Scoutmaster, but responsibilities are divided among the entire team of Assistant Scoutmasters. For the first 6 months, Mr. Nelson is working with the PLC and Dale Dettra is in charge of Scoutmaster Conferences.

Scoutmaster Report

Don Everhart shared that OA elections are coming up and the Committee has the option to nominate an adult. It was agreed that Debbie would prepare the paperwork to nominate Ken Burger.

Don also mentioned that the Arnold Fitness Event is the first weekend in March, and Scouts will be needed to work. At a minimum Scouts must have 1st Class rank and have their First Aid badge in order to work the event.

Don shared that nationwide there is an effort to determine why more Cub Scouts don't bridge over to Boy Scouts. In an effort to improve those odds locally, we are hosting a Cub night on Wednesday, January 25th.

Finally, Don reminded the group that one more chaperone is still needed for Seabase.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next Committee Meeting is Monday, February 13, 2006.