

# Boy Scout Troop 306 Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 10th, 2009

## **Attendees:**

M. Farmer (chair)  
K. Duncan  
M. Mack

J. Donahue  
L. Mobley  
L. Isphording

S. Ciesla  
P. McCray  
J. Gonzalez

## **Opening:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and opening prayer led by Mrs. Farmer.

## **Reports:**

**Scoutmaster:** Mr. Conerly was not present at this meeting. He did forward his report to both Mrs. Farmer and Mrs. Duncan. However, both members forgot to bring a copy of the report, so Mrs. Farmer touched on the items she could remember and suggested that important information could be discussed at next month's meeting. Mr. Conerly's report is as follows:

### **Upcoming events**

February Campout: Participants will be split into two groups. One will backpack along the Florida Trail and the other will camp with day activities. The groups will meet up Saturday afternoon and camp together. This will make the campout available to all scouts regardless of physical ability and what equipment they own. I am coordinating the backpacking group and Mr. Jagodzinski is coordinating the other.

Early April campout: We will be having a 3-night campout at the Highland Park Fish Camp in DeLand. The camping fee is free, so it should be a very affordable extended campout for all.

Middle April campout: We are camping at Mullet Lake Park and will be attending the SCGAA Youth Fest. This is a day of shooting sports.

May: Family Fest is the first Saturday. We may try to plan another Saturday event to prepare for summer camp.

June: Summer Camp at Camp Rainey Mountain.

### **Past Events**

Webelos Woods: We had a great turnout. Not much accomplished but the scouts had a good time. We will be changing the way we participate in this event next year.

### **Troop Progress**

We continue to make progress in several areas. The Scouts who joined last year are gaining experience in a variety of types of campouts. They continue to work on rank requirements at their own pace. We get to start all over again this crossover season.

## **Behavior**

It was noted that some Scouts are being lazy and not wanting to help. We will continue to work with the Patrol Leaders through the Senior Patrol Leader to improve on this.

## **Equipment**

The small trailer is now registered to the Troop. Therefore, the Troop has both trailers registered in its name. We have not made any progress on the painting of the big trailer. Any help in this area would be greatly appreciated. Also, it would be nice to paint the small one too.

## **Web Site**

I am still striving to update the sites in a timely manner. The main site is still being used frequently as the counter continues to climb. The photo site is doing very well. People are now sending me photos quite often to post on the site. That is a gigantic help. It is very easy for me to post the photos once I get them. I have had no complaints about speed, even though it is at my house on DSL.

**SPL:** The PLC discussed:

- continuing to finalize menus for upcoming campouts
- trying to get merit badges started and completed by next month (personal management, communications and citizenship in the community)
- new crossovers will be coming in
- the upcoming campout
- the rummage sale
- a uniform drive
- behavior – ASPL's need to be another set of eyes for the SPL, patrol leaders need to step up with their patrols, cheerful services, consequences assigned at campouts
- Family Fest- troop level prizes such as a possible party in the church gym where scouts will need to sell so many cards in order to qualify

**Secretary:** Mrs. Duncan mailed a letter to Rosella Lusk, the treasurer of troop 241, requesting a transfer of funds from Aaron Stokes's account to troop 306. She also mailed a letter to the scoutmaster for troop 241 requesting all advancement records for RJ Good, Thomas Cain, and Aaron Stokes.

**Treasurer:** Mrs. Conerly was not present. However, she did provide Mrs. Farmer and Mrs. Duncan with copies of her report prior to the meeting. Mrs. Farmer presented each committee member with a copy of the financial statement and report. She reviewed the information from the report, which is as follows:

**Net Worth** – As of 1/31/09 the Troop's net worth is \$1,679.83

**Scout Account Statements** – Passbook statements for January from TroopLedger were sent out 2/2/09.

**Insiderpages.com** – We have submitted a request to Insiderpages.com to participate in this fundraiser from Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> – March 17<sup>th</sup>. Their reply should come any day.

**Rummage Sale** – This was a great success and the figures will be reflected in next month's treasurer's report due to the timing of the event (1/31/09) and the deposit into the CU (2/2/09). Total income for the event was \$1,521.88. Expenses were \$78.17. Profit was \$1,443.71 of which 80% was distributed to Scout's passbook accounts. Hours worked by Scout's was 208.25, thus the hourly "wage" was \$5.55. Documented hours worked by Scouts and adults were 396 total hours, however, there were some adults that did not sign in and thus the total hours worked may be higher.

**Campouts Reserve** – Negative balance right now because some food expense (\$9.53) from Webelos Woods is being carried over into Feb. campout at Farles Prairie (Group B).

**Camping Supplies Reserve** – We are still waiting for \$120 in rebates from the cookware sets. The largest expense since the last committee meeting was a new coffeepot for camping. Better care needs to be given while using the coffeepot as the last one was burned up.

**Summer Camp** – Deposit was made to Camp Rainey Mountain of \$1,650 (\$75 \* 22 Scouts – the number that was registered at the time payment was made). We currently have payments received from 24 Scouts, with interest expressed from several others including some of the Webelos that are planning to crossover.

#### **Outdoor Activities Coordinator: vacant**

Mr. Jagodzinski is coordinating Group B for the campout this month.

#### **Advancement Coordinator:**

Rank/merit badge/ other awards 1-14-2009 through 2-10-09

Rank: 5

Merit badge: 13 with 6 from outside transfers

Other: 2

The Court of honor went very well. Walt Ritterbush was the Friends of Scouting presenter. He gave positive feedback and suggested that the troop consider including a parent ribbon for rank advancement pins.

Mrs. Donahue and Mrs. Mack will look into designs and prices for the creation of a parent ribbon to bring to the next committee meeting. Mrs. Mobley will check for prices at the scout store.

Mrs. Duncan made a motion to table the discussion of parent ribbons for the next committee meeting and Mr. McCray 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Mrs. Mobley expressed concern about missing some boards of review and having to rely too heavily upon committee members. Mrs. Duncan suggested putting together a reference sheet or checklist that can be used when Mrs. Mobley is not there to ensure the boards of review go smoothly and follow procedure. The committee also discussed committee members who are on

the roster but not active in the troop. Mrs. Mobley will attempt to make contact with these individuals to see if they still have an interest in serving as committee members.

A motion was made to conduct boards of review at the troop meetings as needed and if there are sufficient committee members available. The motion was seconded.

**Chaplain: vacant**

**Training:** Mrs. McGuire was not present.

**Equipment Coordinator – vacant:**

See Scoutmaster report. Mrs. Farmer will follow up with Mr. Conerly to see where the troop is regarding painting the trailer.

**ScoutParent Coordinator:**

Mrs. Cook was not present. However, Mrs. Farmer stated that Mrs. Cook is still learning the various committee positions and making contact with adults in the troop to help fill vacancies and boost parent involvement. Mrs. Duncan will gather all of the troop resource surveys and the troop resource spreadsheet that she has with relevant information and give to them Mrs. Farmer so that she can share them with Mrs. Cook.

**Old Business:**

Fundraiser review:

- a. Rummage sale: HUGE success, numerous items donated to the troop, all the boys who signed up showed up, Mrs. Mack will revise the sign-up process for next time, definitely an event to hold again next year.
- b. InsiderPages.com: The troop is just waiting for approval from the site in order to proceed. The committee discussed the profit split. Mrs. Duncan made a motion to make it 80/20 and Mr. McCray 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**New Business:**

Family Fest:

- The committee brainstormed ideas for possible awards for boys who sold 15 or more cards and came up with the following ideas:
  - a. Picnic at camp in Deltona
  - b. Civil war reenactment
  - c. Gym party with games and food
  - d. Ice skating/roller skating
  - e. Video game party
  - f. Offshore fishing
  - g. bowling

Justin G. will present these ideas at the next PLC meeting.

- Troop level prizes have yet to be determined. Some ideas mentioned were binoculars, crank flashlights, fans, gift cards, whipped cream pies (just like the popcorn fundraiser)
- Mrs. Conerly will track the finances for Family Fest. Mrs. Goodridge and Mrs. Donahue will track the cards at troop meetings. Mrs. Mack will handle the show and sells (she already has arrangements with Wal-Mart, Ace Hardware, Winn Dixie, Scorpios, and Blockbuster)
- Cards will be available the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in March; however, the troop needs to submit an order for the total number of cards by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in February.
- 40% of the sales from the cards go to the troop. Mrs. Mack made a motion for the profit split to be 80/20 for the cards. 100% of monetary donations will go directly to the troop. Mrs. Mobley 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The fundraiser will end 5/2.

The troop left a gift for the church that included a large valentine's card and plaque with certificate. This is to show appreciation for the church's continued support for the troop.

Mr. McCray expressed concern that Mrs. Conerly is serving two positions: assistant scoutmaster and treasurer. He stated that he read on an official scout website that one cannot serve as both an assistant scoutmaster and a committee member. After much discussion, it was suggested that Mr. McCray provide documentation of this information to the committee at the next meeting since none of the members present were aware of such a policy. It was also pointed out that Mrs. Conerly had stepped into the position in a temporary capacity since there was no one else to fill it. Mrs. Duncan expressed that in her opinion this is not an issue and that Mrs. Conerly does an impeccable job- one that no one else has volunteered to do. She stated that there has been no doubt about Mrs. Conerly ability or her performance in either position and that Mrs. Conerly goes above and beyond in both. The committee tabled further discussion of this issue for if and when Mr. McCray provides such evidence.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.**

**Next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 10, 2009.**