

Troop 101 Adult Committee Meeting  
February 21, 2007

Present: Linda Bassani, Tami Currid, G. David Frye, Jeff Gumbel, Jonathan Hall, Mimi Jones, Michael Keck, Greg Martin, Mary R. Murphy, Julie Ramsey, Budd Root, Glen Semple, David Weckhorst and Jason Willebeek-LeMair

1. Budd Root opened the meeting and asked for approval of the minutes from the January 17th meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved.
2. **Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer:** In Don Schlorff's absence, Tami Currid distributed copies of the current financial report. The troop's total funds are \$22,006.59. Tami then passed around thank you cards to be signed for Julie Root and Steve Anderson. The Visa gift card, approved at the last meeting, will be sent with Julie's card. Don Schlorff already sent a note and returned the money to Steve Anderson, so Tami will mail the signed card only.

**Programs/Camping** – Julie Ramsey reported on the following events:

**Overnighter 2/23** - 41 boys and 10 adults have signed up. There will be pizza and soda at the bowling alley. Tami Currid will purchase snacks and drinks.

**Holy Cross 3/3** – 47 boys are registered for this merit badge seminar.

**Blue Springs Caverns** – 5 from the original list (on two previous dates, the cave flooded) have indicated they will go on 3/24. There is room for 35. After discussion, it was decided we would go with whatever number commit in the next few days. (it was noted there is a Philmont campout this same weekend)

**Compass Day 3/31** – Compass Day at Camp Drake is held for 1<sup>st</sup> year scouts. Our new boys will attend this daytime event and have their first 101 camping experience that evening. The campout will be open for all the boys to attend; there will be other activities for 2<sup>nd</sup> year and above.

**Camp Ondessonk 4/20-22** – Julie has made reservations.

**Spring Camporee 5/18-20** – This will be held at Camp Drake

**Summer Camp 6/17-23** – Our deadline will be 4/24 to make the 5/1 council deadline. The OA elections are also scheduled for 4/24.

**Camp Drake anniversary 7/14** – There will be a special celebration on July 14th in honor of Camp Drake's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Jonathan noted that at all the Drake events this year, the patches given to the boys will fit together at the end of the summer to form a large 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary patch.

**Advancement:** Mary Murphy led a discussion on whether to use blue cards for both complete and incomplete merit badges. It was noted that at most of the merit badge seminars a list is given or sent to the troop indicating what the boys did or

did not complete. At that point a blue card could be written for each boy. Jonathan said that he was not sure we need to use blue cards all the time. He thinks we only need to use them for incomplete merit badges. Jeff felt we should use blue cards for everything. He noted that a portion of the blue card is for the boys and should be put in their notebooks. After discussion, it seemed to be agreeable that blue cards would be used for all badges done within the troop and for summer camp. But at merit badge seminars (Holy Cross, Hoopstun) blue cards would be used for incomplete badges only. Mary stated that she would like all completed blue cards given directly to her.

**Fundraising:** Mike Keck said that he still has not been able to find a volunteer to chair the candy bar sales, which start in two days. He talked to the council office and received permission for our troop to sell candy in April/May. We would be able to sell any extra candy bars the council has at that point. Jonathan reported that he had received a phone call from Scott Adair. Scott told him that he might be willing to be the chair since he would like to sell candy now. Scott told him that he also talked to the council office and was told he could get bars and sell on his own. Mike Keck said another parent wants to do that also. After discussion it was decided the troop will sell in April/May, but if these 2 families want to sell now, they can go directly to the council office. It would be between the families and the council; the troop would be “hands off”. Jonathan will contact Mike Graham at the council to check if this is permissible and make sure the troop does not get charged.

**Special Events:** Tami Currid talked about the snacks and extras for Friday’s Overnighter. She also reminded everyone that the next Court of Honor is May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Adult Quartermaster** – David Weckhorst shared a drawing and details of the firewood shelter he would like to build near the shed. Budd Root said he received a positive response from Art Warren for this project. The cost would be between \$250.00 - \$300.00. There was a discussion on whether a concrete pad should be under this structure. Most agreed this would be good and Jeff Gumbel volunteered to arrange for concrete to be poured. David, Jeff and Budd will get together to finalize plans. David made a motion that the troop provide up to \$300.00 for supplies to build a firewood shelter. It was seconded and passed unanimously. David then asked if a date should be set for patrol box cleanout. This will be done at the March meeting.

**Varsity Scouts** - Budd Root and Jonathan Hall reported that Dane Pierson is doing a good job helping to head up the Varsity Team. The team has rescheduled the Upper Limits trip for April 14<sup>th</sup>. There was a short discussion concerning reestablishing the Venture crew. Glen Semple will meet with the Varsity Team to see if there is any interest.

**Committee Rep. reports** - Greg Martin (1<sup>st</sup> years) reported that he would be meeting with Jonathan Hall and Glen Semple to discuss the 1<sup>st</sup> year program. It was noted that the new parents meeting would take place in March.

**Scoutmaster Report:**

Jonathan Hall reported on upcoming merit badge classes. Rifle and Shotgun (Jeff Gumbel) will start next week, Engineering (Andreas Polycarpou) will start on March 27<sup>th</sup> and Personal Fitness (David Weckhorst) will start after Rifle and Shotgun is completed.

Jonathan named the new troop guides: Anooj Avashia, Michael Martin, Ryan Root and Austin Russell.

The t-shirts that were printed for the new boys were different than previous shirts. Instead of a large logo on the front of the shirt, this had a small logo on the front upper left side. Jonathan said they look fine and feels we should stick with this for any future shirts.

A discussion began on 2<sup>nd</sup> year boys and eligibility for Order of the Arrow. They have to be First Class to be eligible and have 15 nights of camping (1 being “long term” camping, which would be summer camp). David Frye stated there would probably be 6 boys who would be First Class by OA election time. There was also discussion on trying to get more boys to First Class. Thoughts included having those boys start at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday nights to work on requirements and work on rank advancement at the March campout (Compass Day/Camp Drake). David said he would work with Jonathan to figure out what can be done.

3. **Old Business:**

**Quality Unit 2007** – Julie Ramsey talked about the 2007 Quality Unit commitment goals/numbers and last year’s numbers. She stated that she still had not received percentages from the Unit Commissioner. Jonathan Hall stated that Mr. and Mrs. Kuchenbrod would be willing to do the training for the 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Scoutmasters. Budd Root signed the Quality Unit Award commitment form. Julie will submit it to the Council office.

**Scout Accounts** – It was reported, from Steve Wilson, there have been no changes in any accounts since the last report was sent. Julie Ramsey led a discussion regarding the accounts. She stated that there are 31 accounts for scouts who didn’t recharter this year or last year. Julie feels these scouts need to be contacted so a decision can be made regarding their money. Jeff Gumbel said a letter should be sent to each of them. As it states in the guidelines for individual scout accounts, a letter would be sent to let the scout know he still has money left. If the scout does not request the money by the designated date in the letter (they would be given a significant amount of time), the money would be transferred to

the troop account. Glen Semple volunteered to draft a letter with assistance from Tami Currid.

**Council Account** – There are 3 adults in the troop, who are listed as the only ones allowed to charge money to the troop’s account at the council office, Budd Root, Barry Ramsey and Mary Murphy. A problem has arisen where someone not approved to charge has been allowed to do so. Julie Ramsey will talk to Dan Baker at the office, regarding this issue and also let him know that we have not received reports for this account.

**Email Lists** – Julie Ramsey reported that David Frye has updated the email lists (Troop All and Troop Leaders) with the recharter information. There was a short discussion regarding which list should receive the Adult Committee minutes. Mike Keck made a motion that the minutes be sent to Troop All, now that it has been updated. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Troop Bylaws I and II**– Mike Keck distributed copies of the amended by-laws as presented at the last meeting, I – Parent’s Responsibilities and II Troop Committee Responsibilities. After a review, Mike made a motion to approve the by-laws as amended. After discussion, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Mike Keck will provide a copy to Steve Brunkow for the website.

**Key Committee Positions** – Mike Keck presented names for the open Key Committee positions: **Sergeant of Arms** – Mike Keck  
**Varsity Rep.** – Todd Atkins  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Year Rep.** – Jason Willebeek-LeMair

Tami Currid made a motion to elect these three new members. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Troop By-laws III and IV** – Mike Keck distributed copies of the next set of by-laws, III - Scoutmaster’s Responsibilities and IV - Scout Expenses/Requirements. He asked everyone to review them and email him with any changes/additions. We will vote on them at the next meeting.

### 3. New Business:

**St. Thomas Moore Eagle Scout plaque** – Budd Root shared a letter he received from St. Thomas Moore High School. They are requesting funds for a plaque listing the Eagle Scouts who attend their school (there are a few from our troop). After a short discussion, it was decided to wait until our next meeting to make a decision.

**Trailer Title/Registration** – Budd Root received the trailer paperwork from Phil Weaver. We need to decide who should receive this now and who would be responsible for requesting a troop check to pay the fees every year. We will make this decision at the next meeting.

Since it was late, the remaining items in New Business were tabled until the next meeting:

April Church Clothing drive  
May/June Memorial Day or Flag Day activity  
Armed Forces, Guest Speaker  
Direct Fund - Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner

4. **Dessert** – The committee thanked Tami Currid for the great food!
5. **Next Meeting – NOTE- DATE CHANGE** -The next meeting will be March 14th, 7:00 at the church. The meeting was moved up because the third Wednesday falls during spring break.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bassani, Secretary