

**Boy Scout Troop 306- Committee Meeting Minutes for  
Tuesday, August 12, 2008**

**Attendees:** \* M. Farmer                      \*S. Conerly                      \*Scout: NONE  
                  \* K. Duncan                      \* K. Conerly                    \* R. Sava  
                  \* M. Mack                            \* C. Cook                      \* P. McCray  
                  \* D. Hundley                      \* S. Cockayne                \* B. Macfarlane

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7 PM with a prayer led by K. Conerly.

**\*\*Committee Chair update:** 2-4 people are possibly interested in the position. It should be filled by next month. (Update 8/16: Margaret Farmer has accepted the committee chair position.)

**Reports:**

1. ***Secretary-*** Approval of minutes from Committee Mtg. Held on 7/13/2008. *S. Conerly noted that a few edits need to be made.*

***Scoutmaster-***

**Troop Accomplishments:** We received the outstanding advancement ribbon from the last roundtable meeting. We achieved over 100 % advancement and turned in more than 6 months of advancement reports for 2007. We hope to achieve that for 2008 too.

The Double H trek was a great success. There were no appreciable injuries or sicknesses during the whole trip. The hike was a challenge for both scouts and adults.

The Troop completed summer camp at Camp Shands. Many merit badges were earned and one scout earned Lifeguard. Three of the adults completed training in outdoor skills.

**Upcoming events and goals:** Weekend campout at Rybolt. Younger scouts will be working on rank, the older scouts will hopefully complete the camping merit badge.

Council Camporee. We will be attending the camporee at the new Scout Ranch. There will be demonstrations and conservation projects.

**Troop Equipment:** Painting of the trailer has been put off until the weather is cooler. It hopefully will be done after the December campout and before Webelos Woods. The trailer is now titled to the Troop. We were able to transfer the title without having to pay state sales tax. We used the tax exempt number from council.

Mr. Wallace has sealed the roof on the smaller trailer and it apparently no longer leaks. It was returned with no damage from the St Clares Catholic Community Youth Group's mission trip. It will be re-titled under the troop name as soon as the current tag expires in March.

3. ***Secretary-*** no report

4. ***Treasurer-*** As of Sunday, the troop account is at -\$38.00. This should improve as the troop is waiting for monies owed to the troop to come in.

Tyler and Eric Igyarto have been refunded the money from their accounts.

M. Farmer asked what happens to money in the accounts of boys who drop out or stop attending. S. Conerly stated that it is absorbed back into the general troop fund.

C. Cook asked S. Conerly to clarify various items on the treasurer's report for her own understanding.

P. McCray asked about opening a 6-month CD. At this point there have not been enough funds to open one. R. Sava suggested trying to open one right after a fundraiser when there is more money available.

5. **Outdoor Activities Coordinator-** Upcoming events are a campout in August and the Council Camporee in September. October 24-26 the older boys will have a canoe overnighter and the younger boys will focus on rank and merit badges.

The committee discussed an existing scout camp in Deltona. It is not very accessible right now, but the county is working on making future improvements.

November- Florida Elks Youth Ropes Camp

December- The troop will camp at the Clark family campground near T. G. Lee.

6. **Advancement Coordinator-** RANK: 13 MB: 99 (92 from summer camp) OTHER: 21  
Boards of Review are going smoothly thanks to the help of volunteers.

More support for decorations and coordination is needed for the next court of honor due to the growth of the troop.

7. **Chaplain-** no report

8. **Training-** no report

Only 2 members registered for the summer training session, so it was cancelled. An idea has been presented that training take place over the course of two troop meetings.

Current training dates have not been posted on the council website yet.

Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> is the University of Scouting. The cost is \$12 for the entire day. There are classes for the adults and boys. The troop will try to reserve one of the church buses so that more parents and scouts can attend.

9. **Equipment Coordinator-** No report

**10.SPL- No Report** (*The troop is currently in the process of electing a new SPL.*)

### **Old Business:**

1. The popcorn fundraiser, "Poptober," is getting ready to kickoff. There have been some changes. Flyers should be arriving in the mail. There are new prizes such as a laptop and ball cap. The official troop kickoff will be August 25<sup>th</sup>. Show-n-sells begin September 14<sup>th</sup>. Prizes are based on the number of containers rather than amount of money this year. Online ordering will count towards prizes and troop funds.
  - Show-N-sells have already been set up for Winn Dixie, 2 Ace Hardware stores, and Scorpions.
  - The committee discussed developing troop level prizes in order to motivate the boys. B. Macfarlane offered to donate a tent. M. Mack will also ask Wal-Mart for any donations. The committee approved the following incentives:
    - \$1500 in sales = year's dues & re-charter fee + Boy's Life paid.
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    - Tangible items such as a tent and tackle box will be based on troop's top sellers.

2. The committee discussed the possibility of having a rummage sale. M. Mack is willing to coordinate if she has a committee. January 31<sup>st</sup> is a possible date, but it must be cleared with the church first.
3. Summer camp review: there is \$314 leftover. 92 merit badges were earned and it cost \$208.60 for awards. The troop discussed charging a \$10 fee for future summer camps to help defray the cost of the awards and merit badge fees.
4. The cost for equipment for the trip to Double H was \$705.60. The equipment is reusable for future events, so the committee approved paying for the equipment.
5. The next Court of honor will be September 20<sup>th</sup>. The theme is honor police and firefighters. The food is Italian. The troop needs any pictures from May 14<sup>th</sup> on for the slideshow.
6. Jordan's eagle court of honor will be October 4<sup>th</sup>. D. Hundley will need volunteers to help set up and serve. It is strongly encouraged that all troop members attend.

### **New Business:**

1. The PLC meeting has been moved ahead one week to 9/9 due to the next troop meeting taking place during a city meeting on 9/2. The next committee meeting has been moved to 9/16.
2. There are two possible fundraisers. 1) The troop can park cars at the county fair October 30<sup>th</sup> - November 9<sup>th</sup>. It would take place over 11 days and require 25 boys and adults. The committee discussed the pros and cons of this fundraiser and turned it down due to concerns with school schedules, the amount of money each boy would earn, and safety issues. 2) There is a website ([www.insiderpages.com/fundraisers](http://www.insiderpages.com/fundraisers)) where anyone can refer someone else to write reviews for local restaurants and businesses. It pays \$1.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> review and \$.25 for the next three. The troop will look into this and if it is found to be legitimate, the committee will take it into consideration.
3. A new committee member position has developed: parent initiative. This person will be responsible for making phone calls to parents. C. Cook agreed to take this position.
4. The troop has only received 5 event surveys regarding summer camp in the future. More need to be submitted so that decisions can be made.
5. The troop needs to begin planning the spring break trip. The boys are interested in going to the Everglades, but several committee members pointed out the problem with mosquito infestations that time of year. P. McCray recommended the troop travel to Suwannee in Georgia. The troop will investigate other ideas as well.
6. The committee discussed having a Webelos liaison- someone who would communicate with packs and dens. It was suggested that the person to fill this role would be better suited if they were recent crossovers so that they might still have ties.
7. **The committee discussed the current checking account with Wachovia Bank. The troop is limited to 50 transactions per month before a charge is applied. There is also a charge if the troop deposits \$5,000 cash in one month, which can happen during fundraising. If the troop were to switch to the free business account, it could have 150 transactions per month. However, S. Conerly explained that the troop could switch to an account with Fairwinds Credit Union. The troop would be able to make 300 transactions per month and there is no charge for deposits. The committee agreed to move the account to Fairwinds and that the signers on the account should be the scoutmaster: Ken Conerly, treasurer: Simone Conerly, and committee chair: Margaret Farmer.**

8. The adult leaders have noted that the behavior of scouts during troop meetings has improved. However, there are still side conversation taking place between some of the older scouts and adults. In order to help cut down on distractions, the troop will move housekeeping and accounting duties to a separate room.
9. The troop currently needs two camp stoves. K. Conerly would like more propane tanks and can recycle or reuse any that someone may be throwing away. The troop also needs to replace the patrol box that was lost in the fire at the Mack household.
10. The committee discussed the management of the uniform bank. It agreed that items will be available on a first come first served basis and that there will be no charge. B. Macfarlane suggested that the quartermaster should be responsible for keeping inventory of the bank. The committee agreed.
11. A new uniform is coming out, but it is NOT required for the boys.
12. Thanksgiving baskets were very successful last year. The committee has decided to proceed with the project again this year.
13. School nights will be arranged once more information is available. Right now it appears they will take place around the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October.
14. K. Conerly wants to raise money to send 1 scout that is deserving to national youth leader training next July at Camp LaNoche. The youth must be 1<sup>st</sup> class and either 13 or 14 at the time. The cost this year was \$195, so it is assumed it will be a little bit higher next year. The committee approved earmarking money for this.
15. R. Sava would like to see the flag ceremonies run a little bit more smoothly and professionally. He suggested having the same group do it for a month so that they might have time to practice. Discussion ensued about various ideas such as having other local groups teach the scouts and practice sessions.
16. C. Cook suggested creating an outline form for boys to follow when making phone calls to their patrols so that they get all of the correct information. It was suggested that this is done at patrol meetings when discussing the event.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:21 PM**

**Announcements:** [Next formal meeting will be](#)

- a. Tuesday, September 16, 2008 @ 7 PM**
- b. Deltona Alliance Church**