



Troop 274 – Avon, CT

Mark Twain District
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Troop Committee Meeting Minutes & Report

March 26th , 2008 (Wednesday) 7:30 PM
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Minutes of March 26, 2008 Troop 274 Committee Meeting

We started the meeting at 7:31.

Ryan Coleman, Troop 274's new SPL, gave his report. He told us the troop is now welcoming the new Webelos scouts who have just crossed over. He also discussed the possibility of having parents come to troop meetings in May to talk about their jobs rather than our normal format for meetings. There's a spring camporee on May 3.

Scoutmaster's Report—John Bourget did this in Bill Roell's absence.

Bill had requested money to buy two new troop flags. He also requested that we replenish our troop t-shirts with large-sized t-shirts.

A motion was made to spend \$225 to buy two new troop flags as well as \$110 for the t-shirts. **Motion was approved.**

Chris Rueda is Troop 274's newest Eagle Scout. Chris, Will Rahardjo, and Andy Roell will be recognized in the Eagle Court of Honor scheduled for June 1. *Kay Rahardjo contacted Mel to let her know of the June 1 date for the next Eagle COH.*

Two new merit badges have been started—personal fitness and public speaking.

There were 22 Webelos scouts who crossed over during the recent Blue and Gold ceremonies. Also, seventeen scouts from Troop 274 participated in the Blue and Gold ceremonies.

Other Items Discussed:

The Trail to Eagle weeklong summer camp will happen the last week of July.

John Bourget told us that Frank Zygmunt is in the hospital with serious health issues. He was going to check with the Roells about how the troop could help the Zygmunt family. He suggested she use the "Lotsahelpinghands.com" website to coordinate volunteer tasks. Marshal Berger suggested that yard cleanup was an appropriate troop task.

Mr. Salerni will take over the advancement responsibilities that Mr. Zygmunt had been doing. Mr. Chambers will coordinate the newsletter.

John asked that all individuals let him know of any changes in your intention to serve/volunteer for the next scouting year.



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Mr. Sanford told us of several upcoming service opportunities for scouts:

- April 26—six scouts can volunteer to help on a building project at Together House
- May 3—Avon Library books sale
- May 10—flag preparation

Finance

Mr. Hornaday summarized our financial position (see attached report).

There was much discussion about what to do with the scout funds of inactive scouts. After much discussion, the group agreed that at the end of each year, the troop will make an effort to contact graduating scouts and offer to cut a check with their fund balance, and otherwise sweep funds of inactive scouts into the scholarship fund.

Motion was made to accept the treasurer's report. **Motion was accepted.**

Nick Greci pointed out that the troop had paid \$3 per boy for insurance for the recent ski trip. Apparently, the Boy Scouts insurance policy does not cover skiing.

Mr. Transue said we need to find a date to have a chartering ceremony at West Avon Congregational Church. He also discussed the need to identify a date where the church will have spring clean-up so the scouts can get service hours.

We adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm.



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Meeting Date: March 26, 2008

Report: Troop Program
From: Bill Roell

- Questions:**
1. Seeking approval to purchase a new unit flag for Troop 274. This summer, we will have contingents simultaneously at Camp Webster and in South Dakota ... both should have our flag. Additionally, our current troop flag has traveled many miles and is showing wear. Estimated cost: \$225.
 2. Seeking approval for supplemental Troop T-shirt order. We have good quantity of 2007 shirts, except for Large size. Request is for additional 12 shirts, to fill gaps in inventory. Estimated cost: \$110. (Budget allows \$450).

SUMMARY: FEBRUARY-MARCH ACTIVITIES

Advancement:

- ▶ Merit Badges: Scholarship, Public Speaking, Personal Fitness, and Citizenship in the Nation MB programs were initiated
- ▶ 8 Boards of Review conducted for rank advancement
- ▶ Court of Honor on February 27
 - Rank advancements includes three 1st Class scouts reaching this rank in < 12 mo.
 - 35 merit badges awarded
- ▶ New Scout Investiture ceremony conducted 3/12
 - 4 boys received "Scout" rank
- ▶ Eagle activity:
 - Chris Rueda successfully passed his Eagle BOR on March 18
 - Project planning continues for Joe Valerio, with Committee approval

Troop Activities:

- ▶ Venture Scout Ski Weekend (2/9-10)
 - Okemo, c/o Green Mountain BSA Council
- ▶ Troop local overnight (3/1, likely at Huckleberry or Alsop)
 - Overnight cabin opportunity for 12 scouts
 - Two additional scouts camped outside for camping credit
 - Day event included Webelos scouts ... 31 participants on the day hike!

Leadership Activities:

- ▶ Order of the Arrow elections conducted March 5
 - 8 scouts qualified for the ballot (rank, camping nights, active participation)
 - Results announced at District Camporee May 3
- ▶ Ryan Coleman assumed SPL responsibilities on 2/27
- ▶ Patrol leader elections conducted on March 12
- ▶ Troop Guides designated to facilitate the New Scout patrols
 - Michael Oberhausen, Garrett Roell and others to be announced

Service Activities:

- ▶ Troop participated in Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquets
 - Pack 122 on 3/8, Pack 274 on 3/22
 - 22 fifth-grade Webelos crossed-over; expect most to be active with T274
 - 17 scouts participated (98 hours of credit were awarded)



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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Troop Activities:

- ▶ Metacomet Trail Hike (3/28, day activity)
 - 5 mile hike with lunch on the trail
- ▶ Scout Ski Weekend (3/28-30)
 - Okemo, c/o Green Mountain BSA Council
- ▶ Pre-Camporee campout (4/12-13)
 - Avon site, Instruction for new scouts ... hike planned

Advancement:

- ▶ New Scout Investiture ceremony to be conducted 4/2
- ▶ 2 New Scout patrols will be formed on 4/2
 - Program defined for boys who are active to achieve Tenderfoot in June

Service:

- ▶ Service opportunities will be bundled in late April, Early May
Bob Sanford to report

Leadership:

- ▶ New 1st Class scouts are candidates for Troop jobs
 - Will be designated during April

OTHER NEWS

- ▶ South Dakota 2008: Medicine Mountain Scout Reservation ... 9 scouts, 4 adults
- ▶ Philmont 2009: 6 scouts, 2 adults (to date)
- ▶ Summer Camp 2008: Camp JN Webster (Ashford, CT) ... July 6-12
 - Sean Graziano, designated leader
 - 13 scouts on the roster, to date



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Committee: Committee Chair

From: John Bourget

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

REPORT:

TROOP COMMITTEE	John Bourget	Position open
Counsel		
Secretary	Kay Rahardjo	Buddy Rahardjo
Treasurer	George Hornaday	Mary Suter
Registrar	John Salerni (interim)	Frank Zygmunt (on leave)
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	
Hospitality	Mel Hamel	Position open
Celebrations	Diane Coleman	Anna Karvazy
New Parents	Position open	Position open
New Scouts	Position open	Position open
Communications	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
Fundraising	Position open	Position open
Flags on 44	Jim Kelly	Position open
Retail Cards	Joe Valerio	Position open
Citrus	Position open	Position open
Popcorn	Rebecca Salerni	Lona Kirk
Friends of Scouting	Nick Greci	Position open
Advancement	Bob Stewart	Gitte Boswell
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 st)	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	
Leadership		
Library / PX	Position open	Position open
Adventure & Fun	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	Position open	Position open
Camporee competition coordinator	Position open	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: Planning a volunteer appreciation event for spring

Committee: Communications **From: (position to be filled)**

QUESTIONS: An interest in a website-based “newspaper” to be managed by Scouts?

REPORT:

Committee: Advancement **From: Bob Stewart**

QUESTIONS:

REPORT:

Boards of Review: To be scheduled 3rd week of next month.

Merit Badges: Required badges: Personal Fitness in progress
 Elective badges:



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Committee: Fundraising

From: (Chair position to be filled)

QUESTIONS:
REPORT:

- Popcorn & Citrus: Scout account balances posted.
- Retail Cards: Joe Valerio has Stop & Shop and Big Y 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 create markers for Eagle's projects.

Committee: Service

From: Bob Sanford

- I. Flags** – Andrew Wojciechowski & Eva Chomicz
 - a. Recent Service
 - i. Program concluded for calendar year 2007.
 - b. Upcoming Service
 - i. Date for flag prep? 5/10?
 - ii. Memorial Day 2008
- II. Eagle Projects** – Peggy Roell
 - a. Recent Service
 - b. Current Service
 - i. Joe Valerio – Thompson Brook School landscaping project – status?
 - c. Upcoming Service
- III. WACC Liaison**
 - a. Position Opportunity
 - b. Clean up day?
- IV. Chaplain**
 - a. Position Opportunity.
- V. Avon Town/Park & Rec.** – Melissa Farley Tyler.
 - a. Roaring Brook School Mayfair – date? What can Scouts do?
 - b. Avon Library Book Sale – 5/2 – 5/4. Same weekend as Spring Camporee. Can Scouts do both?
 - c. Avon Clean Up Day
 - d. Avon Road Race
- VI. Community** – VFW, APD, AFD
 - a. Position Opportunity.
- VII. Service outside of Scouting** – Frank O'Brien
 - a. See proposal.
- VIII. Other**
 - a. Rebuilding Together – April 26th. Troop 274 can send 6 Scouts. Will need 3 parents.



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Committee: Treasurer

From George Hornaday

Checking Balance @ 2-18-2008 \$2,148.25

PAYMENTS

BSA Black Hills Council - Dakota Trip	\$1,300.00
Raft Masters - Dakota Trip	\$265.00
Green Mt Council - Mar Ski Trip	\$2,054.00
M. Hamel - Eagle COH	\$86.54
Total Disbursements	\$3,705.54

RECEIPTS

Popcorn Sales	\$16.00
Ski Trip - Mar	\$2,015.00
Dakota Trip Recpts	\$800.00
Stop & Shop Recpts	\$4,650.00
Total Receipts	\$7,481.00

Checking Balance @ 3-24-2008 \$5,923.71

C.D.. Balance @ 2/29/2008 \$6,099.06

Total Cash Bal. **\$12,022.77**

Liabilities

Scout Balances	\$6,092.10
Philmont 2009 Balance + = Amt owed to Troop Acct	\$350.00
Dakota 2008 Balance	\$1,545.00
Net Troop Balance	\$7,825.67

Other Assets

Other: CRC-Supply Deposit - Est'd	\$100.00
CRC-Camp Deposit	\$50.00
Am. Fund - Special Events Fund at 3/20/08	\$99,309.62

Total Troop Balance @ 3-24-2008 **\$107,285.29**

Note: Designated

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



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ACTIVE SCOUT ACCOUNTS AT 3/2008				
	Sct Bal	Citrus	Popcorn	Sct Bal
	@Oct 2007	Profit	Profit	@Mar 2008
1	\$0.00			\$0.00
2		\$18.00	\$45.00	\$63.00
3	\$96.31			\$96.31
4	\$0.00			\$0.00
5	\$43.12			\$43.12
6	\$351.26	\$43.00	\$45.00	\$439.26
7		\$16.00	\$29.00	\$45.00
8	\$17.70	\$15.00	\$4.00	\$36.70
9	\$0.00			\$0.00
10		\$203.00	\$6.00	\$209.00
11	\$127.86			\$127.86
12	\$4.26			\$4.26
13	\$142.60	\$41.00	\$39.00	\$222.60
14	\$30.39			\$30.39
15	\$425.18	\$45.00	\$14.00	\$484.18
16	\$0.00			\$0.00
17	\$0.00			\$0.00
18	\$53.53	\$7.00		\$60.53
19				\$0.00
20	\$0.00	\$4.00	\$2.00	\$6.00
21	\$0.00	\$54.00	\$57.00	\$111.00
22	\$164.54		\$41.00	\$205.54
23	\$35.62			\$35.62
24		\$120.00	\$124.00	\$244.00
25	\$343.26	\$83.00	\$65.00	\$491.26
26		\$27.00	\$2.00	\$29.00
27				\$0.00
28	\$1.34			\$1.34
29	\$0.00			\$0.00
30	\$178.66			\$178.66
31	\$63.49			\$63.49
32	\$138.69			\$138.69
33	\$109.38			\$109.38
34		\$102.00	\$12.00	\$114.00
35	\$0.00	\$7.00	\$30.00	\$37.00
36	\$0.00			\$0.00
37		\$13.00		\$13.00
38	\$147.01	\$45.00		\$192.01
39		\$7.00	\$13.00	\$20.00
40	\$258.74			\$258.74
41	\$116.46	\$45.00		\$161.46
42	\$83.58			\$83.58
43	\$7.41		\$4.00	\$11.41
44		\$182.00	\$280.00	\$462.00
45		\$23.00	\$57.00	\$80.00



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	Sct Bal	Citrus	Popcorn	Sct Bal
	@Oct 2007	Profit	Profit	@Mar 2008
46		\$60.00	\$62.00	\$122.00
47	\$0.00			\$0.00
48	\$47.05	\$52.00		\$99.05
49	\$34.20	\$4.00	\$2.00	\$40.20
50	(\$0.01)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.01)
51		\$52.00	\$43.00	\$95.00
52		\$23.00	\$103.00	\$126.00
53		\$4.00	\$54.00	\$58.00
54	\$139.61			\$139.61
55	\$0.00			\$0.00
56	(\$0.00)			(\$0.00)
57	\$72.05	\$4.00	\$2.00	\$78.05
58	\$269.82	\$129.00	\$6.00	\$404.82
	\$3,503.10	\$1,428.00	\$1,141.00	\$6,072.10