

Troop Committee Meeting – March 18, 2007

Present: Bob, Eric, Kim, Vance, Claire, Gene

Minutes approved. Web site updated and improved.

Treasurer's Report:

Bob reported that Daniel Smith's Eagle kit was in at the Verdugo Hills Council. He has updated several of the merit badge book in the troop library. There are still a few scouts that owe for the equipment fund.

The camp deposit was sent in to Camp Mataguay. Nine scouts have signed up and given their first payment.

Fundraising:

Next fundraiser is to be the Spaghetti Dinner on April 14. Tickets will be available on March 27 - \$5.00 per ticket with the scout earning from \$2.50 to \$3.00 depending on costs. TUMC wants to be involved in the dinner this year. Menu will be salad, spaghetti, garlic bread, and drinks. Meat and vegetarian sauce will be available.

Scoutmaster's Report:

March outing was cancelled due to lack of participation. We need to get the word out sooner, but also need more parental support for the driving and supervising. Ideal is that one parent per patrol would be helpful. Outings are coordinated with Ron C. and Ron P.

Advancements:

Currently we have 2 merit badges earned for the next court of honor – Citizenship in the Nation and Communications. Claire held a workshop for those interested for Citizenship in the Community – Six boys attended and got 4 or 5 requirements signed off. Another workshop for the Crocodiles will be held for Citizenship in the World, if that goes well then it will be done for the Sharks next.

One boy is in need of a board of review on 3/27. Kim Clark is taking over the advancement record keeping for the troop. DOGS meeting is needed to discuss upcoming Webelos and their training.

Outdoor Activities:

Summer Camp at Camp Mataguay, inland from San Diego. Aviation merit badge with sailplane for an additional fee.

Fiesta Island will be the weekend before Labor Day (8/25-27). Camp is in Mission Bay in San Diego. Individual board rental is available.

April – there will be a fishing trip. Another deep sea fishing trip is planned for June/July.

May is hiking month. June is backpacking.

Website:

Vance has gotten the web site more up to date now. Current outing, calendar, photos have all been updated. Need a few photos added still – of the snow outing, Trask and Whisett. Will try to get a summer camp page going with possible link to Mataguay. Also will be working on an Eagle Scout page and Casey is working on a Troop History page. Vance is planning to do a web scavenger hunt to get the boys looking at the new web site.

Equipment:

The boys have made list of what is needed to add to the patrol boxes. Bob is planning to buy new notebooks for each patrol.

The Venture Crew has made a few attempts to work on the kayaks – mostly they have run into problems with the temperature not being right to work with the materials.

Next meeting will be tentatively on May 21 – this is a Monday night but will allow a few others that haven't been able to come on Sundays to be able to attend.