

Committee Meeting Minutes – Troop 320

DATE: NOVEMBER 4, 2004

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Hazel Dell Fire Station

ATTENDEES (Present, Absent, Excused)

MINUTES BY: KEVIN EHLERS

P	Scout Master:	Dave Schedler	A	Committee Chair:	Ed Scovil
P	Asst Scout Master:	Paul Quimby	P	Treasurer:	Kevin Ehlers
P	Asst Scout Master:	Mark Rembowski	A	Secretary:	Jim Heid
P	Jr. Ast Sct Master:	Dan Sweeney	A	Eagle Coordinator:	Jim Southwood
P	Advance Chair:	Scott Inloes	A	News Letter:	Tami Sweeny
A	Merit Badge Coord:	Kim Ruestig	P	Activities Director:	Cindy Price
P	Committee Mbr:	Dan McMurry	A	Road to First Class:	TBA

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION

ACTION/FOLLOW-UP

1)	<p>Service Hours</p>	<p>A question came up about counting participation in pancake breakfasts toward rank service-hour requirements; even if the scout did not share in the profits.</p> <p>There was general agreement that while there is an element of community service in the pancake breakfast, the intent of the activity is for scouts to earn a profit and self-fund scouting activities.</p> <p>The committee agreed to keep with the current policy: Participation in activities where the intent is to gain a profit for the troop, or an individual scout, is not considered a valid community service activity for the purposes of fulfilling rank service-hour requirements. This includes pancake breakfasts and our annual tree recycling fund-raiser.</p> <p>Examples of acceptable service projects include Walk-n-Knock and Eagle Scout projects.</p>	<p>Consistent communication of troop policy to parents and scouts.</p>
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2)	District Roundtable Meetings	<p>We need representation at Roundtable meetings. Representation is probably topic dependant. A suggestion was made to work with Kate Benson, our District Executive to get an advance copy of the Roundtable agenda so we can determine who can best represent us meeting-to-meeting.</p> <p>Cindy Price will attend this month's roundtable meeting to learn about Walk-n-Knock.</p>	<p>Cindy volunteered to work with Kate Benson, and coordinate troop representation at future meetings.</p> <p>November representative: Cindy Price</p>
3)	O/A Elections (Order of the Arrow)	<p>We need a better understanding of the election rules, eligibility criteria, and what drives the number of scouts we can elect as candidates. Last year's election resulted in NO boys being selected because we did not understand how to prepare the troop for the election.</p>	<p>Scott Inloes volunteered to follow up with OA officials.</p>
4)	Pack Visits	<p>Pack 494 will visit November 15. Looks like a good partnership! We have some great scouts from 494 last year. Let's keep up the momentum.</p>	<p>Dan McMurry volunteered to host the parent group at the meeting.</p> <p>Dan Sweeney volunteered to assemble a short slide show.</p>
5)	Troop Eagle Scouts	<p>Dave Schedler would like to have some sort of recognition plaque/display that showcases Troop 320's 150-plus Eagle Scouts over its 70-year history.</p>	<p>Scott Inloes and Tom Nelson volunteered to compile a list from troop records, and recommend showcase options.</p>

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6)	Swim Night	<p>We need to schedule an evening swim session to provide an opportunity for scouts to fulfill rank requirements for swimming.</p> <p>Club Oxford was mentioned as a possible venue; December 13 as the desired date for the activity.</p>	Jim Heid was “volunteered” to make arrangements.
7)	Holiday Gift Exchange	<p>December 20 was suggested as the date for our annual “gift exchange”. In the past, we’ve secured one of the Firehouse truck bays for the meeting.</p> <p>For new parents and scouts: There’s a \$5 limit on the gift. The Troop 320 tradition is to “wrap” the gift in creative ways so that it’s difficult and challenging to open it in front of the Troop! Please...nothing that will make a difficult mess to clean up.</p>	Dan McMurry volunteered to make arrangements.
8)	Wolverton Weekend	<p>Mark Rembowski & Tom Nelson briefed the committee on Wolverton weekend (Nov 5-7). Approximately ~25 participants are expected.</p> <p>Food, fun, and firearms were discussed and it was determined we would have no shortage of any of these items.</p>	Tom, Mark, and Dave volunteered to have a good time.

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9)	Troop Activities	<p>The Committee discussed the need to have updates on upcoming calendar activities at the monthly Committee meeting.</p> <p>Agreements:</p> <p>Activities within the immediate three-month horizon to be included as standing agenda items.</p> <p>Leaders/Parents responsible for coordinating the activity should attend the Committee meetings during the three months preceding the activity to advise on status, updates, and issues.</p>	<p>Activity Director, Cindy Price, will work with Activity Coordinators to ensure Committee meeting attendance.</p> <p>Secretary, Jim Heid, will include a three-month forward-looking list of activities in the Committee meeting notes to serve as a reminder of activities to be discussed at the next meeting.</p>
10)	Leader Recharter	<p>The Committee reaffirmed the need for everyone in Committee / leadership positions to be registered with the council.</p> <p>The Committee agreed members are responsible for paying their own recharter fees.</p> <p>This avoids ultimately passing along this expense to the scouts in the form of higher dues.</p>	Recharter by Nov 15
11)	Monthly Newsletter	<p>The Committee discussed continuing the monthly newsletter. The weekly emails are getting positive feedback (Thanks Dan Sweeney!), and some could consider the monthly newsletter redundant.</p> <p>We agreed more communication is “more better!” Our thanks to Tami Sweeny for her continued dedication to the monthly newsletter.</p>	Continue monthly newsletter via US Mail.

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Next Committee Meeting

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Agenda Items:	Walk & Knock	Kim Ruestig David Walters	December
	Tree Flyer Pass-out / Tree Recycling	Sandra Cook Maggie Mohammadi	December
	Christmas Tree Pickup	Brad Koopman Chris Ruestig Ed Kraft	December
	Trilium Lake Campout	Paul Quimby Dan Funk	December
	Timberline Lodge Campout	Kerry Cook	December
	High Adventure Funds	TBD	TBD