

Troop 101 Adult Committee Meeting
April 18, 2007

Present: Todd Atkins, Mike Ball, Linda Bassani, Tami Currid, Jeff Gumbel, Jonathan Hall, Michael Keck, Greg Martin, Steve Miller, Mary R. Murphy, Barry Ramsey, Julie Ramsey, Budd Root, Don Schlorff, Loretta Spencer, Matt Stookey and David Weckhorst

1. Budd Root opened the meeting and asked for approval of the minutes from the March 14th meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved.
2. **Committee Reports:**

Treasurer: Don Schlorff distributed copies of the current financial report. The troop's total funds are \$26,538.05.

Programs/Camping:

Program meeting – Jonathan Hall reported that he, Julie Ramsey and Mimi Jones met to talk about troop programs. They talked about entering the July 4th parade and wondered about the possibility of obtaining a flat bed trailer. Todd Atkins volunteered his hayrack. Jonathan stated that in place of the cancelled Illini Jamboree, the troop would go to Lodge Park.

Camp Ransburg – Julie stated that we need to make reservations soon for next summer. She asked for date suggestions. Dates in July were suggested and then Jonathan Hall and Jeff Gumbel shared information about the last time the troop went to Ransburg. They recommended the same time frame as that previous trip, which was the end of August. At that time there are less campers, which means fewer lines for events/activities. Since 3 dates need to be submitted, Julie will request dates in August and July.

Advancement – Mary Murphy asked for help from Jonathan Hall and Mike Keck to straighten out Arrow of Light for 4 scouts from Pack 19. Jonathan reported that there had been some issues for one of our scouts working on his Eagle project. Jonathan has talked to the council, the scout and the scout's parent and everything has been straightened out. The scout can now continue working on his project. It was noted that 3 people from the council office review each Eagle project proposal packet. Jonathan has asked Gabriele Martin to talk to our troop about new guidelines. A discussion followed regarding requirements of Eagle Scout projects. Mike Keck reported that Evan Hill (a 101 scout who has had health issues that prevent him from attending meetings) needs 3 more merit badges to get to Life. Mike asked for other adults to help teach these badges at Evan's home. Mike also added that Steve Brunkow's daughter raised money at her school for Evan. The money was given to him in a beautiful card she made.

Fundraising – Mike Keck reported that Diane Alexander has volunteered to be the Candy Bar chair. Mike and Diane will be going to the scout office over the weekend to pick up the candy and finalize our sale plans. Scott Adair has been working on arrangements for Show and Sell.

Adult Quartermaster – David Weckhorst reported that the Patrol Box Cleanout was successful and that work has begun on the firewood shelter (the next workday is Saturday, 4/21). He stated that the equipment is fine, no needs at this time.

Special Events – Tami Currid reported that Don Schlorff and Jeff Gumbel would again be our “grill masters” for the Court of Honor potluck on May 22nd. She also said that if Jeff or Dave Weckhorst would call her, she’d be happy to bring food to the work crew on the 21st.

Varsity Scouts – Jonathan Hall reported that Dane Pierson sent him an email regarding the possibility of starting a Venture Crew. Apparently some of the boys have been discussing this and Dane volunteered to present the idea. Jonathan has asked the boys to come up with a list of pros and cons. A short discussion followed. Everyone agreed there needs to be more discussion about this with the boys and their parents. Budd Root stated he would want a Venture Crew to be affiliated with Troop 101 (not become a separate entity). He would also want them to come on troop campouts (maybe once a quarter?) to help with the younger boys. Jonathan Hall, Mike Ball (and others) will meet to continue this discussion.

Committee Rep. reports – Greg Martin (1st years) reported that there are 10 boys in the 1st year program (although 1 has not been coming for the last 3 weeks). Everything is going smoothly. There were 7 out of the 10 at the Patrol Box Cleanout.

Mike Keck reminded the committee that we would be losing our 3rd year rep/Adult Chaplain Aide committee member. Jason Willebeck-LeMair and family are moving to California sometime this summer. A short discussion followed on possible adults to fill these two positions.

Crossover Liaison – Budd Root talked about this important position, noting that we need to find someone to take over this role. He would like this person to report to the committee at our monthly meetings. Jonathan Hall talked about the planned Webeloes hike and said there could be as many as 30 boys who crossover to Troop 101 next year.

Scoutmaster Report:

Jonathan Hall read the names of boys newly elected to patrol positions:

Pedros:

PL – Nealay Kalita
APL – Kieran Miller
QM – Will Hazelwood
CA – Jacob Richter-Shea

Chiefs:

PL – Samuel Hall
APL – Wiley Jones
QM – Luke Frye
CA – Jackson Shedelbower

Bison:

PL – Scott Runyan
APL – Cameron Currid
QM – Ian Bassani
CA – Andrew Minsker

Eagles: (the boys are aware that this does not count for advancement but they wanted to have patrol positions)

PL – Bill Metcalf
APL – Matt Dawkins
QM – Zach Williams
CA – Nate Martin

Rank advancement was discussed. Jonathan stated he has asked the 1st Asst Scoutmasters to check scout handbooks and sign off if needed.

3. **Old Business:**

Troop By-laws V, VI, VII and VIII – Mike Keck distributed copies of by-laws for a last review. Jonathan Hall and Jeff Gumbel suggested changes they thought should be made. Discussion followed on all the changes. Mike made a motion to accept these by-laws as amended. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Holy Cross Blue Cards - Julie Ramsey reported that blue cards were handed out at last night's meeting (by the 1st Asst Scoutmasters). The boys have been encouraged to finish their requirements as soon as possible.

Church Clothing Drive/Service Project – The clothing drive service project has been set for May 8th. The boys will help fold, pack and load clothing onto the truck. There will be adult help from the church to direct the boys. The donations will be shipped to the Ukraine. The scouts will earn service time.

May/June Memorial Day or Flay Day activity – The flag retirement ceremony will take place on May 29th. The church will put out a container for old flags and let the congregation know that old flags can be donated. Jeff Gumbel stated that

we would have an old flag from the U of I President's house. Jonathan will contact the News Gazette. Jonathan also stated, he has not been able to set up the armed forces speaker yet.

4. **New Business:**

Scout Patrol Organization – Barry Ramsey presented the request to have a formal vote on patrol organization. We now have multi-age patrols, but there have been requests to reconsider age-based patrols. Many voices were heard on the pros and cons of both types of patrols. After discussion, a ballot vote was held. Budd Root announced the results, age-based patrols received 5 votes and multi-age patrols received 7. The patrols will remain as they are now structured.

FOS at Court of Honor – It was noted that if \$5,000.00 were donated for Friends of Scouting within our troop, boys who attend summer camp would be given a 5% discount. After discussion it was felt that if we raise that much, the council should keep the 5% for their scholarship fund.

Campership Account – Barry Ramsey, Don Schlorff and Budd Root met to discuss a troop campership fund. They are proposing we offer to boys who need financial assistance, 50% payment of campouts for the year, with a cap of \$250.00. We would set aside money for this and any closed scout account money that is donated back to the troop will also be used for this fund. All information/payments will be kept private. It was also noted that parents of any boys who take advantage of this fund, would need to pay full price for any campouts they attend. Todd Atkins made a motion to set aside \$1,500.00 annually to be used for camperships and that 50% will be paid for troop campouts for any boys who need financial assistance (with a cap of \$250.00). The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

OA Election – Julie Ramsey reported that Ian Chen would be at the next scout meeting to help Jacob Ramsey run the OA elections. To qualify for OA, the scout must be 1st Class and have 15 nights of camping, including summer camp. They do not have to be present to be voted in.

Due to the late hour, the other items under New Business were tabled until the next meeting. They include: Adult and Scout Training, Camping/Adult Pseudo Pharmacist, Merit Badge program and schedule (Third year program ideas), Onaquasippi Trail medals and Scout of the Year award.

5. **Dessert** – The committee thanked Tami Currid for the outstanding assortment of treats!
6. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be May 16th, 7:00, at the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bassani, Secretary