



Troop 200

March 14, 2016 - Committee Meeting Minutes

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Note that the format follows the agenda (generally) and that action items are shaded or highlighted.

Attendees:

Don Burton, Skip Hollowell, Karen Holt, Bill Lansky, Drew McCartt, Rob Major, Bob Moffitt, Donna Perry, John Pirt, Vicky Pirt, Carol Vanderbilt

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Committee Chairman Bob Moffitt.

2. Scoutmaster Comments –

- Mr. Pirt reported that we currently have 32 first year scouts including one older scout who is joining with his brother. This means there will be a lot of new parents as well. He asked that the Committee members make the extra effort to explain terms and events to the new scout parents.
- There will be 22 OA candidates called out at the first or second meeting in April. Parents of these scouts will be notified in advance.
- There are currently 3-4 Scouts working on their Eagle rank. Some are finishing required Merit Badges and others are working on their projects.

3. Review of Recent Events

- Cross Overs / New Scouts/ Registrations
Most of the Cross Overs are completed. There are four more Webelos who will hold their ceremony on Thursday, March 17th. Tracey Miller has done an excellent job as the Cross Over coordinator. She has assured that the T200 Scouts were well represented as we received the New Scouts from nine different Cub Scout Packs.
- Merit Badge College
Henry Wehrum has coordinated the details of the Merit Badge College offered at the University of Dayton. The participation has been good and the transportation situation has worked out well.
- Climbing Campout (February 12 – 13)
The Climbing Campout held at Vertical Adventures when smoothly with no real issues. It was suggested that we look at the possibility of scheduling this Campout in January and do the Snow Sports Campout in February when it is more likely we will have snow.
- Scout Sunday (February 14)
The Scouts were available to help with all three services this year. There was a good turn out and we received positive feedback from the church.
- Cooking Campout (March 11 – 13)
The Cooking Campout was led by Steph Orris and Sean McCormick. The weather was very good for a campout this early in the spring. It was held at Tar Hollow which has nice facilities including as shelter house, a nice field area, and plenty of wood for the camp fires. A full breakfast was cooked and served on Sunday morning which made the 1:00 pm return time work well. It was suggested that we schedule this campout AFTER daylight savings time to take advantage of the extra hour of sunlight on Friday night when setting up camp.

4. Upcoming Event Planning – (Should we put these in chronological order or in the order we discussed them?)

- T200 University
Kate Leaver and Drew McCartt will be facilitating this training session for out New Scout parents on March 29th and April 5th. They are in the process of updating documents and handouts. There will be a separate meeting to discuss Summer Camp.
- Patrol Methods Campout (April 16 – 17)
Skip Hollowell reported that sign-ups are continuing until Tuesday, April 5th. Skip will talk to the new parents during T200 U to give them an overview of this activity. They will camp at Otter Run. The Scouts will meet at NWUMC at 8:30 am on Saturday and return around 11:00 am on Sunday to the Kroger parking lot at Frantz and 161. It is possible for the SPL and ASPL's to camp on Friday evening to prepare. Patrols will be formed, a five mile hike will be led by either Rob Tucker or Bob Moffit, and the scouts will learn about Orienteering. In addition the First Years will receive their neckerchief upon completion of their first night of camping with Troop 200. Floyd Abscher is shadowing Skip this year.
- Advancement Campout (May 13 – 15)
Richard Orris reported that this campout will also be held at Otter Run and sign-ups will begin in the next weeks (to try to avoid the confusion between the two campouts). It was decided to meet at and return to NWUMC this year. (In previous years the troop has gathered at the parking lot of Floor and Décor at Mill Run.) Rob Major is shadowing Richard this year. A U-haul truck will be reserved for transporting the gear for the scouts.
- Northern Tier (June 21 –29)
Steve Parton was not available for the meeting, but it was reported that the last payment has been made for this High Adventure campout. David Pitzer, Noah Pitzer, and Joe Perry have completed the Wilderness First Aid course. In addition to David and Steve attending, Gary DeSilva and Mr. Zimmer will also be on the trip. A canoeing clinic will be arranged for the crews.
- Summer Camp (July 10 – 16)
Bill Lansky reported that T200 will have 115 scouts and 6 adults attending Summer Camp at Camp Friedlander in July. The team registered for 585 merit badges. Swim tests will be held at Aquatic Adventures on Arpil 10th and April 24th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Signups will begin on Tuesday, March 15th. Adults and scouts must pass the swim test every year.
- Adventure Camp (June 10 – 12)
Don Burton will be leading this camp in June. Right now 50 slots have been reserved, but it may be increased to 60. Further details will be released closer to the campout.
- Eggstravaganza (March 25)
Steph Orris is organizing the volunteers which will include 21 of the T200 scouts and a Bear Den that is interested in helping. The Troop will also have a booth to sell flowers which can be manned by a few of the volunteer scouts as well.

5. Activity & Administrative Updates

- Changes to Rank / First Class Emphasis / Cyber Chip
Current Scouts that are 1st Class Rank and above will be using the 2016 requirements. Current Scouts that are still working toward 1st Class Rank will use the 2015 requirements. The Cyber Chip is now a requirement for Scout Rank and Star Rank. The program is ready and will be similar to the Youth Protection Training for the Scouts and will be led by the Scouts.
It was noted that Sean Hollowell did an outstanding job facilitating the Youth Protection Training for our Scouts.
- Flower Sales –
The Kick-off was held at the last meeting (March 8th) and will continue until April 5th when all orders must be entered and payments received. We are using the website FundraiselT.org again this year. Tawnya Lewis has made this available to us. Web Codes were distributed to most of the scouts at the kick-off meeting. Jill Ellis has reached out to Baise Quality Printing (She uses them at work.) to print full color brochures of the flower

selections and to print 325 color order forms to insert in the NWUMC bulletins. It was determined that the profit from sales of flowers to the members of NWUMC will go to the Troop as a whole and not to any individual scout accounts.

- Webmaster Update
Skip Hollowell reported that we are still involved in the trial account with Troop Track software company, but we are not dropping the Troop Master program until the glitches are worked out with Troop Track. Skip is also working on updating the Committee members and leaders on the T200 website.
- Merit Badge Schedule
Personal Fitness will begin April 5th before the meeting with Kim Oblinger and Bill Lansky leading the activities. Until then, First Class emphasis will replace new Merit Badges.
- Quartermaster Update
Richard Orris reported that the new axe yards are completed and were used at the Cooking Campout. They worked out very well. Battery operated touch lights have been installed in the trailer for use at night. There will be a designated spot for the "pig tail" and keys. There was some searching for these before for the Cooking Campout. As always, it will be emphasized that tents need to be cleaned and returned as quickly as possible. The cook kits have been reorganized to be self-contained in the large cooking pots which will take less room in the trailer. It was decided to put off getting specific dining fly bags. The rain fly and dining fly both need to be reorganized and Sean McCormick has an idea to make storing them on the trailer easier.
- District and Council Events / Training
We have begun posting these events and training in the weekly update for Facebook and Yahoo Groups. There is JLOW and NYLT coming up in April and May as well as adult training too.
- Name Tags – Drew McCartt has found source for inexpensive (\$2 versus \$6) name tags for our committee members. It was also discussed whether we would like to have these available for our new parents. It was decided that we will just use the sticker nametags for new parents and order 30-ish for the non-uniformed volunteers to wear at meetings. These take a paper insert which we could personalize for Troop 200.

6. New Business

- NWUMC Ice Cream Treat Night
The church has asked to serve ice cream to the Scouts as a thank you for their help at church events. It was decided that the May 3rd meeting would work well and it would be after the clean-up day at the church.
- Other
Vicky Pirt asked for help in finding a new home for the Klondike sleds and the archery targets that the troop is storing at their home. Suggestions were made to rent a storage locker for \$45 per month for the targets as well as some of the equipment for the Turkey Campout. This was not considered a cost effective option at this time. Other options would be to build a new storage shed at the church property, to offer to build shelving and organize the equipment in the garage/shed on the church property, and to generally make better use of what is available. Rob Major will look into giving the sleds to the Otter Run Camp.

Drew announced that we will need to plan for the next T200 Gear sale. The supplier, Ares wear, will provide an online store and we will have samples at the meetings for sizing purposes. There is a two week turn around on the delivery. Dates will need to be set so that the merchandise arrives before summer camp.

7. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm by Bob Moffit.

Future Committee Meeting dates – please mark your calendars: **April 11th**, May 9th, and June 13th.