

Troop 101 Adult Committee Meeting
January 17, 2007

Present: Todd Atkins, Linda Bassani, Tami Currid, Jeff Gumbel, Jonathan Hall, Mimi Jones, Michael Keck, Greg Martin, Mary Murphy, Barry Ramsey, Julie Ramsey, Budd Root, Don Schlorff, Matt Stookey and David Weckhorst

1. Budd Root opened the meeting and asked for approval of the minutes from the 12/20/06 and 1/3/07 meetings. A correction was noted in the December 20th minutes. The paragraph titled Summer Camp under Scoutmaster Report, should read, "Julie Ramsey signed up to do the 2007 Camp Drake registration. Loretta Spencer will assist." The minutes were then approved as corrected. Budd shared his plan for running the meetings. We will use Robert's Rule's of Order with the idea that modifications may need to be made along the way. In order to end meetings at a reasonable time, he would like an issue tabled to the next meeting if the discussion becomes too lengthy.
2. **Committee Reports:**

Treasurer: Don Schlorff distributed copies of the current financial report and gave an overview of each section. The troop's total funds are \$25,633.47. Don noted that he is waiting for a couple Scout Account checks to be deposited in the troop account. He added that the troop is in good shape at the moment and hopes we can maintain that.

Don read a letter he received from Steve Anderson regarding last years candy bar sales. Steve had again checked his records from the sales against Don's records. In the letter, Steve said that the money placed in Scout Accounts is correct and maintains that 750 candy bars were spoiled. He stated that he deeply regrets all the problems and felt he should make up the difference by including a check for \$280.00 in his letter. A discussion followed regarding the past meetings when candy bar sales were discussed and talked about the letter from Steve. It was noted that one of the main issues was that Steve had not come forth with information (re. spoiled candy) in a timely fashion. The committee then agreed that we all make mistakes and we would never "charge" someone for their mistake. Todd Atkins make a motion we return the check to Steve Anderson. It was seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Budd Root asked about including a statement in the bylaws, that addresses the fact that no volunteer will be held libel/charged for honest mistakes. Mike Keck said this would be addressed in a forthcoming set of bylaws. Don Schlorff will return the check with a note to Steve.

Programs/Camping – Barry Ramsey reported on the following events:

Klondike Derby – Barry stated that 46 (scouts, webloes and adults) have signed up to attend the Klondike Derby on January 27th. This will be a day only event this year (not a campout).

Varsity Climbing trip – The climbing trip to Upper Limits is still on hold. Barry is waiting for the Varsity Team to reorganize this trip to Bloomington.

Overnighter 2/23 –The deadline for the Overnighter is February 20th. Jeff Gumbel will again transport everyone by bus.

Blue Springs Caverns – This campout was cancelled a second time, due to flooding. They have offered one last date, March 24th. It was decided we should take this date and try once more to go caving. (It was noted the weekend after this; March 30th is the date for our regularly scheduled March campout.)

Recharter – Barry has collected everything for the troop recharter, completed the required forms and turned it all in to the council office. He reported that John Williams would take care of the varsity recharter (and venture crew – this is still on the books in case we ever want to restart).

Compass Day – Julie Ramsey reported that Compass Day would be March 31st at Camp Drake. (noted that this is the **same** weekend as our regularly scheduled campout)

Camp Drake – Julie said she and Barry attended the Camp Drake 2007 summer camp informational meeting. Kick-off for camp will be March 13th. Jonathan Hall began a discussion regarding the possibility of boys attending Camp Ransburg this year. There is only one week available, July 29th-August 3rd. The cost would be \$200.00 per boy. Julie raised a couple points about Ransburg. 1) This may not be a place for the younger boys as many had problems being away from parents at our local scout camp last summer. 2) The only available Ransburg dates are the same dates many older boys (and adults) will be at Philmont. Since we will need adults to attend with our troop and many of the adults going to Philmont are usually the ones who normally attend summer camp, it might be better to wait until next year. Discussion continued on these points and on whether a big trip should be offered this year. (in the rotation for this summer is Mammoth Caves). Most of the committee agreed the 1st and 2nd year boys should go to Camp Drake and 3rd year and above could attend Ransburg, and most thought it may be best to wait until next year to offer this camp. Jeff Gumbel noted we should continue talking about Ransburg and make plans **now** for summer 2008. Jonathan decided discussion should be continued and will meet with Julie and Barry Ramsey and possibly some of the Assistant Scoutmasters to continue talking about summer camp and the troop's big trip. They will present their proposal for this summer at the February meeting.

Advancement: Mary Murphy reported that 2 boys, Greg Frick and Nolan Atkins earned the Snow Sports merit badge on the recent Varsity ski trip.

Mary asked about what the committee would like to do with the troop surveys she has collected. The surveys were given to adults in the troop to find out what adults are willing to do for Troop 101 and what talents/skills/knowledge they would like to share. Jonathan Hall stated he would like to have the merit badge information (who is willing to teach a merit badge). After discussion, Mike Keck volunteered to put all the information onto a spreadsheet.

Fundraising: Mike Keck reported he has sent an email to a troop parent who might be willing to be the candy bar sales chair. He will follow up with a phone call if needed. The kickoff for candy bar sales is February 23rd, the same night as the Overnighter.

Special Events: Tami Currid asked the committee to consider giving a gift to Mrs. Root for volunteering her time and using her expertise to train as many as are interested in CPR. Everyone agreed that something should be done to show our appreciation. After discussion on what could be done, Tami made a motion to get a \$250.00 Visa gift card for her from the troop. It was seconded and passed unanimously. Don Schlorff will purchase the card.

Adult Quartermaster – David Weckhorst reported that he has purchased a ladder for the shed.

He then shared preliminary plans for a firewood storage area. This will be an area next to the shed, with a roof, floor and sides to protect the cut wood. It may be possible for boys to work on this in order to earn the Woodworking merit badge. Questions were raised about needing permission from Art Warren. David will talk to Art. Julie Ramsey brought up the issue (that not many were aware of) that places, especially out of state, were now not allowing firewood to be brought in, due to emerald ash bore infestations. After discussion, Todd Atkins, suggested these rules/regulations be posted at the shed, near the firewood.

Jeff Gumbel suggested we have a workday at Camp Drake to cut/split wood to replenish our supply. He said there are many downed trees that need to be cleaned up. Budd Root asked if Jeff could come up with a date (end of Jan or Feb) for a workday.

Varsity Scouts: No report

Scoutmaster Report:

Jonathan Hall read a note from Tim Manard, Scout Executive, BSA Council. In his note, Tim thanked the troop for the \$2,000.00 contribution to the FOS campaign. Tim also wrote that he appreciated the “reconsideration” on the candy bar issue and added that we should let him know if there is any way he can “help in delivering the scouting program better”, Jeff Gumbel shared a conversation he had with Dan Baker, the Asst Scout Executive. He stated that Dan is very willing

to help in any way he can. It was suggested that Don Schlorff contact him regarding the problems Don has had obtaining council account reports. Jonathan stated he would contact Dan regarding past problems with Camp Drake staff.

Jonathan also shared a Christmas card from a former 101 scout, David Lindner and his family. They are now living in Texas.

Jonathan would like to have an alumni event this year (picnic?) for former scouts and scoutmasters. Jeff reminded the committee that this marks the 75th anniversary of Camp Drake. He stated the council is encouraging troops to contact former members and invite them to the July celebration. It was suggested that if we did an alumni event, maybe it could be tied into the Drake celebration. A subcommittee was formed to continue this discussion. Tami Currid will chair, joined by Linda Bassani and Jonathan.

Jonathan reminded the committee about the training college on February 10th.

He talked about the upcoming Klondike Derby. Jonathan wants our troop to have a “snack hut” again this year. Since Mimi Jones and Don Schlorff have chili (from the supper) in their home freezers and there is plenty of hot chocolate mix at the shed, it was decided we should serve chili and hot chocolate! David Weckhorst will bring a dining fly, stoves, hot chocolate and portable heaters (donated to the troop by Todd Atkins) to the derby. Jonathan will ask the council where the “snack hut” can be placed.

3. **Old Business:**

Troop Bylaws – Mike Keck distributed copies of updated by-laws. He gave an overview of the changes (he had attached a sheet showing each one). The changes will be voted on at the February meeting.

Key Committee Positions - Julie Ramsey stated that she would be willing to fill the open Programs committee position and let go of the At Large Rep position. As Programs chair, she will be assisted by Mimi Jones and Lynn Weckhorst. Mimi then volunteered to fill the open 2nd Year Rep committee position and Greg Martin volunteered to fill the open 1st Year Rep committee position. Don Schlorff made a motion to move Julie from At Large Rep to Programs (noting that Mimi Jones and Lynn Weckhorst will assist her) and to appoint Mimi to fill the 2nd Year Rep position and Greg Martin to fill the 1st Year Rep position. It was seconded and passed unanimously. (Linda Bassani is listed as 3rd year rep, but, since the bylaws state a person may hold one and only one Key Committee position, this will need to be filled by someone else) Mike Keck made a motion to appoint Jeff Gumbel to the now open At Large Rep committee position. After Jeff accepted, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Mike Keck will remove the

At Large/Old Master from the committee position list in the bylaws and modify Bullet 6 to read....7 of 13 (needed) to indicate majority.

Updated list of Committee Officers:

Chair:	Budd Root
Asst. Chair:	Barry Ramsey
Treasurer:	Don Schlorff
Sergeant-At-Arms	Mike Keck (interim)
Secretary:	Linda Bassani
Programs:	Julie Ramsey
Advancement:	Mary Murphy
Special Events:	Tami Currid
Adult Quartermaster:	David Weckhorst
First Year Rep:	Greg Martin
Second Year Rep:	Mimi Jones
Third Year Rep:	Linda Bassani (temp-see text)
At Large Rep:	Jeff Gumbel

Sub-Committee Chairs - Mike Keck then presented the sub-committee chairs for approval:

Fundraising	Mike Keck
Scout Accounts	Steve Wilson
Summer Camp	Julie Ramsey (assisted by Loretta Spencer)
Holy Cross MBS Frick)	Julie Ramsey (assisted by Loretta Spencer and Scott Frick)
Assist Quartermaster	Mike Ball and Chris Hoffman
Auditor	Karen Semple
Recharter	Barry Ramsey
Newsletter	Tom Watembach
Chaplain	Jason Willebeck-Lemair
Training	Open

Don Schlorff made a motion to approve all the sub-committee chairs. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Scoutmaster - Mike Keck made a motion to approve Jonathan Hall as Scoutmaster (after confirming he wanted to continue). It was seconded and passed unanimously.

1st Assistant Scoutmasters - The slate of 1st Assistant Scoutmasters was presented:

Steve Brunkow
Matt Stookey

Glen Semple
Tim Shedelbower

Don Schlorff made a motion to accept the slate of 1st Assistant Scoutmasters. After discussion on what their duties would be, including the confirmation that any of them would be able to fill in for Jonathan, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Email Lists - Julie Ramsey led a discussion on the troop all/troop leader email lists. They will be updated since rechartering is complete. The new lists will be brought to the February meeting.

4. New Business:

Annual payment: Discussion took place on the recent email vote taken for our website's annual payment to Dreamhost. The payment due date was before this meeting so an approval vote was done via email. Seven key committee members (David Weckhorst, Barry Ramsey (proxy), Julie Ramsey, Linda Bassani, Tami Currid, Don Schlorff and Mary Murphy) approved payment of \$190.80, for a two-year subscription, be made to Dreamhost. The vote was then ratified by a show of hands. Don Schlorff stated he will try to have a budget done by our next meeting and will include a line item for annual expenses.

Varsity Sled – Barry Ramsey reported that Dane Pierson asked about funds to build a sled for the Klondike Derby. He encouraged him to come to this committee meeting to request funds. The Varsity Team then decided there wasn't enough time to do a good job so they won't build one this year. Budd Root said that they would use the Venture Crew sled. The boys will begin planning now to build a sled for the 2008 Derby.

5. Other Business:

Mary Murphy asked about getting a list of all the scouts and adults now that rechartering is completed. Barry Ramsey will send a list to everyone.

Discussion took place on when to start the troop newsletter. It was agreed that it would be good to start as soon as possible. Jonathan Hall will talk to Tom Watembach.

Discussion was held on thanking Steve Anderson (past Adult Committee Chair). It was agreed we should send a card expressing our thanks. This will be done at the next meeting.

Linda Bassani and Julie Ramsey made a request to have a "Blue Card Night" during troop meetings, a few times a year. It would be a night boys would be able to get blue cards signed. They can bring the projects/items they have finished for

a merit badge, present them to adults for approval and get their cards signed. It would also be a time boys could have questions answered on what to do to finish a merit badge. And if they haven't had time at home to finish projects or written requirements they could even work on them, on those nights. Todd Atkins suggested this be done every other month (even months). Linda made a motion to hold a "Blue Card Night" at troop meetings every other month (even months beginning in February). It was seconded and passed unanimously. Julie and Linda will look at specific dates and put this information on the troop calendar.

Barry Ramsey briefly talked about the Quality Unit Award. Discussion will continue on this at the February meeting.

6. **Dessert** – The committee thanked Tami Currid for all the treats!
7. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be February 21st, 7:00 at the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bassani, Secretary