



Troop 274 – Avon, CT

Mark Twain District
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Troop Committee Meeting Minutes & Report

April 23rd , 2008 (Wednesday) 7:30 PM
WACC

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Issues / Opportunities to be discussed

WELCOME INTRODUCTIONS

SPL Report / Ryan Coleman
Eagle Scout Project Ryan Coleman

FORWARD

STRATEGY PROGRAM

Scoutmaster / Roell

Adventure / _____ Trip to Black Hills! Philmont 2009.

Leadership / _____

SUPPORT

Committee Chair / Bourget Committee leadership transition time.
Assistants start to step up, identify new Assistants for autumn

Hospitality / Hamel

Communications / _____

Fundraising / _____ Flag Fundraiser. 50 new flags needed. Need someone to lead campaign to Avon business community

Advancement / Stewart

Service / Sanford \$50.00 budget requested for paint and misc.
Need suggestions for Spring, Summer and next year's service

Finance / Hornaday Treasurer's report and approval

OTHER ITEMS

NEXT MEETINGS

ADJOURN Next meeting 5/28



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Minutes

Meeting came to order at 7:40 PM

John Bourget

SPL Ryan C. reported on the SPL Meeting and outlined plans for activities through May to the end of our season. Activities include:

- 5/7 - Planning for Cape Cod bike trip. Eric will finish with an outdoor ball game.
- 5/14 – Meet at Thompson Brook School for bike hike on rail trail. Review bike safety. Tenderfoot candidates will work on poisonous plants requirement along the route. Meeting may end with Capture the Flag game.
- 5/21 – Boards of Review. Part II of Tenderfoot physical activity requirement. Working to identify a parent to do a science presentation, something hands-on. Open to having a parent do a presentation about their work.
- 5/28 – SPL Meeting to plan for next year.
- 6/4 – Meet at Avon High Gym for a “rank advancement blast” and fun.
- 6/11 – Meet at Sycamore Hills (not confirmed) for Court of Honor.

Bill formally introduced Ryan who presented his Eagle Project. As expected, Ryan was confident and effervescent. His handouts and presentation of his project for Gifts of Love were professionally delivered. The project proposed involved a comprehensive effort to replenish badly needed food inventory, and rehab their storage area. The Committee (*a small number of us due to the holidays*), was universally impressed with the nature of the project and all gave “thumbs up” with few suggestions or modifications.

George felt the project was too big. We all agreed that either the food or the rehab would make a worthwhile and challenging project. We told him that while he's welcome to do both, he could choose one or the other. He leaned towards the food drive.

Regarding the food drive, he had a well conceived plan with an interesting variety of tasks to gather the donations. He was asked to write up the revised proposal and get it to us for signatures. No need to re-present.

After Ryan was had left, there were some enthusiastic ideas from Committee members about his project. It was suggested that his own plan was satisfactory and he should proceed accordingly. It was felt that he'd underestimated his own hours and overestimated the scouts' hours. But he'll figure that out in the process.

Bill mentioned that Mark had been concerned that the Committee would find that the food drive alone was not enough, and had encouraged him to incorporate the rehab element. George was concerned that such direction lead to unnecessary work on Ryan's part. Bill suggested that a few of us from the Committee meet with Eagle Advisors Mark and Peggy to talk about our respective ideas about the scope of projects.

Scoutmaster reviewed his report. He pointed out that based on his observation of the boys' calm, focused behavior during the Alsop Meadows Pre-Camporee, the 19 new scouts will be an asset to the Troop. Bill also commented that the older scouts' second trip to Okemo was also a lot of fun.

When reviewing upcoming events, Peaches noted that the spring Camporee will include a Venture patrol that has some girls as members.

Bill indicated that Jerry C. and Jack H.'s project proposals are in process. Dana N.'s project is nearing the point of being presented. He has an August end date.



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Candidates for National Junior Leadership Training Camp are being considered.

Sean Graziano will be the designated Troop Leader at summer camp this year.

Joe V. asked if it was possible to use scout funds for his Eagle Project. It was noted that an Eagle candidate and/or his family is allowed to spend up to \$ 50.00 of personal funds on his project, and that our requirement for use of scout funds is only that receipts be presented for expenses associated with scout activities. Certainly an Eagle Project qualifies. The process for reimbursement would be to present George Hornaday with qualifying receipts. He'll send a check accordingly. That said, two points should be made: 1) The *intent* of the scout funds program is so that Scouts themselves can buy gear and/or pay for outings... the "fun" stuff of Scouting. So, while paying expenses for an Eagle Project is not what was intended, the funds could be used that way and appropriate receipts would not be refused. 2) The *intent* of the \$ 50.00 limit is to encourage Scouts to fund their project from resources of their sponsor, donors and/or fundraising. Finding funds needed is part of the learning experience. So, while paying personally, and from any source of cash (e.g. scouts' funds) is not what was intended, personal funds could be used, and any amount up to \$ 50.00 would be allowed.

George presented the Treasurer's report and noted that a significant flurry of requests for funds is expected for various camps and summer activities. He mentioned that he's identified that Joe Valerio will be using funds in excess of these expected requests to purchase Big Y cards, which can be purchased for a limited time, at a 6% discount. He noted that turning over two \$ 5,000 sets of Stop & Shop cards this year, netting 5% each, significantly more than can be earned by keeping the funds in even the highest paying CDs. The Treasurer's report was approved.

The meeting was dismissed at 9:00 PM



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Note: Following is a review and clarification of the scout funds “policy” discussed in the prior meeting.

It is our understanding that there are no specific BSA regulations about such funds. Our program remains essentially as it has been:

All profits from fundraising on behalf of Troop 274 belong to the Troop.

To reward fundraising activity, the Troop initiated a voluntary program that assigns credits to our scouts, in proportion to the amount each raises.

Troop 274 Scouts are told how they can earn and use these credits:

- Earn credits by participating in the Troop’s fundraising activities.
- Trade receipts for reimbursement.
- Only receipts for approved scouting gear/activities will be reimbursed.
- Abandon credits when no longer a Troop 274 scout.

Since the funds themselves belong to the Troop and the purpose is to reward the Troop’s scouts, credits will be considered abandoned when a scout leaves the Troop, or that scout’s registration as a scout with Troop 274 expires, whichever comes first.

Since the program is for scouts and not adult leaders, the Troop will remind registered Troop 274 scouts who are turning 18, and who have a balance of credits, that they can submit receipts for reimbursement of credits only up until they turn 18.

The Troop reserves funds in a “scout funds” budget to cover potential requests for reimbursement. Funds backing abandoned credits will be released from the scout funds budget.

It is the Committee’s current desire that these funds be moved to the Troop’s Campership Fund.

The Committee has the privilege of considering exceptions.



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Meeting Date: April 23, 2008

Report: Troop Program
From: Bill Roell

SUMMARY: APRIL ACTIVITIES

Advancement:

- ▶ Merit Badges: Personal Fitness, Citizenship in the Nation, and Home Improvement MB programs are underway
- ▶ 3 Boards of Review conducted for rank advancement
 - Two 1st Class
 - One Tenderfoot
- ▶ New Scout Investiture ceremonies conducted 3/12 and 4/2
 - 19 fifth-grade boys received "Scout" rank
 - Expect one additional registration
 - Troop roster is 63; 55 are active

Troop Activities:

- ▶ Venture Scout Ski Weekend (3/28-30)
 - Okemo, c/o Green Mountain BSA Council
 - 8 scouts
- ▶ Metacomet Trail Day Hike (3/29)
 - Tariffville to Penwood Forest
 - 2 scouts
- ▶ Pre-Camporee (4/12-13)
 - Alsop Meadows
 - 31 scouts participated; 26 overnight

Leadership Activities:

- ▶ New scout patrols adopt names: Penguin Patrol and Polar Bear Patrol
 - 19 new scouts
 - Troop Guides: Philip Lopriato, Ryan Zygmunt, Tim O'Brien
Michael Oberhausen, Garrett Roell previously announced

Service Activities:

- ▶ Avon Clean-up Day (4/5)
 - Pack 122 sponsor
 - 13 scouts participated; 5 adults



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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Troop Activities:

- ▶ Spring Camporee (5/2-4)
 - OA Call-out on Friday
 - Competition for gateways, Medieval costumes and "no utensils" dinner
 - 18 scouts on the roster, to date
- ▶ Cape Cod Bike Trip (5/16-18)
 - Camp Greenough, BSA Cape Cod Council
 - 17 on the roster, to date

Advancement:

- ▶ New Scout program defined for boys who are active to achieve Tenderfoot in June
- ▶ Several Tenderfoot/2nd Class scouts are focused on next rank before June
- ▶ Eagle activity:
 - Joe Valerio project work-day scheduled Friday, 4/25
 - Project planning continues for Ryan Coleman, Dana Nappi, Jerry Condon and Jack Hamel
- ▶ Troop Court of Honor scheduled for June 11
- ▶ Eagle Court of Honor scheduled for June 1 (Andy Roell, Will Rahardjo, Chris Rueda)

Service:

- ▶ April 26 – Rebuilding Together Hartford
- ▶ April 26 – WACC Spring work day
- ▶ May 2 and 4 – Avon Library Book Sale
- ▶ May 4 – Roaring Brook School Mayfair
- ▶ May 10 – Rt 44 Flag Prep work day
- ▶ May 18 – Avon Road Race (Pine Grove School)
- ▶ May 24-25 – Memorial Day soccer tournament @ Fisher Meadow
- ▶ May 16 – Memorial Day flag posting

Leadership:

- ▶ Five 1st Class scouts without Troop jobs
 - Intend to staff Troop Newspaper and Archives teams
- ▶ Opportunity for Nat'l Youth Leadership Training in our Council
 - New format to present modern leadership theory
 - August 3-9, Camp JN Webster (Tom Hogsten, director)
 - Target high school (or rising to high school) scouts

OTHER NEWS

- ▶ Secret Garden gift shop
 - \$175 donation to Troop 274
- ▶ Medicine Mountain Scout Reservation ... July 10-20
 - Black Hills, SD plus Colorado touring
 - 9 scouts, 3 adults
- ▶ Summer Camp 2008: Camp JN Webster (Ashford, CT) ... July 6-12
 - Sean Graziano, designated leader
 - 26 scouts on the roster, to date
 - 6 additional adults



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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	Frank O'Brien
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>)	Position open	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: Service

From: Bob Sanford

- I. **Flags** – Andrew Wojciechowski & Eva Chomicz
 - a. Recent Service – n/a
 - b. Upcoming Service
 - i. Route 44 Flag Prep 5/10/08.
 - ii. Flag Maintenance -- date to be determined by SPL.
 1. \$50.00 budget requested for paint and misc.
 2. Approx 50 new flags needed (fundraiser!)
 3. Some new finials needed (Transue)
 - iii. Memorial Day 2008
- II. **Eagle Projects** – Peggy Roell
 - a. Recent Service – n/a
 - b. Current Service
 - i. Joe Valerio – Thompson Brook School landscaping project – status?
 - c. Upcoming Service
- III. **WACC Liaison**
 - a. Position Opportunity
 - b. April 26, 2008 9am to 12 noon cleanup – Melissa Farley Tyler.
- IV. **Chaplain**
 - a. Position Opportunity.
- V. **Avon Town/Park & Rec.** – Melissa Farley Tyler.
 - a. Avon Clean-Up Day
 - i. 13 Scouts – 39 service hours
 - ii. 3 Parents and Scoutmaster Roell.
 - b. Roaring Brook School May Fair – May 4, 2008
 - c. Avon Library Book Sale
 - i. 5/2/08 – transport books for buyers.
 - ii. 5/4/08 – help break down.
 - d. Avon Road Race – May 18, 2008 – Bob Scalise
 - e. Farmington Valley Environmental Fair – May 18, 2008 – Greg McLane.
 - f. Avon Memorial Day Soccer Tournament
 - i. 5/24/08
 - ii. 5/25/08
- VI. **Community** – VFW, APD, AFD
 - a. Position Opportunity.
- VII. **Service outside of Scouting** – Frank O'Brien
 - a. Available for all Scouts.
- VIII. **Other**
 - a. Rebuilding Together – April 26th. Troop 274 can send more Scouts but need one adult for every two Scouts.



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Committee: Treasurer

From: George Hornaday

Checking Balance @ 3-24-2008		\$5,923.71
	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Bank Fee	\$10.00	
P. Roell - - Supplies	\$181.62	
J. Hamel - PLC Exp	\$34.00	
Total Disbursements	\$225.62	
	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
Philmont Recpts	\$50.00	
Dakota Trip Recpts	\$1,750.00	
Stop & Shop Rcpts	\$350.00	
Total Receipts	\$2,150.00	
Checking Balance @ 4-21-2008		\$7,848.09
C.D.. Balance @ 3/31/2008		<u>\$6,124.39</u>
Total Balances		\$13,972.48
Scout Balances		\$6,092.10
Philmont 2009 Balance + = Amt owed to Troop Acct		\$350.00
Dakota 2008 Balance		<u>(\$205.00)</u>
Net Troop Balance		\$8,025.38
Other: CRC-Supply Deposit - Est'd		\$100.00
CRC-Camp Deposit		\$50.00
..		\$0.00
Am. Fund - Special Events Fund at 4/21/08		\$103,678.75
Total Troop Balance @ 3-24-2008		\$111,854.13

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



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	Sct Bal @Oct 2007	Citrus Profit	Popcorn Profit	Sct Bal @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



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	Sct Bal @Oct 2007	Citrus Profit	Popcorn Profit	Sct Bal @Mar 2008
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
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	<u>\$269.82</u>	<u>\$129.00</u>	<u>\$6.00</u>	<u>\$404.82</u>
	\$3,503.10	\$1,428.00	\$1,141.00	\$6,072.10