



# Troop 274 – Avon, CT

Mark Twain District  
Connecticut Rivers Council - Boy Scouts of America

## Troop Committee Meeting Minutes & Report

January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 (Wednesday) 7:30 PM  
WACC

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**Troop Committee Meeting  
Agenda**

Date: January 23, 7:30 PM (Wednesday)  
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**Issues / Opportunities to be discussed**

**WELCOME**  
INTRODUCTIONS

SPL Report / Jack Hamel      Due to midterm exams, their meeting postponed until next week

**FORWARD**

**STRATEGY**  
PROGRAM

Scoutmaster / Roell

Adventure / \_\_\_\_\_      Trip to Black Hills! Philmont 2009. Subsidy approved.  
Alert that Klondike was cancelled. Dave Bourgoin?

Leadership / \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORT

Committee Chair / Bourget      Still seeking chairs for Communications and Fundraising

Hospitality / Hamel      \$ for Volunteer appreciation event

Communications / \_\_\_\_\_

Fundraising / \_\_\_\_\_      Need someone to lead campaign to Avon business community

Advancement / Stewart

Service / Sanford      Need suggestions for Winter and Spring service

Finance / Hornaday      Treasurer's report and approval

**OTHER ITEMS**

**NEXT MEETINGS**

**ADJOURN**



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## Minutes of January 23, 2008 Troop Committee Meeting

Troop Committee Chairman, John Bourget, started the meeting at 7:30 pm.

SPL report. PLC meeting is postponed until Jan. 30 due to midterm exams. J Hamel will update Scoutmaster Roell once the meeting takes place.

John Bourget expressed the need for parent volunteers. Neither of the citrus coordinators will come back next year. The troop will need to find their replacement. We also need a volunteer to take the lead for communications, and for fundraising activities. The troop needs to raise money for flags (poles need to be painted, etc.) but also for other broader ranges of activities.

John brought out Mel Hamel's question: are there any funds/budget that can be used for volunteer/parent appreciation (adults only). Mr. Hornaday mentioned that due to our fundraising success, funds can be set aside for this event. Many suggestions were discussed such as potluck, byo or catering; also outdoor versus restaurant. We will try to set a date at the next meeting.

Peaches Miller suggested that this event could coincide with giving recommended district awards such as five years leader awards, etc. Nick will provide a list of their awards so that the Troop can identify nominees.

Service. Mr. Sanford extended a special thank you to Frank O'Brien for the write up and the photos in a local newspaper for our troop service activities during the holiday season. Please let Bob know of any ideas for service activities you may have, such as the annual spring St. Ann's Cares house rehab project.

Treasury report. Mr. Hornaday presented his finance report. The following are of significance:

- Popcorn and citrus fundraising were very successful. We generated sales receipts of around \$9,400 with potential profit of \$3,500. The winning patrol for these events will be awarded \$150 that they can use for a pizza party.
- Mr. Valerio requests to continue the Stop & Shop gift cards. The troop benefited with \$250 in profit from last fall. Troop will advance \$5,000 to purchase the gift cards again netting the troop \$250 profit.
- Mr. Zygmunt will need funds to register our adults and scouts participants at our district. Frank figured that approx. 40 adults at \$13/person and 42 scouts at \$20/scout for a total of about \$1,400 are needed.
- Mr. Hornaday explained a correction in CD balance should be \$6,025 instead of \$3,025 (see his report). Also due to market dip the balance for special event is presently around \$99k.

Motion to accept the treasury report was approved.

Scoutmaster's report

Advancement: BORs will be scheduled the first or second meeting in Feb. Notable achievement is that two boys will become 1<sup>st</sup> class in less than one year since joining. Eagle activity; Congratulations to the troop's two newest eagles, Andy Roell and Will Rahardjo. Chris Rueda has completed all requirements and is waiting for his Eagle BOR. Joe Valerio has had approval for his project and will start his beautification project at Thompson Brook School this spring.



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Service: Our troop collected "care package" for Ben Zero (former scout at troop 274 and 2001 eagle scout). Two large boxes were filled. One was shipped on Dec. 27, 2007 the second will be shipped in Feb. Troop 274 donated citrus to Gifts of Love during the holiday season. Depending on feedback from the soldiers about the items, another collection might be made.

Upcoming activities. Feb 2-3 Klondike has been cancelled. Replacement event for February is to be determined.

Venture Scout Sky weekend Feb 9-10 at Okemo, VT. 8 scouts and 4 adults registered. Mr. Greci brought up that our Council's insurance explicitly excludes coverage of skiing activities. The Vermont Council hosting us offers \$3/person accidental insurance for skiing activity. Mr. Hornaday suggesting checking to ensure the coverage is satisfactory. The committee approved the request for \$36 fee.

COH is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 27. A new SPL will be installed during that time.

Summer camp 2008. Recommend moving to Camp JN Webster in Ashford, CT. The Camp offers deeper MB program and a variety of activities not offered at Workcoeman. If this proves popular, the plan would be to rotate the location of our summer camp among Council's camps. Date of camp will be July 6-12. For more details, see Mr. Roell's report.

Summer 2008. Black Hills South Dakota. Tentatively July 10-20, 2008. Scouts need to be 14 at camp arrival. Scouts and adult will trek over 50 miles via trails and rails along the Black Hills with the highlight of visiting Mt. Rushmore and Crazy horse. Estimated total cost for air, ground transportation, camp and misc. will be \$1,250. The Planned subsidy of \$ 10,000 from the Troop' trust fund amounts to approximately \$650 per person. Given the estimate, the Committee decided that the subsidy should be a flat \$650/person instead of \$10,000 for trip, resulting in an amount that would vary depending on the number of Scouts who went. It was decided that \$650 each was OK. In either case, it would leave each participant with cost less subsidy at \$600/person. Maximum 12 scouts and 3 adults will participate. Motion to request the subsidy is approved.

Committee voted to hold the next meeting on the third Wednesday rather than the fourth, so that the Troop Meeting could be held on the fourth instead of during the school holiday. The next meeting will be Feb 20, 2008 at 7:30pm.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.**

All participants were invited to rendezvous after the meeting at Chillis.



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**Meeting Date: January 23, 2008**

**Report: Troop Program**  
**From: Bill Roell**

**Questions:** 1. Advance \$500 to reserve Troop 274's Philmont crew for 2009. Currently have 6 scouts on the roster, with others undecided. Deposit is due 1/31/08.

## SUMMARY: DECEMBER/JANUARY ACTIVITIES

### Advancement:

- ▶ Merit Badges: Envi-Sci MB, Family Life MB and Computers MB were completed
- ▶ 9 Scoutmaster conferences for rank advancement have been completed
  - Will need BOR on 2/6 or 2/13
  - 2 Star candidates, 4 1<sup>st</sup> Class candidates
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Class candidates include 2 scouts reaching this rank in < 12 months
- ▶ Eagle activity:
  - Eagle rank awarded to Andy Roell (12/10) and Will Rahardjo (1/8)
  - Project/MB activity continues for Chris Rueda (deadline 1/25)
  - Project planning continues for Joe Valerio, with Committee approval

### Leadership:

- ▶ 6 scouts participated in District Klondike training (1/7)
  - Provide planning and first aid support for their patrols

### Troop Activities:

- ▶ District First Aid Meet (12/1)
  - 9 scouts participated, after November troop preparation
  - Scored 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Farmington Valley region
- ▶ Camp Workcoeman Cabin Weekend (12/7-9)
  - 15 scouts, 5 adults
  - Friday evening was Venture scouts "fun night"
  - Outdoor skills, including orienteering; good advancement progress
- ▶ Pre-Klondike weekend (1/19-20)
  - 12 scouts, 3 adults
  - Orienteering practice and cold weather camping experience

### Service:

- ▶ Collected "care package" supplies and treats for Ben Zero
  - 2001 Troop 274 Eagle scout, now stationed in Iraq with the US Army
  - 2 large boxes, each weighing 40 lbs., were filled; Cash for postage was donated
  - 1<sup>st</sup> was shipped 12/27
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> box will be shipped in February
- ▶ Small number of unsold citrus cartons were donated
  - Gifts of Love (?)



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## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### Troop Activities:

- ▶ Klondike
  - Feb. 2-3 event is cancelled
  - Replacement event (district or troop level) is TBD
  - Target event for 5<sup>th</sup> grade Webelos to join (Arrow of Light requirement)
- ▶ Venture Scout Ski Weekend (2/9-10)
  - Okemo, c/o Green Mountain BSA Council
  - Approx. 6 scouts and 4 adults on roster
- ▶ Winter Day Event (3/1, tentatively)
  - Hiking is expected to be primary activity

### Service:

- ▶ During February, scouts will prepare for Cub Scout Blue & Gold ceremonies
  - March 8 (P122) and March 22 (P274)
  - 15+ 5<sup>th</sup> graders have visited Troop 274

### Leadership:

- ▶ New 1<sup>st</sup> Class scouts will assume roles (newspaper, archives, etc.)
- ▶ Court of Honor will be Wed., 2/27
  - New Senior Patrol will be formed

### Advancement:

- ▶ Scholarship MB and Personal Fitness MB are beginning
- ▶ Rank advancement
  - Target several boys at "Scout" rank
  - Encourage boys at 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

## OTHER NEWS

- ▶ January PLC Meeting will be Wed., 1/30
- ▶ Newell Trust trip/event proposed for 2008
  - South Dakota: Medicine Mountain Scout Reservation
  - 10 scouts on roster, so far, 1 adult... (deposits due 1/31)
- ▶ Summer Camp 2008
  - Scoutmaster recommends moving to Camp JN Webster (Ashford, CT)
  - One year "trial" allows option to return to Workcoeman in B-P site
  - Change of program, more and different MBs, different structure to 1<sup>st</sup> yr program
  - Dates are 7/6-12 (same week as 2007)
  - Have tentatively reserved site at JNW with Pat Boyd
  - Will advise Lou Seiser of our change, barring Committee objection



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SUMMER 2008  
(tentatively July 10-20, 2008)



Medicine Mountain Scout Reservation  
Black Hills, South Dakota

Many adventures and options are offered at this camp, maintained by the Black Hills Council of the BSA.

Before arriving at the camp, our group will tour sites such as historic Deadwood City, the Black Hills Mining Museum, and Jewel Cave (2<sup>nd</sup> largest in US).

**Scouts age 13 and up**, as of camp arrival:

Extraordinary summer camp ...

- ▶ Extensive merit badge program (waterfront, nature, shooting sports, etc.)
- ▶ “Wednesday Tour Day” program options to visit Mount Rushmore, Devil’s Tower, Crazy Horse Monument, and other attractions
- ▶ PLUS, for scouts age 14 and up ...
  - Caving (there are 200+ caves in the area)
  - Climbing and rappelling
  - COPE (ropes course and teamwork)

**Scouts age 14 and up**, as of camp arrival:

“Rushmore Trek” – The Ultimate Adventure ...

a 5-day, backpacking trek of over 50 miles via the trails and rails of some of the most scenic areas in the Black Hills; highlighted with visits to Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, etc. Max. 12 scouts.

**Cost Estimates:**

Subsidy available from Troop’s trust fund.

Camp/activities	\$ 500
Travel and other	750
Subsidy (est. 15 participants)	<u>(650)</u>
	\$ 600

“Scholarships” may be requested through Mr. Bourget, Mr. Hornaday or Mr. Roell



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### SUMMER CAMP IN THE BLACK HILLS – Sample Itinerary

July 10 – Depart Bradley Airport 6:22 AM/Arrive Denver 8:37 AM  
White Water Rafting on Spring Creek, overnight in Denver

July 11 – Depart Denver Airport 8:40 AM/Arrive Rapid City, South Dakota  
9:50 AM  
Tour Historic Deadwood and Black Hills Mining Museum

July 12 – Tour Jewel Cave (2<sup>nd</sup> largest in US) and hike Harney Peak (highest  
in Black Hills)

July 13 – Check in, Medicine Mountain Scout Reservation  
See background at [www.blackhillsareacouncil.com](http://www.blackhillsareacouncil.com)

July 14-18

Scouts age 14 and above class have two options:

#### Option A

Mount Rushmore Trek: 50 mile backpacking trek covering Mt.  
Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, antique train ride, etc. Maximum  
12 scouts.

#### Plan B

In Camp Program: Advanced instruction and application in Caving,  
Climbing, Mountain Biking, and/or COPE adventures, plus those  
listed below.

Scouts not yet 14:

In Camp Program: “Trail To Eagle” merit badges, overnight hike to  
Bear Mountain; Wednesday off-site touring of Mt. Rushmore, Crazy  
Horse Memorial, etc.; application to retire colors at Mt. Rushmore;  
other camp activities.

July 19 – Check out, Medicine Mountain Scout Reservation. Depart Rapid  
City 4:15 PM/Arrive Bradley 5:35AM (July 20)

### ESTIMATED BUDGET

Airfare	\$600
Ground Transp.	150
Camp	300
Other	<u>200</u>
Total	\$1250, less Troop subsidy



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SUMMER 2009  
(July 23-August 6, 2009)



Philmont Scout Ranch  
Cimarron, New Mexico

High Adventure in New Mexico's Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Trip includes 2 days of touring in Colorado and New Mexico, followed by 10 days in the backcountry of Philmont Scout Ranch.

Pre-trek activities likely to include a whitewater raft trip and tour of US Air Force Academy. The Philmont trek is highlight:

- ▶ Backpacking over 50 miles,
  - choice of over 30 itineraries
  - likely to include Baldy Mountain (12,441') or Mt. Phillips.
- ▶ Supervised activities such as
  - rock climbing,
  - blacksmithing,
  - gold panning
  - shotgun shooting, and
  - burro racing.

This is truly Scouting Paradise!

Participants must be at least 1<sup>st</sup> Class rank and have **completed 8th grade, or be age 14 by 1/1/09**. Crew size is limited to 10 scouts and 2 adult advisors.

Philmont preparation will include team outings, in preparation for the backcountry experience.

**Cost Estimates:**

Philmont Trek	\$ 595
Travel and other	<u>800</u>
	\$1,395

Crew activities will likely include fund-raising specific to this trip. Additionally, "scholarships" may be requested through Mr. Bourget, Mr. Hornaday or Mr. Roell.



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**Committee: Committee Chair**

**From: John Bourget**

## QUESTIONS: Still Seeking Volunteers for Chairs of Communications and Fundraising.

### REPORT:

<b>TROOP COMMITTEE</b>	<b>John Bourget</b>	Position open
<b>Counsel</b>		
Secretary	Kay Rahardjo	Buddy Rahardjo
Treasurer	George Hornaday	Mary Suter
Registrar	Frank Zygmunt	John Selerni
Order of Arrow	Marshall Berger	Rob Galbraith
Sponsoring Organization WACC	Rev. Brian Hardee	Susanna Whitney
Unit Commissioner	Tom Transue	
Council VP District Operations	Charlie Bell	
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Mel Hamel</b>	Position open
Celebrations	Diane Coleman	Anna Karvazy
New Parents	Position open	Position open
New Scouts	Position open	Position open
<b>Communications</b>	Position open	Position open
Webmaster	Keith Chambers	John Salerni
Newspaper (editor & photo/video)	John Salerni	Position open
Alumni & Eagles	Keith Nappi	Position open
Archivist	Jim Putnam	Position open
<b>Fundraising</b>	Position open	Position open
Flags on 44	Jim Kelly	Position open
Retail Cards	Joe Valerio	Position open
Citrus <i>will need an '08 team!</i>	Robert & Lynn Metz	Sharat Rastogi
Popcorn	Rebecca Selerni	Lona Kirk
Friends of Scouting	Nick Greci	Position open
<b>Advancement</b>	<b>Bob Stewart</b>	<b>Gitte Boswell</b>
Boards of Review	Eric Gladstein	Diane Oberhausen
	<i>Open need for Adults to sit on Boards of Review</i>	
Crossover (Scout-Tft)	Position open	Position open
Basic Skills (Tft-1 <sup>st</sup> )	Position open	Position open
Merit Badges	Jerry Condon	Tony Lopriato
	<i>Open need for Counselors for Merit Badges of interest to the Boys</i>	



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Service	Bob Sanford	Bob Scalise
Flags on 44 / VFW Liaison	Andrew Wojciechowski & Eva Chomicz	Position open
Eagle Advisors	Peggy Roell	Mark Hamel, Tom Transue
WACC Liaison	Position open	Position open
Chaplain	Position open	Position open
Avon Community	Melissa Farley Tyler	Position open
SOS ( <i>Service outside of Scouting</i> )	Frank O'Brien	Position open

PROGRAM / SCOUTMASTER	Bill Roell	
<b>Leadership</b>		
Library / PX	Position open	Position open
<b>Adventure &amp; Fun</b>	Position open	Position open
Summer Camp	Sean Graziano	Joe Valerio
Summer High Adventure	Nick Greci	George Geiger
First Aid Meet competition coordinator	Position open	Position open
Klondike competition coordinator	Dave Bourgoin	Position open
Camporee competition coordinator	Dave Bourgoin	Position open
Monthly Adventures / Camping	Position open	Position open
Troop's Major Summer Trip	Charlie Bell	Position open

Committee: Hospitality                      From: Mel Hamel

**QUESTIONS:**

**REPORT:**                      Diane Coleman and Anna Karvazy have stepped up to help.  
Will be asking for help with February Court of Honor  
We will be planning a volunteer appreciation event.

Committee: Communications                      From: (position to be filled)

**QUESTIONS:**

**REPORT:**                      PR in Avon pubs thanks to Frank O'Brien re: Thanksgiving Service.  
Newspaper: A website-based "newspaper" to be managed by Scouts?

Committee: Advancement                      From: Bob Stewart

**QUESTIONS:**

**REPORT:**

Boards of Review: To be scheduled 1<sup>st</sup> or 2nd week of next month.

Merit Badges:                      Family Life and Environmental Science badges.  
Personal Fitness is starting second week of February.  
Elective badge classes: Collections in progress, Computers  
Scholarship.



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Committee: Fundraising

From: (Chair position to be filled)

## QUESTIONS:

## REPORT:

Popcorn & Citrus: Over \$ 9,000 sales! Thanks to the Metz, Rastogi, Salerni and Kirk families, and leadership of scout Ryan Coleman. As they are not returning, the adult team will need to be recruited.

Retail Cards: Joe Valerio will have Stop & Shop cards available at every Troop Meeting. Purchase for face value in many denominations. Can be used at any time. No cost to you and 5% goes to the Troop.

Eagle Projects: Carmon Funeral Homes has pledged \$ 300 / year to help identify Eagle's projects.

Committee: Service

From: Bob Sanford

- I. **Flags** – Andrew Wojciechowski & Eva Chomicz
  - a. Recent Service
  - b. Upcoming Service – Flagpole prep, Roadside prep, Memorial Day 2008
- II. **Eagle Projects** – Peggy Roell
  - a. Recent Service
  - b. Current Service
    - i. Chris Rueda's – finished a series of signs at The Roaring Brook Nature Center.
    - ii. Joe Valerio – Thompson Brook School landscaping project – in review and approval process.
  - c. Upcoming Service
- III. **WACC Liaison**
  - a. Position Opportunity
- IV. **Chaplain**
  - a. Position Opportunity.
- V. **Avon Town/Park & Rec. Community – VFW, APD, AFD** – Melissa Farley Tyler.
  - a. Position Opportunity.
- VI. **Service outside of Scouting** – Frank O'Brien
  - a. See proposal.
- VII. **Other**
  - a. Mart's House Service – thank you to Frank O'Brien for the PR coverage in the Avon News.
  - b. Need some winter/spring opportunity suggestions.



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Committee: Treasurer

From George Hornaday

**BSA TROOP 274**  
**TREASURERS REPORT**

Checking Balance @ 11-20-2007		\$13,179.77
	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
G. Geiger - Campout Exp	\$139.00	
Stop & Shop - Purchase	\$4,750.00	
B. Roell - Turkey Dinner Exp	\$175.48	
W. A. Wheat - Citrus Sale	\$3,184.55	
BSA CRC - Popcorn Sale	\$2,666.95	
Bank Charge - Deposit Book	<u>\$5.70</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$10,921.68	
	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
Turkey Dinner Rcpts	\$100.00	
Stop & Shop Rcpts	\$5,000.00	
Citrus & Popcorn Rcpts	<u>\$774.00</u>	
Total Receipts	\$5,874.00	
Checking Balance @ 1-23-2008		\$8,132.09
C.D.. Balance @ 11/30/2007		\$6,025.31
Total Balances		\$14,157.40
Scout Balances owed		-\$3,503.10
Philmont & Pasta Dinner Balance - Est'd owed		-\$79.02
Net Troop Balance		\$10,575.28
Other: CRC-Supply Deposit - Est'd		\$100.00
CRC-Camp Deposit		\$50.00
Am. Fund - Special Events Fund at 1/19/08		\$101,855.18
Total Troop Balance @ 1-23-2008		<u>\$112,580.46</u>

	Beginning Balance	Uses	Current Balance	
Note: Designated Receipts				net of \$375 in
Scholarship Fund	\$1,744.81	(\$345.00)	\$1,399.81	contributions
Flag Receipts	\$1,855.79	(\$2,190.21)	(\$334.42)	
	\$3,600.60	(\$2,535.21)	\$1,065.39	

Specific scouts' balances need to be updated to reflect citrus and popcorn sales.