



Troop 002 Committee Meeting - Jan. 8, 2012

Attending: Mike Shambaugh, Allen Massey, Jason Cook, Candace Cole, Craig Dimmett, Robin Head, John Head, Allen Massey, Steve Parker, Tina Shambaugh

Scoutmaster's Update:

- Mike has added an article to the Troop website regarding dues and how they are calculated
- Calendar planning meeting will be at the Troop meeting on Jan. 23. All scouts should be sure to attend to have a voice in upcoming events
- Jan. 23 will be SPL and ASPL elections for the new members to shadow the existing before taking over the new positions
- Discussed the possibility of doing a one-day merit badge clinic; Craig to explore with Lynn about feasibility of providing it to troop first, then possibly to the district in the future.

Jason's Camping update:

- Next weekend's trip - Saturday morning depart to Chattanooga Aquarium, then camp at Carter's Lake; (Aquarium is \$15 + \$15 for backstage passes + gas costs - total \$40/scout); backpack camping - sack lunch on Saturday, two-person cooking for dinner; quick breakfast on Sunday; 2 mile hike into campsite.
- February Camping - open for registration - Jason will add details but we are looking at Providence Canyon
- March - New scout boot camp - Jason considering Camp 175 and Windy Waters

Treasurer's Report - Candace:

- Candace handed out the financial overview. 2011 - carried forward about \$850 from 2010; ended 2011 with \$4212 based on fundraisers and donations; Troop balance for end of year is \$4787 to carry forward to 2012;

- Committee voted to pay full fees for any adult attending summer camp full week fees (including extracurricular activity such as white water and horseback) for their willingness to give their time to support the troop in this way
- Candace asks that anyone submitting receipts must do so electronically - either via scan/email or take a photo and email that.
- Candace asks that anyone giving checks to please put them in her mail box and not hand them off to other adult leaders. Her address is 3975 Bellingrath Main.
- Candace asked and the committee approved adding Jason Cook and Lynn Massey to the bank account so that reimbursements to them for their ongoing purchases correctly adhere to new HOA organization policies.
- 2012 Newsletter Delivery - May and November are dedicated to the troop; There may be other opportunities as the HOA has them open up. We will probably try to get March delivery to mix with Scouting for Food
- We will continue to cover costs for leader training and encouraging leaders to attend more training

Craig's Committee Chair Report:

- District Banquet on Feb. 9- John and Robin Head, Mike Shambaugh, Craig, Jeff Higgins, Rusty Dimmett, possibly others
- (Troop will provide scouts for check-in at event)
- Jason - looking into Seabase, Philmont, and Jamboree for 2013 for the lotteries/ possibility of securing a space
- March 3 - Merit Badge Clinic day; Webelos II Crossover; Fighting Blindness Breakfast service project
- Troop will offer a Spoof Merit Badge during a troop meeting for Webs before they cross - confirmed for Feb. 6 troop meeting - Duct Tape Merit Badge for the Webs - all should help!
- LOTS of new info added to troop website - please check for opportunities for camping, service projects, fun events, merit badge clinics, etc.

Steve Parker -

- Working to get a CPR class for the troop - it would be open to both adults and scouts for certification
- Scouting for Food - we will pick 2 weekends in March to drop flyers and return the next week. Steve will connect with the Pack to see if they are doing the LP Herald delivery or confirm that we can do it.

Lynn's Advancement Update:

- We had a total of 15 non-Eagle scouts and 1 Eagle Scout join our troop in 2011
- We had 33 non-Eagle scouts on the roster and 2 Eagle Scouts
- All 15 new scouts had rank advancement during the year, either before or after joining Troop 002.
- Rank Advancement breakdown (ranks earned during 2011calendar year):

12 Scout Ranks

3 Tenderfoot Ranks

2 2nd Class Ranks

1 1st Class Ranks

2 Star Ranks

3 Life Ranks

- 99 Merit Badges were earned
- 5 Scouts participated in Order of the Arrow Ordeal
- There is a new BSA Guide to Advancement booklet. Lynn will be presenting changes at the Feb. Committee meeting
- We can now use adults other than committee members for BOR's if enough committee members are not available. This is still exclusive of unit leaders and parents of the scout involved.
- Blue Card application is now the only official way to record a MB. Computer generated reports are no longer acceptable, even for summer camps/clinics.
- Scouts need not pass all requirements with one MB Counselor. It is now clearly stated that it is at the discretion of the MB counselor whether or not partial MB's are accepted. The counselor may accept some or all of the work done or may require the scout to start over. It should be a rare event where previous work is not accepted!
- New Eagle Project workbook beginning 1-1-12. There is to be a course for Eagle Scout Project Coaches planned to start in Feb. Goal is for all units to have trained coaches by June. Jeff Higgins, our Life-To-Eagle coordinator can give more info on this.

Next Committee Meeting: Sunday Feb. 5 at 4:30 pm; PLC will be at same time. Location is the LP Clubhouse. All are invited to attend if you are interested.