

## Troop 34 Committee Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2011

Attendees: Cheryl Hennig, Don Robert, John Masters, Sarah Birkbigler and Eric Voss

Apologies: Eric Freese, Faith Keller, Matt Vance

### Order of Business

#### **1. Secretary's Report**

The minutes for the July 12, 2011 committee meeting were approved.

The committee was told that Damon Williams, a parent of a previous scout, had been involved in an accident. His condition had improved and he had been discharged from hospital. The committee was told that the boys and adults from the troop had signed a card for him.

Don Petry is relocating and has donated many scouting items to the troop. Eric Voss will send a thank you card from the troop.

#### **2. Treasurer's Report – Don Robert**

The financial record for the previous month was approved by the committee.

After a full calendar year of tracking expenses to the troop for the program that we offer, it is possible to show a per scout cost of \$132.89. The Troop will begin the new yearly fee structure from October, 2011, a single payment of \$135 is due to Don Robert for each active scout on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Scouts may use their scout accounts to fund this fee.

Re-imbursments were made to all adults that attended Summer Camp from the excess monies collected to cover traveling expenses. The remaining excess was divided between the scouts, depositing \$26.73 into their scout accounts.

There are still two scouts that have a balance to pay for the Sea Base trip. Don will contact these families.

#### **3. Fundraiser's Report – Eric Voss (for Trina Schollmeier)**

Trina was not available for the meeting as she was at the Council Popcorn Training event. Eric Voss shared information regarding the annual popcorn sale. Since Trina was attending the kick-off event the troop was eligible to earn an extra 5% commission on the sales. There will be two "show and sell" weekends in September at Walgreens and Walmart. (Walgreens – 10/11 and 17/18 and Walmart 17/18).

A sign up roster will be compiled by Trina. There will be two scouts and two adults for each two hour slot at the show and sells. The troop has agreed on a split of the popcorn profits of 25% Troop general fund and 75% to the scout account. This will be used for both personal sales and those made at show and sells.

#### **4. Outdoor/Activities Coordinator's Report – Cheryl Hennig**

Cheryl shared a detailed plan for the Meramec River canoe float trip that will take place on August 26-28, at Camp Sunnen and Indian Springs Resort. The point of contact will be Sharon Voss. The deposit of \$100 has already been paid with a balance of \$230 to be paid by the troop on arrival.

The troop also discussed the upcoming Rendezvous and Encampment to be held at Camp Warren Levis on September 30 – October 2. The committee agreed on a cost per person of \$30 for the campout which will be due on September 12. This camp is also attended by Pack 34 Webelos, and, to help the parents pack for the campout they have been invited to attend the camp shakedown on September 26.

The troop has purchased nine Groupon coupons for the Upper Limits Climbing gym which will help defray the cost of this activity in November. The date set for this event is Saturday November 12 after the distribution of the Scouting for Food tags.

The committee also considered speaking to the First Presbyterian Church in Edwardsville about using the hall for the annual swim/lock-in on December 2. Eric Voss will approach the church and report back at the next committee meeting. Our current venue (Scout Hall) is becoming too small to house the number of scouts we now have comfortably for the night. A cost of \$5 to cover pizza was agreed upon and the scout will also pay for their own swimming fee at the YMCA if they are not already members.

#### **5. Equipment/Merit Badge Coordinator's Report – Eric Voss (for Matt Vance)**

The committee is still looking for an inexpensive way to fix the trailer and as soon as one is found it will be brought to the committee's attention. Until then, any campouts will utilize parents' vehicles to transport equipment.

Pack 34's den 10 Webelos will begin to use Scout Hall for their twice monthly meetings soon which means that there needs to be a clean-up of the area. There are still many items that require classification for recycling/disposal/retain before the "large trash pick-up" date set by Glen Carbon Village Hall.

The new troop policy for lending troop equipment is now available on the website. Pack 34 will borrow tents for their Grizzlies game and their Family Campout this month and will adhere to these guidelines.

A list of open (incomplete) merit badges has been compiled for all scouts. This list will be viewed to see if there are any parts that can be completed during the upcoming campouts. The committee decided that it would publish an abridged list of councellors but not a full listing of merit badges currently in progress on the website.

A list of available merit badges that will be offered for fall troop meetings has been generated. The following is a list for September 26.

Citizenship in the World – Voss  
Crime Prevention – Krug  
Aviation – Vance  
Emergency Preparedness – Robert  
Fishing – Padgett

**6. Advancement Coordinator's Report – Cheryl Hennig**

The next Court of Honor will be held on September 19 at First Presbyterian Church, Edwardsville. A list of Patrol duties and dish allocation will be provided nearer the time.

**7. ScoutParents Coordinator's Report – Linda Lawhead**

New Troop 34 T-shirts were created by Linda and were distributed to Scouts going to Summer Camp. The cost per shirt is \$7, and Linda has the ability to order more if anyone else wants them. Linda should be contacted directly for the T-shirts.

Linda has also asked for parent suggestions for items to include in the new parent information booklet.

**8. Recruitment Coordinator's Report – Eric Voss (for Eric Freese)**

The Troop is to consider which activities it will provide for the Pack 34 Cubscouts at the Family Campout on October 7-9.

There will be Cubscouts from Pack 34 visiting on September 26 to learn about what to bring to the Rendezvous event and a formal troop visit will take place at the beginning of next year.

**9. Committee Chairman's Report – Eric Voss**

Eric reported that the committee is still in need of members to fill open Leadership Positions. The troop will ask parents again if anyone would be interested in joining the committee.

A full record of adult registrations and Youth Protection Training was generated. Those adults that do not show as having taken the YPT will be contacted and given the DVD to complete it, as per Troop 34 policy.

The Property Committee has reported that a title search should be carried out before anything further can be done in respect to the proposed property. The title search will cost \$200 and it was suggested that the Pack and the Troop equally share this cost. The committee decided that it would be a wise investment and agreed to share the cost.

## **10. Scoutmaster's Report – John Masters**

John reported that the trip to Florida Sea Base on July 18-29 had gone very well and that everyone had had a great time.

Elections will be held at the August 22<sup>nd</sup> Troop meeting for SPL, ASPL, PLs and APLs.

There are currently six scouts that are almost ready to begin looking into their Eagle Projects. The scouts are all at different points and John will contact each to discuss their needs.

Tristan Voss has proposed that he works on his Eagle project on September 10. This is also the date of our first show and sell of popcorn, however, scouts can still attend both events. This project work day will be from 9am to 4pm at First Presbyterian Church, Edwardsville. Tristan will contact scouts directly regarding hours they may be able to work.

The troop still needs a Training Coordinator, and in the future will require an Outdoor/Activities Coordinator. The committee has been asked to consider possible candidates and forward a shortlist to Eric V. for these important roles.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

**Date of next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, September 20, 2011, Scout Hall**

### **Upcoming Events**

August 19-21, OA Fall Reunion, Camp Warren Levis

August 22, Troop Meeting, Youth Leader Elections, 7 pm, GC Community Center

August 26-28, Canoeing Float Trip, Camp Sunnen and Meramec River

August 29, PLC Meeting, 7 pm, Scout Hall

September 5, Labor Day flags

September 6, CMD Roundtable 7pm Troy UMC

September 10, Tristan Voss Eagle Project Work Day

September 10/11, Popcorn Show and Sell – Walgreens

September 12, Troop meeting – Scout Hall

September 17/18, Popcorn Show and Sell – Walgreens and Walmart

September 19 Court of Honor, First Presbyterian Church, Edwardsville