

Troop 101 Adult Committee Meeting  
May 16, 2007

Present: Linda Bassani, Tami Currid, David Frye, Jeff Gumbel, Jonathan Hall, Michael Keck, Greg Martin, Mary R. Murphy, Barry Ramsey, Budd Root, Don Schlorff, Loretta Spencer and David Weckhorst

1. Barry Ramsey opened the meeting and asked for approval of the minutes from the April 18th 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 \$25,622.95. Discussion followed on the "event recap" section of the report.

**Programs/Camping:** Barry Ramsey reported on the following: (Julie Ramsey was unable to attend this meeting)

**Camp Drake /Summer Camp** – Julie still needs adults to sign up to supervise throughout the week.

**Mammoth Cave** – There are 23 (boys and adults) signed up for July's campout,

**August campout** – This is still open – Turkey Run and Kickapoo have both been discussed as options. Jonathan Hall will meet with Julie and Mimi Jones to finalize plans.

(Barry added that the church asked him to pass along their apology for not being available to run the service project at the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting (sorting, folding and packing clothing to be sent to the Ukraine)

**Advancement** – Mary Murphy reported that she has given Jonathan the information needed for the upcoming Court of Honor.

**Adult Quartermaster** – David Weckhorst reported that the firewood shelter has been completed and that Lynn Weckhorst painted the foundation of the shed. David passed around photos of the shed and shelter, during which time, the committee expressed thanks to all who assisted. David led a discussion on tents for summer camp. It was decided to use the A frame tents as there are plenty of that style. David noted that propane has been donated for the tanks at the shed. The Troop Scribe (with assistance from Scott Adair) sent a thank you note.

**Varsity Scouts** – There are 8 signed up for the Varsity Michigan trip. There was a short discussion regarding the Varsity Team splitting and stacking the wood in the new firewood shelter. Jonathan Hall shared highlights of the team's trip to Zahnd Pond. Jonathan stated that John Williams wants to relinquish his role of Varsity coach and just be a 1<sup>st</sup> year dad. Jonathan also talked a little about the

idea of starting a Venture Crew (brought up at the last committee meeting). Most agreed that a leader should be found first and have that person help with decision-making on this subject. Budd Root volunteered to work on finding a replacement for John Williams. The concept of a Venture Crew was then discussed. Jeff Gumbel, Jonathan Hall and David Frye answered questions. David Weckhorst suggested tabling any further discussion and decisions on starting a Venture Crew until this summer, after the Philmont group is back.

**Special Events** – Tami Currid talked about plans, if the weather is not cooperative on Tuesday for the potluck. Barry Ramsey will make sure there is space reserved in the church in case we need it and make sure we can use the sanctuary for the Court of Honor. Don Schlorff and Jeff Gumbel (with support from Budd Root) will grill chicken, pork chops and hot dogs. Mary Murphy and Linda Bassani will assist Tami with set up and clean up. Jonathan Hall added that Budd has been making nameplate repairs for the troop board used at the Court of Honor. He also said he would like the committee introduced at the Court of Honor, so he will introduce Budd as the chair and asked that Budd introduce the rest of the committee. Discussion then took place regarding the lack of parents at the Court of Honor (in the past many seem to come for the potluck but don't stay for the Court of Honor). It was decided to flip the activities this time to see if that makes a difference. So the Court of Honor will be at 6:00 and the potluck will start directly afterwards.

**Committee Rep. Reports:**

Greg Martin (1<sup>st</sup> years) – There are 8 boys attending meetings on a regular basis. 7 of the 8 will attend Spring Camporee. During that weekend, Greg would like to pull the 1<sup>st</sup> years aside and complete Tenderfoot requirements.

(3<sup>rd</sup> years) – Greg reported that he's speaking to one of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year dads about taking over for Jacob Willebeck-LeMair. That person will get back to Greg with an answer.

Jeff Gumbel (At-large) – He talked about the Camp Drake workday. They cleaned up the campsite the boys will use at the Camporee (also supplied the campsite with plenty of firewood). Jeff stated that Drake needs help with equipment repair, esp. the chainsaws. He wondered if the troop would be willing to make a donation for parts or any items needed. After discussion, Mike Keck made a motion authorizing Jeff to purchase parts/items needed, not to exceed \$500.00 for Camp Drake equipment repairs. It was seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Fundraising** – Mike Keck shared that Diane Alexander was doing an exceptional job as chair of candy bar sales. He added that Show & Sell weekends would resume after the Spring Camporee. Jeff Gumbel asked what the committee thought about a council wide donation day. The council wants to get opinions from troops, so Jeff asked that anyone with thoughts on this subject, to please contact him. Most felt the troop would support a donation day, if the council came up with a plan.

### **Scoutmaster Report:**

Jonathan Hall talked about Trailhead Leadership training that is being offered this summer at Camp Drake (it is only offered every 2 years). David Frye, head of the leadership training this year, talked about some of its benefits. He will send an email to the troop letting everyone know about this opportunity.

### 3. **Old Business:**

**Eagle Plaque at church** – Barry Ramsey stated that the church has not made a decision on whether the troop can display a plaque showing Troop 101 Eagle Scouts. He will follow up with them. Discussion took place on types of plaques and what years should be included. The committee decided that we should include all the Eagle Scouts since the start of the troop, leaving room for future Eagles. Mary Murphy noted that Troop 101 is 46 years old.

**May/June Memorial Day or Flag Day activity** – Jonathan Hall is fine-tuning the flag retirement ceremony set for 5/29 and stated that David Weckhorst may have a speaker. Jonathan added that The News Gazette might show up during the ceremony.

**Camping/Pseudo-Pharmacist** – Jonathan reported Mike Ball has volunteered to be in charge of medications at campouts. Mike will make sure he has updated medical forms for each boy in the troop and will find a replacement for any campouts he doesn't attend.

**Merit Badge Program & Schedule** – The merit badge program/schedule has been posted on the website. Jonathan Hall talked about possibly offering a Merit Badge Day just for our troop. Jeff Gumbel reported on the recent Rifle and Shotgun shooting session for 3<sup>rd</sup> years. Jeff remarked on how much more mature the boys were compared to the beginning of the merit badge class (and how much easier it was for them to hold the guns). He proposed offering Rifle and Shotgun to 2nd year scouts in the fall instead of spring. The committee agreed with his proposal.

**Third Year Program Ideas** – Jonathan reported that David Frye and Paul Diehl are interested in offering the Communications merit badge. Mike Keck asked about the possibility of inviting 3<sup>rd</sup> years to a local Varsity event. It was decided we should work within the Varsity Team to help them see the benefit of opening one of their local events to 3<sup>rd</sup> year scouts (so when those boys are 14 they will have an idea what Varsity is all about). Jonathan said he would meet with the 3<sup>rd</sup> years on June 5th to ask what merit badges they would like the troop to offer.

**Onaquasippi Trail medal** – Jonathan said he talked to Mike Graham about what is necessary to earn this medal at summer camp.

**Scout of the Year** – Tabled until next meeting

**3. New Business:**

**Camp Ransburg** – Barry Ramsey reported that we should know by the next meeting what dates we will attend Ransburg next summer. The registration for 2008 begins on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Troop Calendar** - Mike Keck asked about the date for the next Parent's Meeting. Barry will make sure it is on the website calendar.

**OA Adults** – Jonathan Hall announced that David Weckhorst and Mike Keck would be “called out” (recognized) at the summer camp OA ceremony.

4. **Dessert** – The committee thanked Tami Currid for the wonderful food!
5. **Next Meeting** – **NOTE CHANGE** – The third Wednesday falls during summer camp. In the past we have picked a day that week and met at Camp Drake, but we will not be doing that this year. We will meet the week after camp – Wed., **6/27**, 7:00 at the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bassani, Secretary