

BSA Troop 843 Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday October 13, 2003
Submitted by Susan Cartwright, Secretary

Attendance: Debbie Dorph, David Dennison, Connie Everhart, Bob Billups, Tod Jervey, Joy Griffin, Diane Gearinger, Pam Ball, Susan Cartwright, Irene Miller, Chris Rapp.

The meeting was called to order by committee chairman Tod Jervey at 7:12 p.m.

Secretary Report: Minutes reviewed and accepted with the following change to be noted:

- Clarification made by Connie Everhart on September 8, 2003 minutes on the SeaBase Report. There are additional boys going to SeaBase and the cost per person will remain the same. There will be no change in the amount per scout to attend.

Advancement Report: Kevin V. presented his Eagle project proposal to the committee. His project will involve the Preservation Parks of Delaware County to build six (6) picnic tables with five (5) 'regular' picnic tables and one (1) handicap accessible table for the new park on Seldom Seen Road. He discussed starting the project with possible delivery of the tables in November. However, November is past the picnic/summer season and storage of the tables could be an issue.

Concerns, issues and suggestions addressed:

1. Ensuring that a First Aid kit is available along with someone who is First Aid certified during the building of the tables since power equipment will be used.
2. Also it was suggested there may not be enough manhours involved as there are to be a minimum of 120 hours. A suggestion was made for Kevin to review this and provide a detailed break-out of 'already' and 'expected' hours to be expended on the project. It was also suggested that the project be "beefed up" to ensure enough hours are involved.

- Suggestions were made regarding extension of hours for possible bird houses or feeders to the park or working on the security of the tables in the park.
3. Look into the possible need for liability insurance through parent's homeowner's insurance since the project is to be completed at their home.
 4. A question was also raised in regard to timelines for fund raising versus district approval. Funds would need to be raised prior to the actual start of the project so that the funding sources are firmly established.
 5. Storage of the tables during the 'off-season' was another issue raised for Kevin to investigate further.
 6. He was also encouraged to make contact with Eagle coordinator, Dave Weidl on the project.

Treasurer's Report: QuickBooks has been purchased and installed on Chris Rapp's computer. Cost was \$239.00. The copy our previous Treasurer had used was her personal copy.

Chris has also received payments for SeaBase and the overall balance is now in the positive. Notices were given out to Scouts at the last SeaBase meeting to make them aware of their financial status for this trip.

Other expenditures:

- Court of Honor cost \$463.00.
- T-shirts cost was \$1,286.45.
- Badges: \$75.00. It was noted that a Quality Unit pays for rank but not badges other than rank.

Re-charter was also discussed. Monies will be sent to the new troop when a scout transfers from this troop. December 4, 2003 is our re-charter date and to be turned in and are hoping for this to be completed by November 15, 2003.

Dues for re-charter: In 2002 the cost was \$44.00. For 2003 the cost will remain \$44.00.

Dave Dennison made a motion to accept the dues of \$44.00 for 2003 and Debbie Dorph seconded the motion.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Debbie Dorph with a second by Dave Dennison.

Fundraising Report: Pam Ball presented the Popcorn update. In the past a cash incentive by the troop was done to try to increase sales by the scouts. Some past incentives were discussed. The order forms are due by 11/17/03. Unsold Show-n-Sell can be returned. Pam is to get together with Laura Kissell regarding individual boy accounts versus troop accounts for percentage division from last year. Irene Miller suggested looking at a re-division of percentages. Joy Griffin suggested leaving the percentages as they are with 60% to the boys and 40% to the troop.

The Fundraising Committee may need to look at future fundraising events such as pizza or sub sales.

Policy Task Force Report: Presented by Dave Dennison in regard to the troop mission statement and policies. Dave is the secretary of this committee. They will be looking at Troop 97 and our policies along with any changes from the scoutmaster. No opinions have been given yet. The plan will be to involve assistant scoutmasters and other adult members of the troop for input and feedback. Winter 2004 is the present goal for completion to present to the committee.

Old Business: none.

New Business: SPL Brian M. presented the 2004 troop calendar developed during annual planning. It was noted that Courts of Honor are not on the calendar because this is a committee function and not a PLC function. A motion to accept the calendar was made by Connie Everhart. The motion was seconded by Bob Billups.

Connie Everhart brought up the re-constitution of Troop 248 at Powell United Methodist Church. The District has indicated the area of Powell/Lewis Center is in need of new troop formation. Troop 248 will start meeting next Monday October 20, 2003. There may be some transfer of membership from Troop 843 into this new troop

from several of our current patrols. Another troop is anticipated to be started at some time in 2004 in Lewis Center. More details to be discussed later.

Debbie Dorph brought up the suggestion of specific training for committee members so that everyone is fully aware of what each position entails and the responsibilities expected. This will be discussed further and offered in the future. It was also discussed that we are lacking specific positions within this committee for training and chaplain, for example. This will also be addressed in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. with a motion by Susan Cartwright and seconded by Irene Miller.