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[t1631] Minutes from March Committee/Parents' Meeting

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Hello Troop 1631,

Below are the minutes from the March Committee/Parents' Meeting. As these are the first minutes I have issued since becoming troop secretary, I welcome any comments and/or suggestions for improvements.

Best regards,

Nancy Egeler,

Secretary

TROOP 1631 COMMITTEE/PARENT MEETING – MARCH 25, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:38.

IN ATTENDANCE: Andy Ralph, Pamela Walker, Cindy Lucas, Nancy Egeler, Kevin McGonagle, Adriana Paiva, Simon Sanchez, Margaret Susairaj, and Tami Grubb. Thank you all for attending.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED:

Date	Event	Scout/Adult in Charge
Apr 10	Relay for Life, Constellation Park	Kevin McGonagle
Apr 18	Scout Fair, NRG Arena	Traci Munsey – need scout in charge
Apr 24 – 26	Camping & Rock Climbing	Kevin McGonagle, Ethan McGonagle & Drew Donovan
May 18 – Monday	Court of Honor	

Long Term Camps	Event	Adult in Charge
Jun 14 – 20	Summer Camp - Buffalo Trails Scout Ranch	Tim McMahon
Jul 3 – 12	Chilkoot Scout Ranch, Alaska	Bill Penczak

Volunteers are greatly appreciated! Thanks to all for their efforts to make this a great learning experience for our sons. Without involved parents none of this would be possible; your time, effort and dedication to the troop make a difference!

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: April 22, 2015, 7:30 pm at the Avalon Clubhouse. The web

calendar does not have the correct date for the next meeting date (it has April 15th) - please note the correct date. All are welcome to attend. You do not have to stay for the whole meeting.

SCOUTMASTER REPORT:

- Andy reported that all went well at Camporee despite the heavy rain. There were no issues. We did have a minor safety incident (see below); attendance has been good both at meetings and campouts. The newly formed patrols seem to be doing well - we're a good size right now as we go forward and get our processes and procedures in place. As scouts move up to 1st class, patrols will need to be reconfigured.
- **Safety:** there was one near miss at the campout; rocks were thrown on the campfire and one exploded with a small bit of rock hitting a camper in the hand. Fortunately, the camper was unhurt. Andy reviewed the incident with the campers and emphasized that a more serious incident could have occurred and that we must always think before acting.
- **Next Campout:** The next campout is April 24-26 at Pedernales State Park - we will be rock climbing at nearby Reimer's Ranch. Estimated cost is \$75 for rock climbing and \$35 for camping. The rock climbing activity should take up most of Saturday. Drew Donovan and Ethan McGonagle will be scouts in charge.
- **Troop Needs:** The Troop will begin an effort to upgrade, improve and update our equipment; the PLC showed a lot of interest in this at their meeting on Monday. One initial area of focus will be KP. Another area needing attention is the equipment trailer – ours is not optimal for hauling the camping equipment. Andy would like to form an ad hoc team on what improvements can be made and the cost.

COMPUTER/TROOPMASTER RECORDS KEEPER:

- Margaret is getting blue cards with information missing.
- Scouts (not the parents) should e-mail their counselor directly and copy Margaret; parents should be copied on the e-mail
- The merit badge procedure on the website is not being followed by many
- Would like to see blue cards used to track progress toward all badges
- Margaret will e-mail the troop emphasizing the proper communication channels to be used when pursuing a merit badge

OUTDOOR/ACTIVITIES/SERVICE:

- **Relay for Life** – cancer fundraiser being held at Constellation Park on 4/10/15. Kevin will send out a note with more information on the team he is forming and how to

register.

- **Schlumberger Merit Badge Day** – Cindy reported that 20 scouts had signed up, there are prerequisites which should be completed before the event
- **Scout Fair** – coming up soon, would like to have good troop representation at this fun event; troop plans to set up the tee-pee and make cobbler; we might consider making something else instead of cobbler as lots of troops make it. Need scout in charge for this worthwhile event, Traci Munsey is the adult in charge.
- **Alaska summer camp** – planning continues, 11 scouts, 8 adults signed up; final check is due at the end of April
- **Sea Base** - deposit has been made to secure our reservation for summer 2016; time slots have been confirmed.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Lake Olympia Swim Team Concession Stand** - Pam updated the group on the opportunity to work this summer at the Lake Olympia swim meets. Scouts can raise money for their accounts by working the concession stand. Generally 4-8 scouts are needed; the dates for the meets are June 8, 15, 22 and July 8th (all evening meets). Service hours will also be available to help with the preseason cleanup – about 2 hrs; tentative date for the cleanup is May 17th.

TREASURER:

- Pam reported for Denise
- Need to have better way to track campout payments; adult in charge is not clear when scouts are paying using their fundraiser accounts and when they are using Paypal
- Request was made to give scouts their account balances so they know if funds are available to pay for activities

TRAINING COORDINATOR/COMMITTEE CHAIR:

- **Need training coordinator! Please consider volunteering for this vital role.**
- The troop has many ongoing training needs which are presently going unmet

ADVANCEMENT CHAIR:

- We welcome Nik Patel as the new advancement chair and thank outgoing chair Ed Gifford for all his service.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Tami Grubb will be stepping down as the troop secretary; Nancy Egeler will very humbly try to fill her shoes. Thank you Tami for a great job – your time and dedication are greatly appreciated!
- The group wanted to reiterate that no campout refunds can be given after the Monday troop meeting as the food planning for the campout is complete at that point. Fees for

- activities may be refundable.
- Committee chair position will be coming open in the future, need to start secession planning.
 - The troop chaplain position has not been filled – please contact one of the committee members if you would like to volunteer for this important position.
 - Next Court of Honor is scheduled for **MONDAY**, May 18th instead of the PLC meeting at Sugar Land Memorial Park. The date was changed to a Monday because of the difficulty of finding a Sunday in May which would work.
 - Summer Schedule for Monday troop meetings – there is a conflict with the Lake Olympia concession stand service hours so may need to meet on another night in June/early July
 - **Fiesta Label Fundraiser** has finished. This fundraiser is an easy way for a scout to earn some money for their account. The labels collected are not exclusively the Fiesta brand, other well known brand names can be turned in. Cindy will send out an e-mail when this begins again.
 - Cindy Lucas mentioned that we may want to consider using *BSA's Journey to Excellence* performance recognition program as a good tool to use to evaluate our troop performance. It uses metrics such as troop growth, retention, advancement, leadership, etc. to assess troop progression.
 - Kevin asked if the group felt that we should be doing more fund raising to help offset costs. We agree to discuss more at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Egeler
Secretary

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