

## Troop 34 Committee Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2011

Attendees: Cheryl Hennig, Don Robert, Eric Voss, June Stoll, Faith Keller, Jill Burroughs

Apologies: Eric Freese, Matt Vance

### Order of Business

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

The minutes for the October 18, 2011 committee meeting were approved. June Stoll informed the committee that she will be absent from the December meeting.

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

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

It is reported that most scouts have paid their yearly troop dues. Those yet to pay are waiting for the results of their scouts popcorn sales, and will use that amount toward their fee.

Popcorn sales amounted to \$5015 leading to a commission in the order of \$1604. As previously agreed commission will be split Troop:scout 25:75. Once a check is received from the district office the money will be split and scout accounts deposited.

It was agreed that scouts that “age out” during a year will pay dues on a pro-rated basis up to their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

#### **3. Fundraiser's Report**

Trina was unable to attend the meeting. We discussed the final figure of \$5015 in popcorn sales and donations to troop totaling \$395. These figures are to be verified by Trina at the next meeting.

We will hold off selling the Papa Murpheys pizza discount cards until further notice.

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

The Climbing event that was held Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, at Upper Limits, St Louis was attended by 8 scouts and 2 adults. The scouts had a great time and a few parents had expressed an interest in their son attending a Merit Badge Clinic in climbing in the future.

Scouting for food tags were placed in our area on Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, the activity was well attended and most of our area was covered. Since the size of our area is now larger than previous years it is evident that more scouts and drivers will be needed to collect the donations on Nov 19th. Also, it was decided that the car park at Walgreens is too busy for a large group to meet at after collection to combine collections into 1 or 2 trucks; the rendezvous will be moved to the cinema car park after collection.

The swim-lock in on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, will take place at Esic YMCA followed by New Bethel UMC. The scouts should meet at the church at 6:30pm to leave for the YMCA as a group. 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. If any extra money from the pizza is generated, the committee agreed to donate it to the New Bethel Church as a thank you gesture. All scouts will need to provide a permission slip and the \$5 fee on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. A sign-up will be sent out for both scouts and adult chaperones that are YP trained.

## **5. Equipment/Merit Badge Coordinator's Report**

A list of available merit badges that will be offered for fall troop meetings has been generated. The following is a list for November 28.

Communications  
Crime Prevention  
Electricity/electronics  
Family Life

Eric Voss offered the Chemistry Merit Badge on November 5<sup>th</sup> at SIUe. This was attended by 44 area scouts.

## **6. Advancement Coordinator's Report – Cheryl Hennig/Faith Keller**

The committee looked at ways to increase the number of scouts that make first class by the end of their first year in Boy Scouting. It was decided that since we always have a very high turn-out of scouts at merit badge clinics, it would be a good idea to offer an “advancement clinic” at the same time aimed at these lower rank scouts. An assistant scoutmaster mentor will offer instruction in areas that have not yet been covered. In this way more scouts should move through ranks quickly and no be overlooked. Scouts are to bring their books to the Nov 21 and Nov 28 meetings and records will be cross checked. From this the troop adults will know where the areas that need further instruction are.

Don Robert is to see if a document can be drawn up to act as a guideline to ensure all out scouts make first class by the end of their first year with the troop. The PLC will be informed of this aim and will assist in placing more structure into meetings to achieve this goal.

The committee also reviewed the dates that troop positions were given to the scouts to ensure accurate record keeping.

The next Court of Honour will be held January 23, 2012 at First Presbyterian Church. The troop will roll out its first attempt at family style dining with a plate cover charge. It was agreed that Friends of Scouting would speak at this Court of Honour.

## 7. Recruitment Coordinator's Report

We have two upcoming visits from Pack 4075, Dec 5, 2011 and Pack 4034 on Jan 30<sup>th</sup>. The PLC has discussed these visits and plans to build a rope bridge with each. The Police conference room at the Glen Carbon Village Hall has been reserved for both visits.

## 8. Committee Chairman's Report – Eric Voss

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. Those adults that are involved in the troop need to be registered with the council before re-chartering of the troop by Dec 6<sup>th</sup>.

It was decided that the troop will not participate in the YMCA's "GlenEd last night" as volunteers. The scouts voted on this activity at a troop meeting.

The Glen Carbon Veteran's Day parade was well attended by the troop scouts and adults.

## 9. Scoutmaster's Report

The troop still needs a Training Coordinator, and in the future will require an Outdoor/Activities Coordinator.

Alex Komeshak attended his Board of Review for Eagle Scout last week, and should be hearing very soon from the Council.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

**Date of next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, December 13, 2011, Scout Hall**

## Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 19, Scouting for Food Pickup, 8:45 am, GC Walgreens Parking Lot  
Monday, November 21, Troop Meeting, 7 pm, GC Community Center  
Monday, November 28, Troop Meeting, Merit Badges, 7 pm, GC Community Center  
Friday, December 2, Swimming and Lock-in, YMCA and New Bethel UMC  
Monday, December 5, Troop Meeting, Webelos Visit, 7 pm, GC Community Center  
Tuesday, December 6, CMD Roundtable, 7 pm, Troy United Methodist Church  
Monday, December 12, PLC Meeting, 7 pm, Scout Hall  
Tuesday, December 13, Troop Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Scout Hall  
Monday, December 19, Troop Meeting, 7 pm, GC Community Center  
Tuesday, January 3, 2012, CMD Roundtable, 7 pm, Troy United Methodist Church  
Monday, January 9, Troop Meeting\*, 7 pm, **Scout Hall**  
*Monday, January 16, Flags – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*

Tuesday, January 17, Troop Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Scout Hall  
Saturday, January 21, Klondike Derby, Camp Warren Levis  
Saturday, January 21, Pack 34 Pinewood Derby, Cassens Elementary School  
Monday, January 23, Troop Court of Honor, 6:30 pm, First Presbyterian Church  
Saturday, January 28, University of Scouting (Adult Leader Training)  
Monday, January 30, Troop Meeting, Webelos Visit, Youth Leader Elections, 7 pm, GC  
Community Center