

Troop 840, B.S.A.

Troop Committee	Date of Meeting:	December 01, 2007														
	Time of Meeting:	8:00 AM														
<p>Facilitator: Chris Griffiths</p> <p>Title of Meeting: Scheduled Monthly meeting</p> <p>Location: Valley Ranch Baptist Church, Coppell, TX</p> <p>Notetaker: Matt Bohn</p> <p>Attendees: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Paul Bauer</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Martha Otwell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Matt Bohn IV</td> <td>Tim Owen</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mathias Bohn V</td> <td>Mike Santy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Missey Cox</td> <td>Don Schuh</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chris Griffiths – Committee Chair</td> <td>Terry Smith – Scoutmaster</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Hopper</td> <td>Randy Wilkinson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tracey Kersey</td> <td>Chris Wilt</td> </tr> </table> </p>			Paul Bauer	Martha Otwell	Matt Bohn IV	Tim Owen	Mathias Bohn V	Mike Santy	Missey Cox	Don Schuh	Chris Griffiths – Committee Chair	Terry Smith – Scoutmaster	John Hopper	Randy Wilkinson	Tracey Kersey	Chris Wilt
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Agenda

Item	Notes
I. Call to Order	
	Chris Griffiths
II. Reflection on recent events	
St. Ann's Carnival Trailer	September 7 & 8
November Campout Popcorn	November 9 -11, Lake Ray Roberts September 15, Orders due Oct 31 st
III. Coordination of next events	
Court of Honor	Tuesday, December 4 th
Christmas Store	December 7 th and 8 th , VRBC
Merit Badge College	December 8 th , 8 am – 4 pm @ PPUMC
December Campout	December 14 th to 16 th , Trotter's Land
University for Scouting	January @ SMU Campus – great training tool for adults
Storage Unit	Re-new agreement in December \$912 per year – Location/cost?
Grub-master Incentive Program	
Holiday Party	December 18 th
Winter Camp	December 27 th to 31 st
January Campout	January 18 th to 20 th , Camp Wisdom - Webeloree
OA Chapter Dinner	January 4 th
District Dinner	January 25 th
No Meetings	December 25 th and January 1 st
IV. Status Reports	
Treasurer's Report	Mark Tepper / Deb Trejo
Roundtable Report	Terry Smith / Anna May Ghaly

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Outdoor Activities/Summer Camp	David Hymer / Keith Markbreiter
Membership	Missey Cox / Tracey Kersey
Advancement	Lynell Huffmaster / Karen Griffiths
Training	John Hopper / Mrs. Roberts
Equipment	Gary Green
Communications	Thomas Snawder
Transportation	Paul Bauer
V. Action Items	
Other Troop Needs	Terry Smith
VI. Other Needs	
SPL Remarks	Master Ghaly
SM Remarks	Terry Smith
VII. Summary & adjournment	
	Chris Griffiths

Next Meeting January 12th, 2008, 8:00 am, Valley Ranch Baptist Church

I. Call to Order

Mr. Griffiths called the meeting to order at 8:10 am.

II. Reflection on recent events

St. Ann's Carnival: The Scouts that were involved in the incident have written letters to St. Ann's apologizing for their actions. The Troop has offered to reimburse St. Ann's for the losses caused by the Scouts' actions. No response has been received so far from representatives at St. Ann's.

Trailer: The trailer is in the shop being welded and repaired due to the accident. It should be ready before the next campout. It may not have all of the painting and decals reapplied before the campout.

November Campout: Terry Smith said we had great attendance and great weather. The bike ride was a great success. We determined that we need to get a spot closer to the parking lot. We have to send someone up earlier to get this because it is "first come, first served". Mr. Wilt worked with the younger Scouts to help them get things accomplished toward their advancement. Everything worked really well. Plan a morning activity with the afternoon off works very well for the Scouts. They really enjoy this type of camping.

Popcorn: Barbara and Howard Witham were the Popcorn Kernels. Popcorn sales are complete and checks have been turned in for the popcorn sold. The Scouts sold about the same amount of popcorn as last year.

III. Coordination of next events

Court of Honor: This will be held Tuesday, December 4th. The church has provided two rooms for this. There will be awards for the Scouts that have had the most nights camping and observing 100 nights camping. We will also have some special OA recognition. Terry Smith has the awards.

Christmas Store: December 7th and 8th at Valley Ranch Baptist Church. The Scouts will earn service hours for participation in this event. Mr. Griffiths will send out an E-Mail with a link for the Scouts to sign up to participate at this event. They sign up for three hour shifts.

www.mysignup.com/christmasstore is the website for the sign up for the event. You can sign up on Tuesday night for the toy transfer occurring on Wednesday, December 5th from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Class B uniforms required. Meet at the South entrance of VRBC.

Merit Badge College: December 8th at PPUMC from 8:00 to 4:00. A complete list of merit badges being offered will be available at the Round Table on December 3rd. Terry Smith will bring the list to the Scout Meeting on Tuesday. There will still be time for Scouts to sign up for the Merit Badge College.

December Campout: This is scheduled for December 14th to the 16th at Trotter's Land. This will be the annual cooking contest campout. Terry Smith is trying to get adults that don't normally camp to come to be taste testers.

University for Scouting: This is scheduled for January 5th at the SMU Campus. This is a great opportunity for adults to get training. They have training in recruiting from Webelos to Scouts to membership training. A very neat event and quite extensive training is available. There is a \$25 fee for participation which includes lunch. Sign up on line. The link is available from the Circle 10 website. The following link is used to get the mail in sign up sheet and the brochure is <http://www.circle10.org/includes/downloads/iversityofscoutingbrochure.pdf>. The deadline for mail in registrations is 07-Dec-2007. This should be used before you log on to register so you can know which classes you want to register for. On line registrations can be completed through 21-Dec-2007 at the following link https://www.kintera.org/AutoGen/Register/Register.asp?ievent=250903&en=hsIJLVNGKiLNKW_PJjckNKbMMifIOI4PJLbLWJ6NFKhLPL3NHlfKZK8NOIwE. If this doesn't work for you, please put in <https://2008uos.kintera.org/> and it may generate the full registration link for you.

Storage Unit: We will sign up for three more months to give us more time to investigate the other options to move to another site.

Grub-master Incentive Program: Amy Schuh last month asked if we wanted to participate in the Kroger incentive program to get money back to the Troop for purchases made at Kroger for grub for campouts. This will be investigated and more information will be provided at the next Committee Meeting.

Holiday Party: The Wilt's are hosting another Holiday Party at their home on December 18th. Scouts and their family members are invited to the party. Attire will be holiday attire (no scout attire required). It will be from 7:00 to 9:00 pm with chances for prizes. Anyone that has information on Scouts that will be home from college during this period, please make sure to invite them to this party.

Winter Camp: This will be at Camp Cherokee from December 27th to 31st. It is a great time. It is close enough to only come down for a couple of nights if you can't make all five nights. The campout is hosted by OA who will provide unique skills and demonstrations not normally provided at a regular campout. We will prepare meals as a Troop and the adults will cook all of the meals and do clean up for all in attendance.

January Campout: This will be January 18th to the 20th at Camp Wisdom. It is the Webeloree. Terry Smith said we have this secured. Mark Williamson and Mark Durso will open the Shotgun and Rifle ranges. This is an excellent time for recruitment for the Webelos to join Troop 840. We will also do knots and knives like we did last year.

OA Lodge Dinner: This is on Friday, January 4th, 2008 at Eddie Deen's Ranch. OA Members are allowed to bring their family to the dinner. Each OA member should have received an invitation in the mail. They can go to <http://www.miki.org/> to get additional information about the dinner.

District Dinner: This is on January 25th. We will host all of the Eagle Scouts that have attained Eagle Rank in 2007. This is open to every member of the Troop. We must reserve tables for this event. This is where the Silver Star award is given. We have the opportunity to nominate someone from the troop for this award. There is a lot of recognition for adults at this event. It will be held at the Las Colinas Country Club.

No Meetings: December 25th and January 1st.

IV. Status Reports

Treasurer's Report: A Treasurer's Report was issued showing the Troop is still solvent. The chili supper net was reduced in large part by the acceptance of tickets for pints and quarts at the event. This will be discussed prior to the chili supper next year as to whether this will be allowed in 2008. This had never been done before and it is evident that it had a negative financial impact on the net from the event.

The Scouts that are behind on their dues will be provided information at Tuesday's meeting so they can be aware of this and to become current on their dues.

Roundtable Report: The next Roundtable will be this Monday evening. The District Dinner is \$17 per person. There was a motion to allow the Committee Chairman to reserve two tables for the dinner which is estimated cost around \$340. The motion was seconded and all present voted to pass this motion. Scout Sunday may be February 10th. We will confirm at next month's Committee Meeting if that is the day it will be observed at our sponsor church, VRBC. The Scout Show will be on May 10th, 2008. We are looking for a chairperson for this event. February 23rd, 2008, will be the Coppell Crossover for all Webelos becoming Scouts.

Outdoor Activities & Summer Camp: 47 Scouts have signed up to go to Camp Bartle for our summer camp in 2008. Chris Wilt will be the Scoutmaster for this summer camp. The adults that have signed up will need some additional training such as "Youth Protection". We will have some meetings in advance of the camp to make sure the adult leaders are better prepared for the responsibilities they will face at the camp. Philmont treks have 33 people signed up. This will be a big group. The Northern Tier trek did not make.

Membership: Recharter will start January 8th. We believe we have to have this in by February 28th but we may have to have this in two weeks earlier like last year. Our equipment fee is currently only \$40 per Scout family. There is a motion that we have four (4) people on a finance sub-committee in addition to Mark Tepper to evaluate the need to increase the equipment fee.

The four that will work with Mr. Tepper will be Chris Griffiths, Paul Bauer, Martha Otwell and Don Schuh. Missey Cox ordered the new T-Shirts and patches. They are available for sale at the Troop Meetings.

Advancement: Court of Honor will be short and will take place this next Tuesday.

Training: John said he is making sure the records are up to date with regard to adult leader training. He will check to see if the adults that have volunteered for Camp Bartle summer camp have Youth Protection Training on their records within the past two years.

Equipment: No additional topics.

Communications: No additional comments. We look to see if we can add some support for Thomas Snawder. He is very involved as Cubmaster for his younger son's Pack. Chris Griffiths will send out an E-Mail trying to recruit a technical person that will assist or take over the primary responsibility for updating our Troop website.

Transportation: No Report.

V. Other Action Items

Other Troop Needs: Terry Smith said we have \$4900 for a trailer. There was a motion to allow Terry Smith to get a quote on the procurement of a trailer for the Troop. The motion was seconded and passed without a negative vote. The trailer will need to have hydraulic brakes because electric brake connections would be required on the tow vehicle.

For those that have a financial need for camping expenses or Eagle ceremony expenses, please contact Chris Griffiths and he will handle these requests in a very confidential manner.

Mrs. Otwell will send an E-Mail to Troop members with a specific list of items that it would be very helpful for the Troop to have as we conduct ceremonies of any type.

VI. Other Needs

SPL Remarks: Master Ghaly was not at the meeting.

SM Remarks: All comments were made in the earlier part of the meeting.

VII. Summary and adjournment

Mr. Griffiths ended the meeting at 9:56 am. Next Committee Meeting, Saturday, 12-January-2008, 8:00 am to 9:30 am, Valley Ranch Baptist Church.