

Boy Scout Troop 339
Committee Meeting Minutes
October 6, 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: 12 October: David Lee; 9 November: Gary Thomas (charter renewal)
Next Committee Meeting: 3 November at the Thomas' house at 7:00 p.m.
(55 Cypresspointe Ct, Severna Park) **Phone: 410-647-8421**

* Attendees

I. Scoutmaster's Report

A. Planning:

- i. Older scouts are planning the meetings.
- ii. Tony and Matt K. planned the last backpacking trip.
- iii. Ben is planning the Gettysburg trip (16-18 October) **(UPDATE (10/16): CANCELED)**
- iv. Craig will plan the trip to the Battleship New Jersey (24-25 October) **(UPDATE 10/14): Craig reported back that the Battleship New Jersey is unable to provide MB counselors for this particular w/e; therefore the trip will be rescheduled for the Spring.)**

B. Future trips:

- i. Nov 13-15: Down's Park Camporee
- ii. Early February: Ski trip (need to make reservations) **(UPDATE: (10/12) Trip will be February 19-21)**

C. Jeff L. to research downloading information from TROOPMASTER to a spreadsheet. **(UPDATE (10/10): It IS possible to export an ASCII comma or tab-delimited file. Instructions are available.)**

D. Attendance will be taken at meetings. **UPDATE from Craig on 10/12:** As to the method of taking attendance, the PLC discussed several methods. They decided to utilize three sign-in forms (two patrols listed for each form). The scouts can then check their name in the appropriate book as soon as they get to the meeting. The scribe can then accumulate the totals on a monthly basis in a master spreadsheet. The sign-in sheets would be kept in individual binders under the stage. The intent is to keep accurate attendance but to not take up meeting time with it. The PLC also agreed that no scout

may check another scout in except for the SPL, ASPL and the scribe. An adult leader may check in a scout.

- E. Scouts are still working on tree identification. Should be finished on 7 October.
- F. "Big Buddy" Program: Craig is considering assigning an older scout to a new scout to try and keep the younger scouts in scouting (50% dropout rate for first-year scouts.)
- G. Partial MB Palooza: it was a big success. Several scouts completed their MBs.
- H. CoH: Thanks to everyone, especially Joan Fritz and Vicki Cain, for their assistance with the Court of Honor on 23 September.
- I. Drug Prevention Program on 7 October: Lynn S. set up the program. It is a Second Class requirement, but will benefit all of the scouts. No MB classes on the 7th (Craig sent an email out during the meeting letting the troop know). Craig will not be at this meeting.
- J. Dates to Remember:
 - i. 2 December: Elections
 - ii. 16 December: Holiday Party
 - iii. 23 and 30 December: Winter Holidays – no meetings
 - iv. 1 January: New Positions take effect.

II. Old Business:

- A. Website: Susan S. was not at the meeting, so no update on the website.
- B. Trailer: Gary has a point of contact for the church's insurance company and he will get information on insurance (as a separate policy and as a rider). Gary produced a letter for Jeff Livas' signature (he signed) and also for Scott Wiley's signature (still to be done) to be given to Woods Memorial Church RE: Troop 229 Trailer and Equipment. He received the signed letter from Woods Church regarding the title.
- C. **Trailer Update (10/16): Jeff L. reported that the trailer needed two new tires and it was a safety issue. Craig to take the trailer to Severna Park Auto. He will also have them repack the wheel bearings and give the trailer an overall MD inspection (needed for the Title Transfer).**

III. Treasurer's Report: Jeff asked the committee to let him know if there are errors in the financial reports for the last few trips. He is still working on the Tuckahoe, Assateague, Washington Monument, and Yawgoog trips. Please see the website for the latest dues and High Adventure Fund (HAF) account balances.

IV. Advancements / Training:

- A. Steve L's BoR is scheduled for 17 October at 7pm at Woods.
- B. Troopmasterdotnet: Only Joan, Gary and Susan B. can update Scout records. This program will be used for re-chartering and advancements. Susan will access it and pay for it. Troop will reimburse her for the fee.

V. Fundraisers:

- A. Bob B.: Popcorn Show and Sell is done! Thanks to everyone who helped. The process seemed to go better than last year. Sales are about \$6,000, but our goal is

about \$12,000. He needs a list of active scouts (Craig gave it to him). Bob suggested handouts announcing the sales be distributed at the meetings.

- B. Distribution of donations from the popcorn sales: Discussion ensued about what to do with the donations. **UPDATE: Discussions continued via email.** A decision was not made; discussion was tabled until next month.

VI. New Business:

- A. Next Court of Honor will be in March, keeping in mind Easter/Spring Break/etc. **(UPDATE (10/10): March 17)**
- B. Parent / Scout expectations for trips: Lynn
- i. Requested that the grubmaster be given a budget before the trip so they know how much to spend per person.
 - ii. Committee agreed that trip sign-ups be closed out 10 days before the trip to allow for planning and purchasing of food – starting in November.
 - iii. Phone numbers are needed on permission forms.
 - iv. It has become difficult to keep track of payments, number of nights camping, scouts showing up late / leaving early, etc.
 - v. **ACTION:** Craig to write-up some rules for both parents and scouts.
- C. Re-chartering: Committee's next big project.
- D. Roundtable Attendance: If unable to attend, please contact another committee member or the Scoutmaster and switch with them. **ACTION:** Gary to put together next year's schedule.

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.

Oct 12: District Roundtable/ Life-to-Eagle Workshop	POC: David Lee
Oct 14: Senior Dinner at Woods	POC: Craig Lindsay
Oct 16-18: Gettysburg NP Backpacking	POC: Jody Giles
Oct 24-25: Battleship New Jersey	POC: Craig Lindsay
Nov 1: PLC Meeting	POC: Craig Lindsay
Nov 3: Troop Committee Meeting	POC: Gary Thomas
Nov 9: District Roundtable / Rechartering	POC: Gary Thomas
Nov 21-22: Philmont Shakedown	POC: Jody Giles
Dec 1: Troop Committee Meeting **Needs to be rescheduled**	POC: Gary Thomas
Dec 2: Troop Elections	POC: Craig Lindsay
Dec 14: District Roundtable / Rechartering	POC: Gary Thomas