

**Boy Scout Troop 306- Committee Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, 13, 2010**

Attendees: M. Farmer
K. Duncan
B. Auerbach
SPL- *Absent*

M. Lodes
J. Lodes
C. Sava

M. Mitterando
C. Lockhart

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

The committee chair opened the floor for any questions or comments regarding the reports that the advancement coordinator, treasurer, and scoutmaster had submitted via email for committee review. There were no questions or concerns.

Reports:

Scoutmaster- ([Sent to all members prior to the meeting via email](#))

Outdoor Activities: March Campout: Location was in New Smyrna Beach on county property. The campout was a district camporee. There were 15 Scouts and 3 Adults in attendance. Cost and timing were factors in the low turnout.

Troop Court of Honor was held on March 13.

SCGAA Youthfest was postponed until some undetermined date in the fall.

April Campout: Location is at Camp La No Che; the theme is "Road to 1st Class." Dates are: April 16 through 18. We will be conducted the annual swim test there on Sunday afternoon.

May Activity: Day event at the "Scout Show" at UCF

Summer Camp: We are going to Camp Shands this year. The dates are June 13th – 19th. Most of the attendees have registered for their merit badge classes

July Campout: July 9 through 11 will be at Rock Springs/Kelly Park near Apopka.

Dates have been tentatively set for the next year. Summer Camp is yet to be decided pending camp schedules being posted.

Equipment: We are researching in procuring new poles to make gateways for Summer Camp and Camporees.

Scout Roster: We are at 47 active Scouts.

Behavior: FCAT testing took it's toll on Scout behavior. We may cancel all meetings next year during the tests.

NYLT: The date was changed to the first week of July to rectify the conflict with Jambo. Registration will open soon. Right now 3 Scouts have been selected to attend.

Equipment Coordinator- VACANT

Outdoor Activities Coordinator-VACANT

SPL- *Not present and No report submitted.*

Secretary- *no report*

Treasurer- (Sent to all members prior to the meeting via email)

Net Worth – As of 3/31/10 the Troop's net worth is \$5,389.83.

Scout Account Statements – Passbook statements for Feb. 11 – Mar. 31 were sent out on April 5th.

Miscellaneous Income or Expenses – We had Activity expenses of \$70 for the Troop COH that was reimbursed to Angie Wilder for decorations. Awards and badges for advancement and recognition totaled \$118.85

We have paid \$1,500 to Council for discount cards. We had to pay for some of our sales in order to get additional cards, which were needed in order to do Show & Sells. As of today (4/9/10), from an inventory of 2,070 cards we have sold 843 cards at Show & Sells, 596 cards sold by individuals, and 120 cards were returned to Council this week. That leaves us with 511 cards at this moment. Of that, 447 are still out to individual Scouts and 60 are out for an upcoming show & sell...leaving me with 4 cards in the box! So far sales have been GREAT! As of right now, the donations have totaled \$954.53; with more expected at the next 3 Show & Sells. All cards and money will be due by April 19th and we have to settle up with Council on or before May 1st.

I would like to recommend that the Troop Committee evaluate increasing the profit split from the current 80/20 split to possibly 100% to the Scouts since the donations have been a fair amount.

We had \$27.64 in expenses from the Camping Supplies Reserve fund. This included a hose for a propane tank, paper towels, and flagging tape.

We had various Miscellaneous Expenses in March including a total of \$81.45 for items for the Wentworth family that were given to them at Brian's funeral. These included a valet (memory) box, engraved plate for the memory box, photos of Brian, and a sympathy card that was signed by the Troop. Other Miscellaneous Expenses were \$39.99 for a flag topper for the Florida flag pole, additionally we purchased ink and toner cartridges for the printer, stamps, and receipt books.

We had Program Materials expenses of \$37.16 that included 7 compasses and Drug Awareness booklets.

Other expenses include Transportation (\$68.21 to refuel the church bus – of which \$40 was paid for by participants) and the usual Campout Food.

Some of the income in the month of March was the typical deposits into individual passbook accounts, member Scout shop purchases, t-shirts, campout payments, summer camp, and dues. Additionally we had deposits for discount card sales and donations.

We did establish the Brian Wentworth Memorial Fund and as of 3/31/10 deposits into that account totaled \$3,185. The Wentworth's had requested after Brian's death that in lieu of flowers donations be made to Troop 306. The funds are being held in a reserve account and the Wentworth family has a suggestion of how this fund should be used to recognize Scout leadership.

Summer Camp – Currently we have 33 Scouts and 6 Adults that have paid deposits to the Troop. Payment was made to North Florida Council on 3/17 (\$300) so that we were at 80% paid so Scouts could register for classes. All Scouts are registered for classes.

Advancement Coordinator- RANK: 2 MERIT BADGE: 2 OTHER AWARDS: 0

Boards of review continue to go smoothly. We have great team work from available Committee members. This support is very much appreciated, thank you all! Some of our Scouts that have recently come before the boards seemed so young and have advanced rather quickly. It's good to hear out of their own mouths that they set their goals for Eagle allowing them time to mature. Also, I've been thinking to ask if I may and how to gracefully handle teaching our Scouts how they must present themselves professionally during a board of review. It may just be me, but I find it shocking to hear use of words such as crappy or sucker. I could work this topic into a Troop session for my Character ribbon for the Year of Celebration Award. Also need to spread a hot tip out to the Troop for any one earning this award, it a good idea to add a stitch or two as I lost a ribbon while wearing mine.

The Court of Honor went well, although I believe it was a small turn out. Was wondering how many signed up? Decorations were awesome as usual. Several errors in my program due to hard time picking the ball back up due to dropping the ball after cancelation of the original COH date. Efforts were also difficult compounded with grief due to the loss of our former Star Scout. At the end of the COH, I brought up the idea of establishing a cut off date to give us more time to purchase and prepare awards as well as produce accurate programs. Do we need to vote on this? Also, we will most certainly we need to notify the Scouts, Scouters, and family members.

Hooray, ECOH for Anthony and Matt set.

Chaplain- Not present and no report submitted

Training- VACANT

Scout Parent Coordinator- Mrs. Cook arrived near the end of the meeting. She did not have a report to share.

Discussion Items:

- ★ Moving committee meetings to a different week
 - Concern is that the SPL is not getting PLC minutes from the scribes in enough time to compose a formal report. General consensus is that an informal report is fine, and that the SPL should be able to generate a report based on his own observations and notes from the meeting. However, moving the date is an option that can be explored further.
- ★ March COH
 - No balloons at future events. Was a distraction for the boys and dangerous.
 - Not everyone came that had sent an RSVP. It is taking too long to get people to RSVP.
 - Deserts should be saved until the end.
 - Decorum and behavior is important. However, the adults and boys' attitudes will determine the atmosphere for the COH. Some members feel that it should be a more ceremonial while others feel that the boys should just have fun.
- ★ Fundraisers- discount cards
 - 24 scouts currently owe cards or money.
 - 447 individual sales, 660 at show and sells.
 - Returned 120 cards to council.
 - Total sales = 2x last year's. Donations are down at only \$1000. about ½ of last year's.
 - Awards
 - Wal-Mart gift cards for the top 3 levels of individual sales (\$25, 15, 10)
 - M. Mitterando made a motion to present the top three sellers with gift cards to Wal-Mart in the amounts listed above. C. Lockhart seconds the motion and all were in favor.
 - Boys who have sold 45 cards or more will receive a voucher for a meal at Cici's Pizza. C. Sava made a motion, M. Mitterando 2nd, all in favor.
 - C. Sava made a motion that the profit split for the boys who sold cards should be changed from 80/20 to 100/0. K. Duncan 2nd. All in favor.
- ★ Scout Show
 - The troop will need to pay to refuel the buses if it uses them.
- ★ Anthony Wallace and Matt Rivera's Eagle COH

- Saturday, May 8th, at 7PM
- Not all boys have been contacted to help yet.
- Information is on the troop website.
- ★ Troop Annual Planning Meeting
 - Saturday, May 15th, 9-2
 - Gemini Springs Park in the OK Corral
 - PLC should have requested funding for lunch but did not. The committee has graciously offered to provide food. C. Sava made a motion that the troop will provide hot dogs and chips as well as water and Gatorade. M. Mitterando 2nd the motion. Mrs. Sava will email Mrs. Conerly to coordinate supplies and other items. She has offered to purchase food that day after taking a count in order to avoid waste.
- ★ Summer Camp
 - Will need more assistance on Monday nights handling payments and forms.
 - The new medical forms are more complicated.
 - Final payment is due next Monday. The total went up to \$240 from \$230.
 - Tuesday, April 27th is the summer camp meeting.
 - Envelopes will be printed and ready for the meeting.
 - Spending money and merit badge fees will be due Monday, May 17.
- ★ Kenneth Conerly's surgery will be May 24.
- ★ September COH
 - Saturday, September 18th.
 - PLC needs to choose a theme.
- ★ Christmas party Friday, December 17.
- ★ PLC did not approve the parent shoeboxes for Toy box Ministry. The activity has been dismissed.
- ★ Neckerchiefs
 - Need a volunteer to research different companies, prices, and options
 - M. Farmer will ask the scout parent coordinator to secure a volunteer for this.
- ★ Mrs. Mobley has offered to make a donation toward the cost of new neckerchiefs.
- ★ Brian Wentworth Memorial Fund
 - Mr. Conerly is working with Mr. Wentworth to determine ideas for how the money might be spent. One idea would be to assist disadvantaged scouts with the cost of summer camp.
 - The total was up to \$3,185 as of March.
- ★ C.P.R. Mannequin
 - \$115
 - would allow the troop to have it for teaching
 - ongoing maintenance would be approximately \$20 for a package of 20 mouth guards.
 - M. Mitterando made a motion to purchase the CAR Mannequin with supplies. C. Sava second. All were in favor.
- ★ M. Lodes expressed concerns about the focus on the aims of scouting by learning through scouting while the kids are learning, growing, and having fun. He is also concerned about the dearth of adult leadership in several areas. He worries that those who are doing so much will burn out and wants to find a way to motivate other leaders/adults to help.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

Next meeting Tuesday, May 11, 2010 @ 7 pm