

TROOP 700 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 9, 2012

The monthly committee meeting of Troop 700 was called to order at 7:16 p.m. by Todd Hintze who was filling in for Chair Bill Deters. Attendees included:

Bryan Abron	Eric Davis	Daniel Luce
Arnold Adams	Millie Ferri	Chad Miller
Maynard Ahner	Fred Follis	Pam Morrison
Cheryl Bischof	Robin Hammesfahr	Lisa Nester
Robin Carson	Todd Hintze	Catriona Taylor
Laurie Clower	Tim Ledbetter	Robert Williams
Phil Croak	Paul Lynch	

REPORTS

Secretary. Laurie Clower distributed the monthly newsletter and the November committee meeting minutes for review. Cheryl Bischof made a motion to approve minutes as presented; Paul Lynch seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer. Millie Ferri, Troop Treasurer, reported \$10,397 in the troop's account of which \$5,220 is in Scout Accounts (\$5,177 available for troop expenditures). Budget is on track and the following expenses have been incurred: Administrative \$42, Advancement \$297; Campouts \$1,488; Gear \$276; Leader training \$75, Van Tire \$155; Registration for Trailer and Van \$184 and Chili Dinner \$366. The troop has also received \$190 in random donations.

Quartermaster. Fred Follis reported the tires still need to be changed out on the trailer and he plans to do that before the next campout. Fourteen (14) Webelos are expected to cross over and the troop has enough gear to accommodate that number. Some of the older boys' patrols will be combined as usual.

Advancement Chair. Robin Carson advised the committee that blue cards from Winter Camp may not be received prior to the February Court of Honor; however, the completed merit badges from Merit Badge College should be received in time for presentation. Lisa Nester volunteered to coordinate the Court of Honor reception and Alex Luce will be the emcee for the ceremony. The troop welcomed one new Scout into the Timberwolves patrol.

Outdoor Activities Coordinator. Cheryl Bischof updated the committee on the following events:

- Trout Tournament—January 14-15 (Tahuaya). Twenty-one (21) Scouts and nine (9) adults are registered for the trout tournament. Trent Tidmore is the assigned Scoutmaster; Paul Lynch is the coordinator and Todd Hintze is the grub master. Next year the PLC may want to reconsider planning a pre-paid event right after the holidays to allow more opportunity for participation.
- Backpacking Campout—February 17-19 (Location TBD). Reservations were made to camp in the Wichita Mountains; however, Mark Whitman has suggested a more rugged environment possibly close to Camp Hale. Whitman is the assigned Scoutmaster; Fred Follis is the coordinator and Eric Davis is the grub master. Follis will coordinate details with Whitman.
- Canoeing Campout—March 23-25 (Caddo Lake State Park). Canoes are \$45 each and boys will row to Goat Island again. Coordinator, scoutmaster and grubmaster are to be determined. A \$12 "consumption permit" per adult is required as this is a state park as well as park pass.
- New Scout Campout—March 31 (Meadowmere Park, Lake Grapevine). New Scouts will go on a special campout to be introduced to the basics of troop camping.

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Chartered Organization Representative—Robert Williams. Bob asked that the church Spring Missions project date be added to the troop's calendar—April 21st or 28th. He also requested visibility from the troop at all four of the church services on Scout Sunday, February 12th (8:50 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.). The Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will have display tables. Even if UMC Grapevine is not your "church home," please consider attending once a year on Scout Sunday (observed on 2nd Sunday by UMC Grapevine). Scout Sunday will be recognized at all services and the color guard will present colors at the 11:15 a.m. service.

Scoutmaster—Trent Tidmore. Tidmore advised the committee that Climbing and COPE training is available if any adults are interested. Twin Arrows is also coming up for interested Scouts. Nicki Bacon and Paul Lynch completed the training last year and there is a \$150 tuition aide available to Scouts. The backpacking campout will be the first real hiking campout for many of the boys and a more rugged terrain and elevation is being planned. The boys will get a "true" backpacking experience including making trail meals. A Friends of Scouting form needs to be completed and returned to Council with our presentation date noted. As an FYI, there was a special meeting with the Pyros Patrol and their parents yesterday to address inappropriate language and subject matter. An April "Camporee" will be planned for new scouts to do basic knot-typing, learn how to start campfires, cook on stoves, etc. Tidmore advised that he is stepping down as Scoutmaster because he believes "fresh ideas" come with new leadership and it's best for any organization.

OLD BUSINESS

Merit Badge College. Scouts are to wear Class A uniform. Blue cards will be provided; however, Scouts are responsible for bringing their own worksheets and/or merit badge books. If Scouts have not paid for this event yet, please pay \$9 to Millie tonight. Six adults are needed each weekend to chaperone the troop. January 21st: Cheryl Bischof, Lisa Nester, Chad Miller, Robin Carson, Catriona Taylor and Maynard Ahner. February 4th: Chad Miller and Laurie Clower.

Scouting for Food. Laura Lisenbee will be asked to coordinate this event again this year. Boys will need to be in Class A uniform to participate. The area assigned to the troop is around the church and Mr. Williams will put an announcement in the church bulletin about the event. Bags will be distributed on Saturday and collected on Sunday. February 11th and 12th or February 25th and 26th are possible dates. The committee thought Scout Sunday weekend (11th/12th) would be best.

Summer Camp Update. Laurie Clower distributed FAQ for summer camp as well as updated payment schedule. The first payment is due January 23rd. All payments are \$76 and include camp registration fee and transportation fee. Monthly updates will be presented from here on. No information on whether pancake breakfast fundraiser is on or off.

Winter Camp Update. Eighteen (18) Scouts and two (2) adults attended Camp Pirtel for winter camp. All of them earned their Polar Bear patch as it was 28 degrees the first night. They worked on 80 merit badges and blue cards will be distributed at the January 23rd troop meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Selection of New Scoutmaster. The committee reviewed requirements for the position of Scoutmaster as well as a letter from Bill Deters and Bob Williams outlining the process of selecting a new Scoutmaster as Trent Tidmore has decided to step down and allow someone else to guide the troop.

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If any committee member is interested in serving on the selection committee, please email Deters or Williams. The committee will be presented with the subcommittee's recommendation at next month's meeting on February 6th then Williams will take the recommendation to the FUMC board for approval on February 13th. The new Scoutmaster will be officially presented at the Court of Honor, February 27th and begin transition into the position.

Fundraising Camp Cards. The committee reviewed a copy of a sample "camp card" which offers discounts to area businesses. Mr. Williams advised the committee to be cautious about the cards and to clarify which businesses will participate in the program as in the past the businesses have not been in the Grapevine area. Committee made no recommendation on program at this time.

Training. Woodbadge is scheduled for April 13-15 and 27-29 at Sid Richardson. Both weekends are required and adults are encouraged to complete this course that draws upon the most current leadership models used by corporate America, academic circles, and successful outdoor organizations throughout the country. It builds on the best traditions and experiences of Wood Badge and also draws from a wide range of sources within and beyond the bounds of Scouting to present the latest in leadership theory and team development.

NRA Rifle-Shotgun Instructor and RSO training will take place at Camp Worth March 3-4 and 17-18. Adults that are interested in becoming certified as an NRA Rifle and NRA Shotgun instructor are encouraged to complete this training. The course is limited to 20 participants and attendance is mandatory both weekends. The troop would really like to have several adults trained in this area so they do not have to seek range masters from other troops for the popular "Shooting Sports" campout each year. So far, Randy Bacon, Tony Clower and Quincy Williams are registered for the class.

Next committee meeting will be **March 5, 2012.**

Fred Follis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM. Cheryl Bischof seconded.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laurie Clower, Troop Secretary.