



Troop 274 – Avon, CT

Mark Twain District
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Troop Committee Meeting Minutes & Report

March 28, 2007 7:30 PM
WACC

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REPORTS ATTACHED:

PROGRAM

	Scoutmaster / Roell
	Adventure / Greci
None	Leadership
None	Service

SUPPORT

	Committee Chair / Bourget
None	Advancement / Stewart
None	Communications /
	Counsel / Zygmunt
	Finance / Hornaday
None	Hospitality / Hamel



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Issues / Opportunities to be discussed

WELCOME INTRODUCTIONS

FORWARD

New meeting / reporting process
Retired flags

STRATEGY PROGRAM

Scoutmaster / Roell

Budget for caps
NYLTC
Campership applications
"Big Trip" committee volunteers needed

Adventure / Greci

Leadership

New Crossovers

Service

Flags program

SUPPORT

Committee Chair / Bourget

Advancement / Stewart

Communications /

PR in Avon Post and Avon News

Counsel / Zygmunt

Volunteer needed for backup Troop Registrar

Finance / Hornaday

Volunteer needed for Fundraising Chair

Hospitality / Hamel

Volunteer needed for Investiture event

OTHER ITEMS

NEXT MEETINGS

April 25
May 23

ADJOURN



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Troop Committee Meeting
Minutes

Minutes of March 28, 2007 Troop Committee Meeting

We started the meeting at 7:35. We began by discussing the format of future troop meetings:

- Discuss issues from prior meeting(s)
- Discuss committee reports and program-related issues
- Receive Scoutmaster's report
- Any other previously-agreed to agenda items
- Plan for next meeting

Copies of the committee reports will be available in email format prior to the Troop Committee meeting and parents are encouraged to read these reports. Folks who attend the meeting should print and bring their own copies of any reports they want, although we'll have 2-3 sets available for folks who may not be listed in the distribution.

Committee chairs should send an email with the committee reports to Rahardjo@comcast.net no later than the Sunday before each troop committee meeting. Kay will then compile the reports into one document and distribute these via email no later than the Tuesday prior to the troop committee meeting.

Scoutmaster's Report—Bill Roell

Bill introduced our new DN Senior Patrol Leader. DN went over the planned April activities:

- April 4—play the name game and introduce the new scouts; patrol election for upcoming camping event; camping presentation; investiture for new scouts
- April 11—fitness testing for tenderfoot patrol; meeting for planning camp out
- April 18—knot tutorial; camp prep

Bill mentioned we have the potential for 18 new scouts with the two Cub Scout cross-overs.

Also, JR with the help of three troop guides will help the new scouts to achieve the tenderfoot rank by the end of the school year.

Bill requested the purchase of 40 hats @ \$15 each for incoming scouts (see Bill's report) and the **motion was approved.**



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Bill requested a motion to authorize two boys to attend the Junior Leader Training Camp in August, 2007 offered by CT Yankee, budgeting 2 x \$190. The **motion was approved.**

Bill requested a motion to grant a scholarship for summer camp for two families. The **motion was approved.**

Bill has established a long term planning committee (Borgoyne, Cote, Nappi, Roell) for planning high adventure activities and utilizing funds from the trust. Some ideas for future high adventure activities: National Jamboree (100 year anniversary of Scouting). Our budget for these activities is 5% of trust balance (currently @ \$103,000), so we have a \$10k to \$15k budget over 2-3 years.

Other Items Discussed:

The committee needs to provide guidance to someone who can lead the Troop's training efforts (training of scouts, parents, etc.). In the past Kay Rahardjo has done what she was asked to do.

Service—Michael Cohen will coordinate the holiday flag activities. Bob Stewart has also shown interest in helping with flag maintenance.

Communication—Kay Rahardjo provided a write-up of the March Eagle Court of Honor to the *Avon Post*, *Avon News*, *Canton News*, and *Hartford Courant*

Frank Zygmunt requested assistance for back up with registration; he is currently the only one with knowledge to access the database. The person should be very detail-oriented but does not have to be particularly strong with computers as the software itself is not that complicated.

Frank also said that all adults should complete the adult application for volunteers every year. He also suggested the Youth Protection Training (on line). Also, parents of all new scouts are encouraged to register with the Boy Scout training website and to complete the online Boy Scout Fast Start training (see Frank's report).

Bill Roell suggested the Troop Committee challenge (online).

Finance

George Hornaday said a volunteer is needed for the fundraising chair (popcorn, citrus, etc.).

George requested a motion to move the Scout's inactive funds (scouts no longer active) to the scholarship fund. The **motion was approved.**



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Other business:

Mel Hamel has stepped up to be the overall hospitality coordinator. Mel did a great job coordinating the recent Eagle COH and she needs volunteers for future events.

Bill mentioned Frank will need help registering the new scouts because 15-18 new scouts are arriving next Wednesday. An e-mail will be sent requesting volunteers.

AW just lost his father on March 17. A motion was made to award \$100 to an education fund for brothers A and J and the **motion was approved.**

There is an adult Wood Badge course coming up during two weekends in September and October. Dates are Sept 7 (8am start) through Sept 9 (5pm end) and again Oct 6 (8am start) through Oct 8 (5pm end). This takes place at Camp Tadma in Bozrah, CT. The course is limited to about 48 participants and costs \$225 (includes food and materials).

Pack 122's Blue and Gold is on March 31. Troop 274 scouts are required to serve.

Next troop committee meetings are on April 25 and May 23.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.



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Troop Committee Meeting Reports

Meeting Date: March 28, 2007 **Report: Troop Program**
From: Bill Roell

- Questions:**
1. Request purchase of Troop 274 caps to increase inventory for Troop growth in 2007 and 2008. 40 caps, total cost ~ \$650. About \$400 was budgeted for this year, plus T-shirts. Total budget for caps and T-shirts is \$690. Budget over-run is expected to provide inventory for 2008 cross-over class.
 2. Request authorization to fund 2 scouts for National Youth Leadership Training conference a Camp Strang, 8/19-25. This camp is offered through the CT Yankee Council, not CT Rivers. Fee is \$250 per scout an increase over the \$190 x 2 = \$380 budgeted, the 2006 camp fee for CT Rivers.
 3. Summer Camp “campership” applications are due to Council on 4/2. I anticipate at least 2 families will request additional T274 assistance for Camp Workcoeman.
 4. “Big Trip” planning will be starting very soon, leveraging the income from the Trust Fund. I would like to have 2 or more Committee representatives work with the scoutmasters and the PLC to produce solid proposals ... perhaps for as early as Summer 2008.

Summary: FEB- MAR

Advancement:

- ▶ New Eagle Scout – RM, passed BOR on 2/27
- ▶ Eagle COH – BN, JR and RB.
- ▶ Eagle Application approved and submitted by DB on 3/7
- ▶ MB in progress: Communications, Emergency Preparedness and Snow Sports
- ▶ MB scheduled: Personal Management, Traffic Safety

New Scouts:

- ▶ 16 Webelos visited Troop 274 this winter (10 from P274, 6 from P122)
- ▶ New Scout Investiture is scheduled for Wed., 4/4
- ▶ 2 new scouts have joined T274:
 - AA (6th grade)
 - LP (9th grade)
- ▶ I expect a non-Cub registration of another 5th grader
- ▶ Troop registration is nearing 60



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New Leaders:

- ▶ 2/28 COH: New SPL is DN (10 rank advancements; 40 MB awarded)
- ▶ All of our 12-graders have turned age 18
- ▶ All are Eagles or Eagle candidates
- ▶ All are ASMs – GW, JR and DB.

March Activities:

- ▶ “Webelos Nights” on 3/7 and 3/14 were well attended
- ▶ “Advancement Mall” to allow younger scouts to seek out the skill training they need for advancement
- ▶ Traffic Safety MB
- ▶ Campfire program of skits and fun
- ▶ Electricity demonstration (Nick Greci)
- ▶ Blue & Golds for P274 (3/24) and P122 (3/31)
- ▶ OA elections – 3 candidates on ballot; Call-out at Spring Camporee
- ▶ Pasta Dinner for the 2007 Philmont crew was financially successful, despite poor weather

Summary: APRIL

New Scouts:

- ▶ Lots of attention to the new “Baden-Powell” patrol(s) of 5th graders

Outings:

- ▶ Camporee Preparation campout – 4/14-15 (Avon, local)
- ▶ Spring Camporee – 4/27-29 (Camp Strang, Goshen)
- ▶ Avon All-Scouts Clean Up Day – 4/14

Meetings:

- ▶ PLC Meeting is 3/28 at 6:30
- ▶ Current schedule is to meet on 4/18, during Spring Break week

FUTURE:

- ▶ PLC Planning Conference scheduled for 5/6 (semi-annual planning)
- ▶ CT Scout Show 2007 is scheduled 6/1-3 at Hebron
- ▶ Troop COH scheduled 6/6 (Sycamore? Hospitality Committee?)
- ▶ Summer camp a Camp Workcoeman is July 8-14



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Meeting Date: March 28, 2007 **Report:** **Outdoor**
From: **Nick Greci**

Questions: No questions or issues for the agenda.

Summary

- Working on Camporee Arrangements at Camp Strang with George Geiger, Tom Transue, and Andre Cote.
- Working on planning a Philmont day hike and shakedown
- Spaghetti Supper raised about \$2679 for the Philmont Crew.



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Meeting Date: March 28, 2007 **Report: Troop Committee Chair**
From: John Bourget

Questions: No questions or issues for the agenda.

Summary: Chair is continuing to define goals and implement initial changes. Changes to meeting management are being tried and a few volunteers have been recruited. New volunteers include: Kay and Buddy Rahardjo (Secretary) and Mel Hamel (Hospitality). In the weeks ahead, The Chair and the Troop Committee will focus on areas most important to our Scouts' success including: the Scoutmaster's Program (*SM and ASM's work to facilitate Scouts' Adventure, Leadership and Service*) and Troop Committee's support in the areas of Advancement, Fundraising, Hospitality and Communications.

Among the measures of our progress will be Troop's rates of Crossover and Renewal (*a positive word for "retention."*) and Member Satisfaction scores.

Strategically, success will depend on improving the real and perceived Value of the Program (*with respect to Adventure, Leadership and Service*). Of critical influence will be increased parental engagement.

Initially, the effort will address:

Productivity of monthly meetings.

e.g. Subcommittee reports distributed before meetings.

Access to information.

e.g. Minutes and Reports posted on the website.

Filling key gaps in Committee roles.

e.g. Fundraising, Hospitality, Communications

Succession for major roles.

e.g. The person responsible will serve for one year in a primary role with an assistant who will learn the role, provide backup and plan to take over the following year (and recruit a new assistant). Once rolling, a volunteer will serve two years in a role, the first as assistant followed by a year of primary responsibility.



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From: Frank Zygmunt

Questions/Issues: Troop registrar position requires a recruit to train for backup and eventual move up to primary registrar position.

Summary: In support of council requirements and good scouting practices, all adult members, including committee members and parents should complete the online, Youth Protection Training program (approx. 30 minutes).

Additionally, parents of all new scouts are encouraged to register with the Boy Scout training website and complete the online, Boy Scout Fast Start training.

Registrar Activities/Notes:

- 3 New Eagle Scouts
 - RB, BN and JR
- New scout, AA, joined from Troop 39, New Hartford
- New Assistant Scoutmaster
 - DB
- 2 Scouts Nominated for Order of the Arrow
 - Will be publicly identified at Spring Rally on 4/28
- Dave Bourgoin rejoins Troop Committee
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Meeting Date: March 28, 2007 **Report: Finance Committee**
From: George Hornaday

BSA TROOP 274
 TREASURERS REPORT

Checking Balance @ 2-21-2007 \$6,574.77

PAYMENTS

Philmont Scout Ranch	\$3,040.00
B. Roell - Supplies	<u>\$106.68</u>
Total Disbursements	\$3,146.68

RECEIPTS

Philmont Recpts	\$3,290.00
Pasta Supper Recpts	<u>\$2,369.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$5,659.00

Checking Balance @ 3-25-2007	\$9,087.09
Savings Acct. Balance @ 2/28/2007	\$5,990.96
Total Balances	\$15,078.05

	\$595.98 TRANSFEREC TO SCH. FUND	
Scout Balances		\$4,090.00
Fla Seabase Balance		\$0.00

Net Troop Balance \$10,988.05

Other: CRC-Supply Deposit - Est'd	\$150.00
CRC-Camp Deposit	\$50.00
Philmont Advances	<u>\$505.00</u>
Am. Fund - Special Events Fund Est. at 3/27/07	\$103,274.46

Total Troop Balance @ 3-25-2007 \$114,967.51

	Beginning		Current		
Note: Designated Receipts	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Uses</u>	<u>Balance</u>	3/25	Total
Scholarship Fund	\$1,744.81	(\$485.00)	\$1,259.81	\$595.98	1855.79
Flag Receipts	\$2,381.50	(\$2,005.39)	\$376.11		
	\$4,126.31	(\$2,490.39)	\$1,635.92		