

## MINUTES OF TROOP 476 COMMITTEE – September 15, 2008

### Attendees –

Paul Anaya, Grace Shen Chen, Brendan Dix, Sally Erickson, Louise Fishler, Cal Gabriel, Tom Guntly, Pete Henscheid, Greg Hobbs, Chen-Hsi Huang, Pete Huttlinger, Ravi Ilango, Vincent Isip, Jeff Jones, Palani Karuppan, Karen Kasses, Cynthia Kurtz, Mark Lee, Ho-Ming (Frank) Leung, Murugesan L'mnassamy, David Low, Mani Manickam, Cathy Masik, Brian McCrone, Ann Peterson-Masri, Linda Pfeifer, Ram Rajamani, Steve Spence, Paul Song, Michael Wan, Bob Wedig, Tom Zimmerman

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

Motion to approve agenda was approved.

Motion to approve August 2008 minutes was approved.

### Treasurer's Report (Karen Kasses)

Due report being “reconciled” by scout treasurer (Sean). Not yet complete by meeting time.

To close out current “budget year” need the following:

- final payments for Philmont (need input from Karen D.)
- final “bus” bill for Emerald Bay (need input from Tom Z.)
- final reconciliation of Hi-Sierra payments (need input from Bill R.)

Summer camp “rebates” calculation to be completed in about 2 weeks (by next meeting).

Need “decision” on -new equipment- budget line item for current “budget year” (need input from Pete H.)

Current “budget year” books will be closed out in 2 weeks. New “budget year” details pending in 2 weeks

### Quartermaster Report (Pete Huttlinger)

Rationale for troop-provided (v. scout BYO) tent equipment reviewed by Mr. Low in response to question from the floor.

Quartermaster doesn't think scouts internalize “ownership” of equipment checked out from QM's shack. Various ideas tossed around to bring this to scouts' focus & attention. No resolution on discussion.

### New Parent Introduction

2 new scouts joined or considering joining the troop; 1 7<sup>th</sup> grader & 1 9<sup>th</sup> grade

## **BSA National, Polaris District and Santa Clara County Council Events & Info**

Mr. Low provided district/council updates just left by Mr. Wedig earlier in the meeting.

- Cub scout recruiting the week of Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Service hour opportunities (see Mr Low)
  - Sept 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Oct dates (a couple of dates)
- - District Dinner in Nov (\$30); CoH type event at district level

New BSA requirements for ranks Tenderfoot, 2<sup>nd</sup> class, 1<sup>st</sup> class and Eagle now published

- special processing of Eagle BORs after age 18 outlined for district and national requirements

New BSA uniforms are out and available at the Scout shop.

- bunch changes in colors, pleats and on main patches
- troop will not roll-over “en masse” to the new uniform; scouts will do them individually as required
- scout shop will not stop selling/stocking items for the “old” uniform when they run out (like specific patches)

## **Adult Leader Training**

Upcoming events

- New Leader Essentials
- Scoutmaster
- Outdoor Training in October @ Cheseborough

Greg Hobbs replaces Roger Burney as Adult Leadership Training Coordinator for the troop.

## **Activities Calendar (Mr. Low)**

Gold Panning camp-out – Canceled due to an injury sustained by “host”.

Court Of Honor (CoH) – At least a dozen rank-advancement BORs held and a couple of hundred Merit Badged earned; Need more dessert; Mrs. Nessler acknowledged for food prep & coordination work

Lake Del Valle – Biggest troop camp-out of the year with at least 65 attendees. Trek leader was Billy R. with help from Kevin C., Sean Y. and Derek L. Overall adult trek leader was Mr. Gabriel with Mr. Rehbock & Ms. Dillon leading 5mile hike event. Canoeing merit badge activities went well. A few scouts used techniques learned just an hour earlier in an actual canoe capsizing event in the middle of the lake (too many interesting things on one side of the canoe). Said scouts “did everything by the book”, per Mr. Gabriel. New scout induction ceremony held and 2 flags were “retired” in proper manner befitting the event.

PLC “events scheduling” meeting – This Saturday @ 12:30 – 4. To review events calendar over the next 18 months.

Elections – 4 candidate applications in, with at least 1 SPL interest. Elections to be held this coming Thursday.

Angel Island Bike & Camp – Canceled due to lack of reservations.

Mount Madonna camp-out (new) – Replace Angel Island. No biking. A car camp-out. New scout trek leader.

Northern Tier High-Adventure trek – Important meeting this weekend, 9/21 @ 7:30 SJC AV room. “Crew” assignments to be discussed/decided as prep for next summer's trek.

### **Old Business**

There are still openings for uniformed and non-uniformed adult leaders. Please see Mr. Dave Low or Mr. Tom Guntly for anyone interested.

- Mr. Guntly & Mr. Bunzel to scan list for needed adult positions. New parents encouraged to sign up for a role (“no arm-twisting”... YET!)

Holy Name room clean-up: Mr. Low received a proposal from SPL to facilitate sign-up & clean-up scheduling. Still in review...

### **New Business**

Troop fund raisers: Pie/Cookie Dough & BSA Popcorn sales

- Mrs. Crane's assistants from prior years (Mrs. Chen, et. al.) running it this year, with Mrs. Pfeifer helping out.
- Discussion on “funding” the various orders: when retail order it taken or COD.
- BSA Popcorn apparently recommends COD when items are delivered, per Mrs. Pfeifer. Troop treasurer (Mrs. Kasses) indicates this does NOT work for “accounts payable” with cookie dough/pie supplier who requires payments of up to \$2500 upon “wholesale” delivery of orders to the troop, and before “retail” delivery by scouts to those who ordered. The budget is not structured to “float” \$2500. At least for cookie & pie sales, much less for additional popcorn sales budget expenses.
- Scouts cannot wear BSA uniforms or advertise/imply BSA sponsorship of troop-specific fund raisers (like pie & cookie dough). BSA Popcorn is OK, tops-down fund raiser. Mr. Low says workaround is for scouts to sell BSA Popcorn & T476 pie/cookie at the “same time”. An order form on “each hand” when approaching a potential “customer”.

### **Scoutmaster's Minute**

Father with son in the outdoors, and the “echo” story. See Mr. Low for details...

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Minutes submitted by Angelica Isip