

Committee Meeting September 14, 2009

Members Present: Michael Mulligan, MD, Committee Chairman; Michael Bailey; Ron Bell; Terri Colby; Greg Duncan; Don Eveker; Kevin Hill; Steve Huffstutler; Erin Lacy; Deb Provins; Jeff Seyer; Wade Stewart

Treasurer's Report: We still have a few adults who need to pay for camp. There is \$486.83 in the general fund with \$1,543.71 in the Scout fund for a total balance of total balance of \$2030.54. It was asked if Scouts who have achieved Eagle still have money in a Scout fund. It's actually not when Scouts Eagle out, but rather when don't re-charter. Venture Crew members still have Scout funds. As done in other Troops, it was agreed that when our Troop re-charters and if there are Scouts who don't, the money in their Scout accounts will be refunded when requested. If not requested the funds will be transferred to the Troop general funds.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from the 08/03/09 meeting were reviewed. There were no changes, the minutes were approved. It was noted the minutes were previously emailed to members at the 08/03 meeting, tentatively approved, and posted to the Troop website.

Old Business:

- ❖ Venture Crew – Still discussing when to meet, possibly the second Monday of every month. Currently they start with the Troop meeting and then break off. Sunday evening was suggested as a possibility since many of the Venture Crew members are involved in other activities. It was noted Don Flory is staying on as Venture leader.
- ❖ Philmont – A meeting was held 09/13. The Sullivan's are not going. There are four youth spots and one adult spot available. Money is needed now. Venture Crew members are considered youths. Seven from our Troop are attending; Don Eveker and Matt, Dr. Mulligan and Sean, John McLaughlin, Harrison, and Chris. The boys plan a medium trek and will travel there by train.
- ❖ Trailer – Mr. Eveker and Matt are continuing to look for a trailer. A new trailer will cost \$2700-\$3000. It is tough to find a good, used trailer with our budget. It was suggested we measure the coffin to see if we can get by with a smaller trailer. 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.

- ❖ Webelos Invite – There aren't a lot of Webelos this year. Pack 31 Webelos will be invited, but it's felt they'll go with Troop 30. They will come as a courtesy. It's also good for the boys to visit more than one Troop. It was noted our Troop is not really looking to expand at this time.

New Business:

- ❖ PLC Review – The PLC reviewed the calendar. They are trying to find something for the end of October. There is a new merit badge; Composite Materials. Wade Stewart can do it. The CWL Rendezvous and the Ft. Massac Rendezvous will be discussed at the meeting tonight. At the last meeting there was discussion of the SAR Flag burning, but the PLC didn't discuss that tonight.
- ❖ Calendar Review - The only item discussed was the Eagle Court of Honor for Leo Murphy. It will be held Saturday, 09/19, from 1:00 -3:00 at St. Andrews Church. Scouts are asked to RSVP to the Murphy's.
- ❖ Horseback Trip - It was noted the horseback trip scheduled for 09/12-09/13 was canceled.
- ❖ CWL Rendezvous – Joey Duncan is to discuss the Rendezvous at the Scout meeting tonight. If Senior Scouts will be there, they will be in charge. Dr. Mulligan previously took the lead; however that's one of the duties that a Scout leader should handle. The new Chairman and Scoutmaster will decide how to/who will handle in the future.
- ❖ Merit Badge Counselors – There's a call out for anyone with skills to help with merit badges. Volunteers may decide if they want to be badge counselors for the Counsel or just our Troop. It's felt we should review what badge counselors we currently have and what we may be in need of. Previously all Eagle merit badges were covered, however it was noted John McLaughlin did a lot and it's not known if he re-upped or not.
- ❖ National Website – While discussing merit badge counselors it was noted the National website has made changes. People who haven't been on the website in the past six months may need to re-do their password.
- ❖ Eagle Plaque – There are three missing name plates on the Eagle plaque. It's not known where the name plates were made.
- ❖ Committee Chair Nominations/Vote – The new chairman and the scoutmaster need to meet to determine who should do what. The Committee planned on voting at the meeting; however Jeff Pauk requested that Ron Bell meet with all candidates to explain the traditional duties. Mr. Bell has been both a chairman and scoutmaster. There is a website that offers online training and describes the duties of each committee role - [https:// MyScouting.Scouting.org](https://MyScouting.Scouting.org). On this website the membership card number is used as your password. Once into the site click on *e-learning*. Click on *Boy Scouts*, then *Supplemental Training*, then *Troop Committee Challenge*. Click on *take training*. Traditionally the chairman takes care of business (finances, rechartering, working with the charter organization, adults, training) while the scoutmaster works with the Scouts (advancing, setting up overnight tours, permits with the chairman signing off). The Committee's role is to oversee everything the troop does. Michael Bailey would like the position. Greg Duncan and Kevin Hill

both said it's something they'd do if no one else was interested. When Mr. Bell was a chairman he had a vice chairman to help him. It's up to the Committee to decide if a vice chair would be a beneficial position. It was noted having a vice chair would provide for a smoother transition when the chairman leaves. Chairmen can delegate duties. Mr. Pauk would like to take over the traditional scoutmaster duties. Debbie Jones is the only active assistant scoutmaster. Both Greg and Eva Duncan plan on doing the assistant scoutmaster training next time the course is held. It's felt we have a real need for assistant scoutmasters. It was suggested that Mr. Pauk and Mrs. Jones should be involved in the decision making of who will be the new chairman. Dr. Mulligan cannot be here on Mondays. It's felt a discussion is needed prior to the next Committee meeting. When Mr. Bell was a chairman with another troop, he held Committee meetings on a different night other than when the Scout meeting is held so the scoutmaster could be present. Dr. Mulligan will pass onto Mr. Pauk things he's working on. It was noted re-chartering will come up in November, along with the Quality Unit renewal. Many duties Dr. Mulligan has done traditionally are scoutmaster duties. Who should deal with the District? Mr. Bell recommends the chairman attend the District roundtable meetings, which are held monthly, on a Tuesday night in Maryville. With the new council the main areas of concern this year are numbers and quality units. Quality units are needed to be a Quality District. Leader training, percentages of Scouts retained, advancements, new Scouts, outdoor activities for Scouts, and participation in Friends of Scouting (FOS) are all things used to determine Quality status. Trailswest was always a Quality District. Okaw Valley was not, simply because of its size. Since Trailswest and Okaw Valley merged, the Lewis & Clark Council is larger than the Okaw Valley Council was so it may be more difficult for Lewis & Clark to be a quality District.

Dr. Mulligan is currently the FOS chair so a replacement is needed. He is also Venture Crew chair. Don Flory is the Venture leader. The Venture Crew hasn't been active, but has been active as Venture Patrol. We have a lot of Life Scouts who are part of the Venture Patrol. The Life Scouts must stay involved with the Troop to get their Eagle. It's felt the boys need direction; they aren't really sure what they're doing. There are forms to fill out, which may give them ideas.

- ❖ Upcoming Board of Review – Calen Lacy wants to meet with the Committee 09/28. Nick Seyer needs to meet with the Committee also. It was noted the Council meets the second Thursday of every month and paperwork should be in the office the last day of the month prior to the meeting at which they'd like their Eagle on the agenda. Jimmy Provins and Ethan Hill need Board of Review (BOR) and Mrs. Jones is working with other Scouts for BOR. The two Eagle projects and several BOR should not conflict with Webelos Night as long as we have enough older Scouts to help Mr. Pauk. Mr. Bell will help run the BOR if a decision hasn't been made on the new chairman.