

## **Committee Meeting August 3, 2009**

**Members Present:** Michael Mulligan, MD, Committee Chairman; Terri Colby; Jon Fahsl; Kevin Hill; Erin Lacy; Deb Provins; and Jeff Seyer.

**Treasurer's Report:** Basically no change; a few more checks have been received. The July report reflected \$462.50 in the general fund has \$462.50 with \$301.70 in the Scout fund for a total balance of total balance of \$764.29.

### **Old Business:**

- ❖ Float Trip – The Troop will stay at Camp Sunnen this weekend (August 7-9) and will float the Huzzah and Courtois. Jeff Pauk is in charge of the arrangements.
- ❖ Venture Crew – No meeting; nothing to report.
- ❖ Philmont – There are still three openings for next year. Available spots are for Scouts; all adult spots have been filled.
- ❖ Trailer – Don Eveker and Matt are continuing to look for a trailer. A new trailer will cost \$2700-\$3000. As per a previous Committee meeting – Funding will be needed to purchase a trailer. It was suggested that each Scout contributes \$50-\$75 in lieu of fundraising (this is per Scout, not per family). The funds from the Scout accounts could be used and scholarships may be available. The Committee gave Mr. Eveker approval to purchase a used trailer for \$1500 with \$2250 for the top end. With 35 Scouts that would be less than \$75 per Scout. Insurance for the trailer will be significantly less than \$120 per year. Through State Farm Mr. Eveker can add the trailer to his insurance policy. The insurance will cover \$3000 for a trailer and \$1000 for the contents. The insurance will cover anyone towing the trailer; it will not be limited to Mr. Eveker and one of his vehicles. License fees for the trailer would be paid by the Troop. Storage of the trailer should not be an issue; both Greg Duncan and Mr. Eveker have offered places to store the trailer. Mr. Eveker and Matt will continue looking for a trailer.
- ❖ Coffin – It is not known if Wade Stewart has been in contact with the Church to be sure they approve of how the Scouts cleaned up the area and if they will give the Scouts approval to build a shelf for the coffin. It was again noted everything but the coffin was put in the closet last week and other things were disposed of. The coffin is the only thing not yet in the closet. We cannot hang the closet because of the smaller boys. We cannot stand it on its end without repairs. It will not be convenient to store it in another location. If we are able to obtain a trailer the coffin can be kept in that.

### **New Business:**

- ❖ PLC Review – Nothing new except for calendar changes. Please refer to Calendar Review below.
- ❖ Hatchets – Mr. Pauk met with the Committee to discuss new guidelines for approval for Scouts to use hatchets suggesting we readdress how we're teaching and focus on safety issues. The Tote n Chip sign-off for knives is fine, but a separate sign-off for saws and hatchets is recommended. As a bonus this would enable more maintenance on our equipment. BSA recommendations for a ¾ size axe for the Paul Bunyan award include 1) Teach someone else the Tote n Chip or review with someone who has already earned it; 2) With a 4" wide (fallen) tree, trim all branches and cut into manageable pieces; 3) Maintenance on axe. This would be good education for the Scouts. Adults should be trained first to keep the teaching of the Scouts uniform. Jeff will get the syllabus for this from the BSA website. A copy is currently in the Scout box with tools. The Nature Center was suggested as a place where fallen trees may be available. Dr. Mulligan also said the trail behind his home could be used. There are no age and/or size requirements for the Paul Bunyan award.

- ❖ Resignation – Dr. Mulligan stated he is not leaving the Troop, but announced he is resigning as Committee Chairman due to scheduling conflicts with family as well as additional responsibilities with the Medical Staff at Anderson Hospital. Committee members expressed their appreciation for all Dr. Mulligan has done for the Troop. He has been an excellent Chairman. Dr. Mulligan said he would like to discuss the position with a couple people he feels would be good Chairman candidates.

### **Calendar Review:**

- ❖ 08/03/09 – Tonight the PLC meeting at 6:00. Scout meeting included the Float Trip Shake-down and Game Night.
- ❖ 08/07 – 08/09/09 – Camp Out/Float Trip – Camp Sunnen
- ❖ 08/10/09 – Court of Honor. This will begin at 6:30. Scouts should bring a snack to share.
- ❖ 08/17/09 – This is the night before school starts. No meeting will be held.
- ❖ 08/24/09 – Mr. Jestus and Mr. Pike will talk about the history of Scouting.
- ❖ 08/31/09 – Board of Review. Shakedown for Horse Back Riding trip.
- ❖ 09/07/09 – Labor Day – No meeting.
- ❖ 09/12 – 09-13 – Horse Back Riding Camp Out. Mr. Pauk is working on the arrangements for Giant City where a day-long Horse Back Riding merit badge is offered.
- ❖ 09/14/09 – PLC meeting 6:00; Scout meeting at 6:45. Scouts will work on Webelos Invite Night.
- ❖ 09/21/09 – Board of Review. Webelos Night.
- ❖ 09/24/09 – Bike Trail cleanup.
- ❖ 10/02 – 10/03 – Rendezvous CWL.
- ❖ 10/05/09 – PLC meeting at 6:00; Scout meeting at 6:45. Possible shakedown for Ft. Massac.
- ❖ 10/11/08 – PLC planning meeting to set the schedule for next year.
- ❖ 10/12/09 – Columbus Day – no meeting
- ❖ 10/19/09 – Meet at St. Andrew's at 6:30 – Collinsville Lights Service Project.
- ❖ 10/23 – 10/25/09 – Jeff Pauk is working on plans for the Ft. Massac Rendezvous. During the weekend over 80,000 people are expected.