

Troop 101 Adult Committee Meeting
December 20, 2006

Present: Steve Anderson, Linda Bassani, Tami Currid, Jeff Gumbel, Jonathan Hall, Michael Keck, Mary Murphy, Barry Ramsey, Julie Ramsey, Budd Root, Don Schlorff, Glen Semple and David Weckhorst

1. Steve Anderson opened the meeting and asked for approval of the minutes from the 11/29/06 meeting. Don Schlorff stated that he checked the records again and we have **not** donated to the Council this year. The Friends of Scouting paragraph under New Business will be amended. The minutes were then approved as corrected.
2. **Committee Reports:**

Finance: Don Schlorff distributed copies of the current financial report and gave an overview of each section. The troop's total funds are \$25,800.60. The 2006 Event recap page was reviewed; Don stated that most of the events have been self-funded. He stated that the summer camp issue (questioned at the last meeting) was resolved today. Then there was a discussion on the \$750.00 still owed for candy bars. Steve Anderson said he had not had time to check his records concerning this issue. A question was raised concerning candy bars that had spoiled (discovered by the Boy Scout office, as some had been taken there by John Williams – bars from Steve Anderson). Steve said that the bars had been in his garage during some very hot weeks and must have spoiled. He then said there were 750 candy bars in his garage that had spoiled...so he stated that would account for the \$750.00. Questions were raised regarding this statement, but, Steve maintained it to be true.

Advancement: Mary Murphy started a discussion regarding the issue of putting 1st year boys into regular patrols by the next Court of Honor. Jonathan Hall agreed this should be done. Jonathan continued the discussion on 1st year scouts. There are 3 major items they need to finish with David Frye. 1st is learning about "safe foods", the boys will complete a take home test for this. 2nd is the constitution, learning about being a good citizen, David Weckhorst is arranging for a speaker on January 9th. 3rd is a lashing project that will take 3 meetings to finish. Jonathan stated that he would let the boys know which patrol they will be in at the January 2nd meeting. Assistant Scoutmaster, Glen Semple will help the 1st year scouts finish rank requirements.

Jonathan reported that Mr. Polycarpou will be doing the Engineering merit badge for all interested boys, sometime after the lashing project so those boys can participate and that Jeff Gumbel will do Rifle and Shotgun in February.

A discussion was held regarding Webelos crossover. Mary Murphy reported that only 1 scout crossed over to our troop from Pack 119 at their December

ceremony. In the past many more have crossed over from this pack. Mary shared information that she had heard from 119 parents. It seems that some may have been discouraged to cross over to 101 because our troop is "...too big...". It was agreed that next year's fall campout should be to a local campground (could possibly involve biking) and have the entire event directed towards Webelos. (Possibly some Webelos parents decided this year's trip to the Garden of the Gods was too far away – may have been put off by the distance)

Program – Barry Ramsey reported on the following events:

Blue Springs Caverns – This trip has been **rescheduled** for 1/6 & 1/7 (the cave flooded so we unable to go on the previous dates)

Varsity Climbing trip – This was cancelled due to lack of participation. Scott Adair talked to the Bloomington facility and the deposit that had been paid will be held and used when this activity is rescheduled.

Varsity Overnighter – This event was successful – the boys enjoyed it very much. It was noted that **Dane Pierson** did an **excellent job organizing** and running this event.

Varsity Ski Trip – January 12th & 13th

Klondike Derby – Barry stated that the scouts he had questioned so far would like to go for the day only. After discussion, it was decided to make this a one-day activity.

Overnighter – Julie Ramsey reported that the church has been reserved. To cover all the activities, it would probably cost each boy \$40.00 (that is what each Varsity scout paid) but Julie recommended that we charge the boys less and that the troop make up the difference. Last year the charge was \$25.00. Mike Keck made a motion that the troop subsidizes the amount, for each boy, above \$25.00. After discussion, which included trying to increase participation for this event, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Recharter – Deadline for forms and payment is 1/2/07.

Court of Honor – 1/16/07 – The church sanctuary is reserved.

Scout Band – This event was very successful. The boys played for one hour and then had lunch together. They all expressed interest in playing again.

Adult Quartermaster – David Weckhorst reported that he and his sons have labeled many shelves in the shed. He then shared 3 issues with the committee:

1. He feels we need to purchase an 8 ft fiberglass ladder. The ladder we have now is an old wooden one that is not safe to use.
2. There are 10 tents that need to be repaired, mostly zippers.
3. He would like to be able to purchase supplies to get the Varsity patrol up and running. It would be about \$70.00 - \$80.00.

After discussion, David made a motion that the troop purchase an 8ft fiberglass ladder (reasonable cost) and supplies for the Varsity patrol (approx. \$70.00-\$80.00). The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. No decision was made regarding the tents.

Fundraising: Mike Keck distributed copies of the latest Fundraising Report. He stated that he already has all the volunteers needed for the 2007 Chili Supper. Diana Williams has volunteered to be the chair. Mike talked about the possibility of selling Dominos pizza cards. Jeff Gumbel noted that Dominos is under new management, so we would need to check to make sure they would honor the cards. Mike talked about a summer fundraiser, possibly a car wash. He said that we should apply for Wal-Mart's matching funds program. They will match funds raised by groups selling at their stores. Mike noted that we would need to provide a tax ID number. Don Schlorff said it would be fine to use the church's number. Glen Semple stated that last time we earned matching funds; the amount was donated to the Boy Scout Council. The committee will discuss that possibility at the next meeting.

Scoutmaster Report:

Patrols - Jonathan presented the new patrol list and as stated earlier in the meeting, he will add 1st year scouts to these patrols before the 1/2/07 meeting. He will bring printed copies to that meeting to be distributed to scouts and parents.

	<u>Bison</u>	<u>Chiefs</u>	<u>Pedros</u>
Assist SM	Steve Brunkow	Tim Shedelbower	Matt Stookey
	Jacob W-L	Will Weckhorst	Will Hazelwood
	Ian Bassani	Jackson Shedelbower	Kieran Miller
	Matt Semple	Thomas Hansen	Michael Martin
	Cameron Currid	Samuel hall	Tyler Jones
	David Stookey	Cedric Jones	Arie Polycarpou
	Kyle Ball	Dustin McIntyre	Nolan Atkins
	Andrew Minisker	Sean Keck	Jacob Ramsey
	Nathaniel Hall		Robert

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Webelos recruitment – Jonathan said that Brian Minisker has been in communication with all the Cub Scout packs. On December 10th, there as a Webelos activity day. Jonathan said he had help from a few older boys. They used the church's new fire pit. There was positive feedback from the Webelos that attended. An email will be sent for the Webelos visit to our troop set for January 9th. Webelos will also be invited to attend the Klondike Derby with our troop. Any boys who want to attend will be asked to attend the January 9th meeting in order to sign up. Jonathan said we need more of the items we give to

Webelos when they cross over to 101. We need more orange 101 t-shirts, red epaulets, neckerchiefs and slides. Julie Ramsey made a motion that the troop purchase all needed items for any Webelos who cross over to 101. It was seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Glen Semple volunteered to contact Gregg Rose to order 25 (or 30 if price break) medium orange t-shirts. Mary Murphy volunteered to purchase enough neckerchiefs, epaulets and slides to make 25 sets.

Order of the Arrow – The OA banquet will be January 6th. Jonathan will email Jacob Ramsey (OA representative) to ask him to send out another reminder about the banquet. Glen Semple reported that there would be an OA workday at Starved Rock State Park for trail improvement.

Prairielands Adult Training – Jonathan stated that the adult training would be February 10th. He said this is an excellent training session and encouraged everyone to attend.

Silver Beaver – The Silver Beaver Recognition banquet will be on Feb 24th. In the past our troop has sponsored Eagles who want to attend. We will discuss this at the January meeting.

Summer Camp – Loretta Spencer has signed up to do the 2007 Summer Camp registration. Julie Ramsey will assist her.

3. Old Business:

Troop Bylaws – Tami Currid distributed drafts of the bylaws that included additions/correction she had received since the last meeting (from committee members and also from Todd Thompson, Steve Miller, Richard Wolf and John Williams). Tami and Don Schlorff led a discussion on each page/section. Items discussed are as follows:

Pg. 1, #2 – Scout Commitment - David Weckhorst asked what the consequence is for not fulfilling commitments. (“...every family commits to the following”) After a lengthy discussion, it was decided the words, “...to the best of his ability...” would be taken out of C and the words, “...to the best of their ability...” would be added to the 1st sentence so it would apply to A, B and C.

Pg. 1, #6 – Rule of Two – Barry Ramsey started a discussion on whether the age of “adult” should be stated. After discussion, (including whether an “adult” is 18, 21?) it was agreed that age should not be specified.

Pg. 5, #8 – Voting - Jeff Gumbel thought that “show of hands” should be added under “Voting will be conducted in the following manner:”

Pg. 5, #8 - Voting – Clarification was requested on whether the assistant scoutmaster would get a vote if he attends. It was decided to change the wording as follows: First sentence will change from “...Troop Committee Chair and

Assistant Troop Committee Chair” to “...Troop Committee Chair or acting Assistant Troop Committee chair”. Then take out the 1st sentence (“the Troop Committee Chair may only vote in the event of a tie”) of next paragraph. In the 3rd paragraph, the words, “...and Assistant Troop Committee Chair...” will be removed.

Jonathan Hall asked for clarification on what he, as Scoutmaster, could do at committee meetings regarding making motions. It was stated that the Scoutmaster can work through a committee member to have a motion made.

Pg. 5, #10 – Amending the Bylaws – After discussion, it was agreed that the words, “...Semi-Annual...” be added to the last sentence. (“...remain in effect only until the next Annual/Semi-Annual Parent meeting...”)

Pg. 5, #12 – Boards of Review – it was decided to take out the second paragraph entirely. (beginning with, “Boards of review shall also be held...” and ending with “...three months tenure between Second Class and First Class”.

Pg. 8, Appendix – Mike Keck thought something should be added so everyone would understand that these aren’t the only positions that could be part of the committee. It was decided that it could say “...positions including, but not limited to...”

Tami then made an amended motion, that the bylaws with all changes discussed be accepted. It was seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Tami will make changes to the document and email to everyone. It was suggested that the bylaws be given to Steve Brunkow to put on the website.

Scout Accounts – Mike Keck presented the guidelines for the Scout Accounts. He proposed they be posted on the troop website. After discussion the committee approved the guidelines and agreed the document should be added to the website.

Scholarship Fund – Mike Keck presented the guidelines for the Scholarship Fund. Barry Ramsey made a motion to accept the guidelines. A lengthy discussion followed. Jeff Gumbel, Glen Semple and Budd Root noted that this was handled differently in the past. They said that Phil Weaver (scoutmaster at the time) used to just announce that if any scout needed help (to attend campouts, events) to come see him (or one of the other leaders). They never wanted a written document. Committee members who were part of the group that had agreed a document should be put together, talked about not knowing how it was done in the past (as noted by Don Schlorff, this group is all “newer parents”). Discussion continued on what direction we should take. It was stated that it seems right to make announcements but to also have written guidelines. Written words can be passed on much easier than word of mouth (especially if adults who know how things have been done in the past, are not able to regularly attend committee meetings), plus written guidelines can always be changed. It was agreed that the Programs chair and Scoutmaster should be overseers of Scholarship fund. The motion was then seconded and it passed.

Candy Bar Sales – Mike Keck brought up the issue of the emails that had been sent out regarding last month’s decision to sell candy bars on our own. He felt that some of the emails were sent without knowing all the facts. The committee had no malicious intent when it voted to run our own candy bar sale. Mary Murphy made a motion to reopen the discussion on this issue. She felt we should not step on any toes and probably should go through the Council to sell candy bars. Jeff Gumbel talked about the Council’s reaction. They are worried if we do this (sell on our own) others will follow suit. People look up to 101, what our troop feels/thinks is important to the Council. Mike Keck said that during his meeting at the scout office, Tim Manard, said they cannot force us to sell candy bars through the Council. After it was noted that one of the main reasons we wanted to sell candy bars on our own, was because the boys would earn more money for each bar they sell, Glenn Semple stated he would like the boys to receive more money for all sales we have. Budd Root agreed that the fundraisers are for the benefit of the boys. He would like to see something operational in the near future that benefits the boys, by putting more money for all sales in their accounts. Jeff Gumbel wondered if we really need other fundraisers, maybe we should concentrate on making the Chili Supper our only fundraiser. After discussion, Don Schlorff made a motion that we go back to selling candy bars through the Council, noting that we didn’t realize all the ramifications of the original decision. It was seconded and the motion passed. Mike Keck will contact Tim Manard and let him know.

Friends of Scouting – Barry Ramsey make a motion to donate \$2000.00 to the FOS campaign. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Troop Leader list – Linda Bassani asked again about which email list the minutes should be sent. We want to be sure as many adults receive the minutes as possible. After discussion, it was agreed that the minutes should continue to just be sent to Troop Leader email list. After recharter, adults will be added to that list. It was suggested that copies of the minutes be brought to scout meetings so adults not on the leader list will have access to them.

4. New Business:

2007 Slate of committee officers – Mary Murphy read the names of adults who have expressed interest in holding an office for 2007:

Elected:	Chair:	Budd Root
	Asst. Chair:	Barry Ramsey
	Treasurer:	Don Schlorff
	Secretary:	Linda Bassani
	Programs:	
	Advancement:	Mary Murphy
	Special Events:	Tami Currid
	Adult Quartermaster:	David Weckhorst

First Year Rep:
Second Year Rep:
Third Year Rep: Linda Bassani
At Large Rep: Julie Ramsey

Appointed: Scoutmaster: Jonathan Hall
First Asst SM: Steve Brunkow
Asst SM: Glen Semple
Asst SM: Tim Shedelbower
Asst SM: Matt Stookey
Fundraising Chair: Mike Keck
Scout Accounts: Steve Wilson
Summer Camp: Loretta Spencer (assist by Julie Ramsey)
Merit Badge Seminar: Loretta Spencer, Julie Ramsey, and Scott

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Asst Quartermaster: Mike Ball, Chris Hoffman
Auditor: Karen Semple
Recharter: Barry Ramsey
Newsletter: Tom Watembach
Chaplain:
Training Coord:

If anyone is interested in being considered for ANY position, contact Mary Murphy. (Please note empty slots!) In order to have the slate of officers in place by the January 17th meeting, it was decided we should call a special committee meeting. Mike Keck made a motion to hold a **special election meeting** on **January 3rd**, 7:00 at the church. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

5. **Dessert** – The committee thanked Tami Currid for her delicious brownies AND for the cheese and crackers!
6. **Next Meeting – Special election meeting – January 3rd**, 7:00 at the church
The next regular **committee meeting** will be **January 17th**, 7:00 at the church

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bassani, Secretary

