

Boy Scout Troop 339
Committee Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2009

To: Scoutmaster: Craig Lindsay*
Assistant Scoutmasters: Tom Cunningham*, Tim Frank, Jody Giles, Jim Langston, David Lee, Bruce Nelson, Jason Parrott, Jeff Patrick, Kevin Rivera, Chris Rott, Wally Smith
Committee Chairman: Gary Thomas*
Advancements: Alison Milligan*
Chartered Organization Representative: Scott Wiley
Treasurer: Jeff Livas*
Committee Members: Chris Allen, Jane Aurelio, Bob Bieri, Mike Browning, Mary Dushel, Don Griffin, Kathy Hamlett*, Dan Lund, Michael Milligan, John Minnick*, Stacey Russell, Susan Sharkey*, Lynn Sullivan*, Ed Thomas, Scott Wiley

From: Secretary: Sara Thomas*

Next Roundtable: April 13 – Jody Giles attending; May 11 – Susan Sharkey attending

Next Committee Meeting: May 5, 2009 at the Thomas' house at 7:00 p.m.

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* Attendees

I. Scoutmaster's Report

- A. Merit Badge Madness: A HUGE THANK YOU to Lynn Sullivan. 400 boys were involved. Stoves were a hit. Issues that need to be addressed: Scouts and parents leaving without notifying leadership and some parents signed up and then did not go.
- B. First Aid MB will be done in a class, not at Wye Island.
- C. Wye Island: 27 new scouts plus those scouts who are teaching. Craig had to get a second campsite.
- D. May Backpacking Trip is being planned.
- E. The PLC has begun to inventory and label the gear, sheds, etc. KUDOS to Matt Kreuger. The PLC is working hard and making decisions.
- F. Troop needs a health and safety officer (adult): Lynn Sullivan volunteers.
- G. CPR: District needs adults with CPR and First Aid certifications. Craig is working on setting up a CPR and Wilderness First Aid class for Scoutmasters in early June. Will probably a weekend (20 hours of training). **Committee agreed to pay for SMs and adults who chaperone on the camping trips, plus a few older scouts.**
- H. Kathy Hamlett is taking over planning of Camp Yawgoog since Dan Lund is deploying to Iraq.
- I. BSA Position on scout involvement in the troop: If a scout is on the roster, he is considered active. Leaders need to send a note to scouts that they have not seen in a while, inviting them to the troop. Our troop has started to take attendance at the meetings so the SMs know when scouts are not attending. Dues need to be current to be placed on the next year's roster.
- J. Venture Patrol: Will consist of scouts 14 years old and up. Leaders may reconfigure our patrols to get the Venture Patrol together.

II. Old Business:

- A. Website: Susan reported that the PLC and committee aliases are now updated. She is now updating the contact lists. She will send the information on how to join Yahoo groups to the new scouts. Lynn will send out a welcome letter again to the new scouts.
- B. Camp Yawgoog:
 - i. Tom C. is attending.
 - ii. Kathy reported:
 - 1. The bus and campsite are both reserved.
 - 2. Need the number of scouts attending by 20 April for the “Hat Incentive.” So far, 8 scouts have signed up.
 - 3. Would like the older scouts to talk to the younger scouts about the camp to garner interest.
 - 4. Two emails were sent. **May 20th is the last day for numbers.**

III. Treasurer’s Report:

- A. Email sent regarding dues helped to bring dues up to date for about half of the scouts who owed.
- B. HAF accounts can be used for dues and to pay for camping trips. Scouts and parents need to let Jeff know how they want their HAF used.
- C. Committee thanked Jeff for his excellent reports.

IV. Advancements:

- A. Troop has received a lot of new scouts – need the new forms!
- B. She will bring the Eagle packages for Kyle and Peter to Gary tomorrow (8 April).
- C. Zach Griffin’s package for his Eagle BoR is in the mail to Alison. Gary reported that he has arranged for them to be sent to him in the future. He also sent an email to Zach to get his reference letters.
- D. 22 scouts → 32 Merit Badges from the MB Madness camping trip! Alison needs a record of attendance for camping credit (Camping MB).
- E. She wanted to remind everyone that Eagle candidates must take attendance and record the number of hours for each scout.
- F. Another reminder: keep a record of hikes, etc.
- G. Gary asked about the discrepancies from the District. Alison explained that she does not report our information to the district via TROOPMASTER because it is too much redundant work for her.
- H. Alison needs to “retire.” Committee is looking for individuals to split the responsibilities:
 - i. Membership Chair: in charge of scout forms, entering them into the registration database and take to Baltimore, plus training for adult leaders in the troop.
 - ii. Rank Advancement Chair: generate reports for SM signature, collect blue cards, etc.
 - iii. Scout Shop Chair: purchase MBs and related supplies.

- V. **Fundraisers:** First Aid Kits: NSTR. **ACTION:** Gary to speak to Chris about ordering the kits.

VI. New Business:

- A. New Parent’s Meeting: 22 April (UPDATE: moved to 29 April) to answer questions new scout parents have, plus advertise the open positions:
 - i. Advancement (see above)
 - ii. Wreath Fundraiser Chair (Susan wants to give someone else the opportunity)
 - iii. MB Counselors needed!

- B. Scouting Centennial – Star-Spangled Camporee
 - i. 1 to 3 October 2010 – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
 - ii. Location: Fort McHenry, MD
 - iii. Council-wide camping experience
 - iv. Registration started 31 March
 - v. Some scouts will be able to camp at Fort McHenry (by lottery)
 - vi. Need a troop coordinator
- C. Roundtable Attendance: If unable to attend, please contact another committee member or the Scoutmaster and switch with them.

4-13-09	Jody Giles
5-11-09	Susan Sharkey
7-13-09	Tom Cunningham
8-10-09	Bob Bieri (popcorn)
9-14-09	Michael Milligan
10-12-09	David Lee
11-9-09	Gary Thomas (Charter renewal pick up)
12-14-09	Gary Thomas (Charter renewal turn in)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

This is not a complete list. Please refer to Troop emails and go to the Troop calendar (<http://www.troop339.org/calendar.html>) for the latest information.

April 13: Roundtable	POC: Gary Thomas
April 17-19: Wye Island Camping	POC: Craig Lindsay; PLC may plan.
April 29: New Parents' Meeting @ 7:30pm	POC: Lynn Sullivan
May 2-3: Backpacking Trip – Caledonia State Park	POC: Jody Giles
May 3: PLC Meeting	POC: Craig Lindsay
May 5: Committee Meeting	POC: Gary Thomas
May 11: Roundtable Meeting	POC: Gary Thomas
May 16: Day Hike – Patapsco Valley State Park	POC: Lynn Sullivan
June 17-21: Shenandoah Backpacking	POC: Craig Lindsay
July 19-26: Camp Yawgoog	POCs: Kathy Hamlett (overall) Stacey (health forms)