



Boy Scout Troop 339
VIRTUAL
Committee Meeting Minutes
December 8, 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: Susan Boone, Joan Fritz
Chartered Organization Representative: Scott Wiley
Treasurer: Jeff Livas
Committee Members: Chris Allen, Jane Aurelio, Bob Bieri, Steve Boone, Mike Browning, Mary Dushel, Don Griffin, Kathy Hamlett, Dan Lund, Michael Milligan, John Minnick, Stacey Russell, Susan Sharkey, Lynn Sullivan, Ed Thomas

From: Secretary: Sara Thomas

Next Roundtable: 11 January: Gary Thomas (charter renewal)

Next Committee Meeting: 5 January 2010 at the Thomas' house at 7:00 p.m.
(55 Cypresspointe Ct, Severna Park) **Phone: 410-647-8421**

* Attendees

*For the latest information,
please refer to Troop emails, website, and calendar
(<http://www.troop339.org/calendar.html>)*

I. Secretary's Notes:

- A. The meeting that was scheduled for 8 December was cancelled due to several members being unable to attend due to business and personal reasons.
- B. These notes are collected from the Scoutmaster and Committee members via email.
- C. *I'd like to wish you all a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season and new year!*

II. Scoutmaster's Report

- A. Upcoming trips
 - i. December 18-20: Cabin Camping Trip to Camp Rodney for annual planning meeting (POC is Mr. Lindsay) ****UPDATE: CANCELLED DUE TO SNOWSTORM****
 - ii. January 8-10: Primitive Cabin Camping to Camp Dancing Bear (POC is Mr. Patrick)
 - iii. February 19-20: Seven Springs Ski Trip (POC is Mr. Nelson)
 - iv. March 26-28: Merit Badge Madness at AACS High School (POC is TBD)
- B. Elections: Troop Elections are this Wednesday with the term of office to be January 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010. Candidates were required to notify the Scoutmaster by Monday, December 7th at 5:00 pm of their desire to run.

- C. Christmas Party: Wednesday December 16th. The PLC has done the planning. Patrols are assigned various items to bring. Rules for the gift exchange have been determined.
- D. The PLC met on Sunday, December 6th. Things accomplished include:
 - i. Determined list of items to complete by the end of their term
 - ii. Plans made for the election
 - iii. Plans made for the Christmas Party
 - iv. Plans made for the Annual Planning trip
 - v. Plans made for the Blood Drive to be held on Martin Luther King Day, January 18, 2010.
 - vi. Made a general evaluation of the operation of the Troop
- E. Annual Meeting will be at the December Cabin Camping Trip ****UPDATE: CANCELLED DUE TO SNOWSTORM****
 - i. Scouts will plan year including camping trips, day trips, merit badges to study and scout programs to hold. In addition, they will plan various meeting alternatives such as go-kart racing.
 - ii. Junior Leadership Training for all new leaders will occur on the trip.
 - iii. Mr. Lee will open and supervise the rifle range for the trip. Scouts will also hike.
 - iv. Rules regarding electronics were determined at the last PLC meeting.
- F. Venture Patrol
 - i. Has begun in earnest with an average attendance of about 25 scouts or so. We have discussed learning to scuba dive, but because of the strain on all of our already strained budgets including for many the Philmont and / or Jamboree this summer, we have decided to postpone the scuba program until a later date. Mr. Patrick is pursuing some unique fund raising ideas with the patrol. This will only be pursued if the scouts would enjoy and learn from the experience.
 - ii. The benefits of having an active Venture Patrol include:
 - 1. Keeping older scouts interested in scouting as opposed to them “doing the same old things every week”
 - 2. Giving the “middle age” scouts an opportunity to develop their leadership skills. It also gives them an incentive to stay involved with scouting because they want to “do what the older scouts are doing”.
 - 3. Giving the first year scouts an opportunity to participate in the games that scouts like without being intimidated by older scouts.
 - 4. We currently have about 73 very active scouts in the Troop with several additional scouts looking to join. The last several years we have averaged about 25 new scouts each spring. This means that by March 2010 we will have about 100 active scouts.
 - 5. Having an active Venture Patrol will allow us to deal with this better by having two separate divisions for part of each meeting.
 - 6. In addition, part of what the Venture Patrol will do is to plan activities and training for the younger scouts.

7. The Venture Scouts will only be separated from part of Troop activities. They will also participate in other Troop-wide activities.

III. Old Business:

- A. Website: Susan S. will give Matt T. access to the site for the Eagle page. Matt will continue to work on the project and present a draft to the committee at their January meeting. Gary will give Matt a list of recent Eagle scouts and candidates.
- B. Trailer: NSTR

IV. Treasurer's Report: Jeff was away on business and could not attend the meeting. He emailed a brief report, which consisted of a balance sheet and an account balances report, which were projected through December. The account balances were scrubbed with the new roster, but he still needs to pay large outstanding balances from HAF accounts. First aid sales are included, but not popcorn. He will post the version with Scouts listed by code on the troop website.

V. Advancements / Training:

- A. Andrew's Eagle BoR is 7 January at 7:30pm at Woods Church.
- B. Greg's Eagle CoH is 6 January at 7:00pm. An invitation to the troop has been emailed.

VI. Fundraising: NSTR.

VII. New Business:

- A. Star-Spangled Camporee: The troop has reserved 45 spaces at Fort McHenry. It will be October 1-3. The cost is \$35 per person for registration. There is a special patch. Registration fee includes the patch, a T-shirt, camping, full access to Ft. McHenry...and a lifetime worth of memories. A select number of troops will be allowed to actually camp at Ft. McHenry. They will be chosen by lottery.
- B. Scouting for Food: NSTR.
- C. Yawgoog:
 - i. Kathie Hamlett reported that she has not received any negative feedback from the committee regarding the changes made on the reservation form so she is going with it. She emailed the new form to the committee.
 - ii. She also created a cover letter to explain the changes to the families. Since this had not been seen previously by the committee, she emailed it to the committee.
 - iii. She is planning on announcing Yawgoog in January, since that is what is done in the past. She will have a large envelop at the meetings for the reservation forms for when she is not at the meetings, although she will try to be at every meeting either in the beginning or the end, preferably at the end, to answer questions, etc.
- D. Re-chartering: Gary reported that the re-chartering package is out for signatures. We have 74 scouts and approximately 49 adults. The troop may have qualified for Centennial Quality Unit award....stay tuned.
- E. Roundtable Attendance: If unable to attend, please contact another committee member or the Scoutmaster and switch with them.

01-11-10: Gary Thomas (Charter renewal turn in)
02-08-10: Lynn Sullivan
03-08-10: Jeff Patrick
04-12-10: Jody Giles
05-10-10: Susan Sharkey
06-14-10: District Dinner
07-12-10: Tom Cunningham
08-09-10: Bob Bieri (popcorn)
09-13-10: Susan Boone
10-11-10: David Lee
11-08-10: Gary Thomas (Charter Renewal pick-up)
12-13-10: Gary Thomas (Charter Renewal turn-in)