

## Troop 34 Committee Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2011

Attendees: Cheryl Hennig, Don Robert, John Masters, Sarah Birkbigler, Eric Voss, June Stoll, Faith Keller, Trina Schollmeier

Apologies: Eric Freese, Matt Vance

### Order of Business

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

The minutes for the September 20, 2011 committee meeting were approved.

Eric Voss shared details of a voluntary St. Louis Blues ice hockey event with special pricing for scouts. There are two dates; November 12, and February 18, ticket prices start at \$22. June Stoll agreed to add this information to the newsletter. This will not be a troop event.

#### **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.

All scouts that attended Sea Base have now paid any outstanding amounts.

#### **3. Fundraiser's Report – Trina Schollmeier**

At the time of the meeting we did not have a definitive figure for the troop's popcorn sales, but, initial numbers looked to be in the \$3500 region. Once the order is placed, Trina will notify the committee of the final sales figure. Trina is exploring other sites to conduct the Show and Sell days for next years popcorn sale.

The next troop fundraiser is to be the sale of Papa Murphey discount cards. The troop committee agreed on selling the \$5 cards (rather than \$10) and the breakdown of profit will be 75% scout account: 25% troop. The cards cost \$1 each and the remaining \$4 profit will be split as outlined. The troop plans to sell these cards during November 2011.

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

The troop has purchased nine Groupon coupons for the Upper Limits Climbing gym which will help defray the cost of this activity on November 12th. The date set for this event is Saturday November 12 following the distribution of the Scouting for Food tags. An email will be sent out to all scouts during the next week outlining the plan for the day and also as a sign up. Since we have nine discount coupons, only the first nine scouts to respond will be accepted. The cost of this trip is \$10 pp. Lunch will be eaten before the scouts leave Edwardsville and will be paid for by them.

Scouting for Food will be undertaken on November 12<sup>th</sup> and November 19<sup>th</sup>. The distribution of tags will begin at 8am from St Cecelia's church and should last approx. 2/3 hours. John Masters has agreed to attend the district meeting to assign areas of coverage for each troop. Those attending the Upper Limits event will leave early to meet at Subway (near Walmart) at 11am even if the distribution of tags is incomplete.

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. Closer to the date, a list of adults that will stay with the scouts during the night will be made available.

The troop has secured the date and location of the 2012 Summer Camp. The troop will camp at Clark on Sunnen, MO between July 8-14. Other information regarding the camp will be made available by the Campsite nearer to the time.

The Rendezvous and Encampment, and the Pack 34 Family camps were well attended by the troop. The Pack has thanked the troop for their leadership and scout spirit during the family camp. Ten scouts, six adults and eight WII cub scouts attended the Encampment and eight scout families were at the Family Camp.

## **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. The committee is to consider the relative merits of replacing the trailer with a higher quality, lighter version against that of repairing the heavy single axle trailer that we currently use. Once relevant costs are established the committee will consider this.

Pack 34's use of troop tents at the Family Camp was successful. Guidelines were followed as per troop policy.

Scout Hall was cleaned and organized by scouts and adults. During the clean up, equipment was re-assessed and it was decided that we have enough equipment for the troop unless we move to a formal patrol set-up while at camp, in which case extra items will need to be purchased from an outlet like Goodwill. Also, the committee considered replacing the awning/dining fly tent that we currently use. A cost of replacement will be generated, and, a discussion on this, and whether this would be covered by tent replacement funds, will occur at a later date.

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

Citizenship in the Community

Astronomy – Vance

Electricity/electronics – Masters/Lawhead

Citizenship in the World - Voss

The seven scouts that had outstanding requirements to their fishing merit badge completed them on Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Eric Voss will offer the Chemistry Merit Badge on November 5<sup>th</sup> at SIUe. This is a very popular annual clinic and boys from the troop will be both attending and also helping.

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

Faith Keller will continue with this role and hand over to Cheryl Hennig at the end of the year.

The Court of Honor was well attended and gave rise to a number of discussions at the meeting. It was agreed that a larger venue should be used as we are outgrowing our current meeting place at First Presbyterian. It was agreed that Trina would approach St Mary's School about the use of their cafeteria in January. Also, it was decided that the January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 Court of Honor would be catered "family style" with a menu available ahead of time and a cost per plate for those attending. This type of catering would be organized by Trina Schollmeier and other troop adults.

Of the new scouts only one has not yet made Scout rank at this time, he will be counseled and helped to reach this goal. Other ranks are moving along as expected.

#### **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.

The committee will request that Linda contact an inactive scout to assess the situation.

#### **8. Recruitment Coordinator's Report – Eric Freese**

There were Cub Scouts 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. A clinic was given in order to prepare the boys and their parents for the campout with the troop.

#### **9. 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>.

Nominations were offered for the Spark and Acorn awards for the troop. The names were seconded and the vote was accepted. The nominees will be contacted with the date of the dinner.

It was decided that the troop should participate in the YMCA's "GlenEd last night" as volunteers. This is a family oriented New Years Eve celebration at the Meyer YMCA from 6:15-11pm. There are two shifts that need help. Eric Voss will follow up.

The Glen Carbon Veteran's Day parade will start at 12:15pm at the Glen Carbon VFW on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

For re-chartering in early December the troop will be assessed on it's achievements based on a "Journey to Excellence" rubric. Our initial assessment is that we should attain a "gold" rating.

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

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

John reported on the status of Pat Ripley's and Alex Komeshak's Eagle progress. Pat had received notification of his qualification the previous day and Alex should hear any time soon. Jordan Freese and Andrew Vance are both considering suitable Eagle projects at present.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

**Date of next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, November 15, 2011, Scout Hall**

## **Upcoming Events**

October 24 - Troop meeting – merit badges

November 1 - CMD Roundtable 7pm Troy UMC

November 5 – Chemistry Merit Badge Clinic, SIUE Chemistry Lab Annex

November 6 – Glen Carbon Veteran's Day Ceremony, 12:15 GC VFW

November 7 – Troop meeting, 7pm GC Community Centre

November 11 - Flags for Veteran's Day

    Raise – Devin Laramie & Josh Burroughs

    Lower – John & Jay Schollmeier

November 11 – Edwardsville Veteran's Day Parade, 7pm Main Street

November 12 – Scouting for Food hanger distribution, 8am St Cecelia's Church

November 12 – Upper Limit's Climbing, 11am Subway by Walmart

November 14 – PLC meeting, 7pm Scout Hall

November 15 – Troop Committee meeting, 7pm Scout Hall

November 19 – Scouting for Food collection

November 21 – Troop meeting, 7pm GC Community Centre

November 28 – Troop meeting, merit badge clinic

December 2 – Swimming and lock-in, Esic YMCA and New Bethel Church