

**Boy Scout Troop 339**  
**Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**September 1, 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\*  
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**: 14 September: Gary Thomas; 12 October: David Lee

**Next Committee Meeting**: 6 October at the Thomas' house at 7:00 p.m.

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\* Attendees

**I. Scoutmaster's Report**

- A. Planning for next year: Craig has completed the panning for the rest of the year.
  - i. Next two meetings will be for tree identification.
  - ii. Merit Badge classes: Committee discussed a few options for the meetings.
    - 1. "Partial Palooza" – Chris R. suggested doing this for the next few weeks to help scouts finish partial MBs.
    - 2. Allow scouts to "audit" MB classes – some scouts don't want to earn the badge, but they have an interest in the subject.
- B. Books: Parents do not sign Scout books, etc, for their sons, except for the initial scout information. Parents can sign for MBs, as long as they are the registered MB counselor for that particular MB. Scouts First Class and above sign for the younger scouts.
  - i. Star/Life/Eagle – must be signed by a SM or a committee member.
  - ii. Susan Boone may be asked to verify requirements met.
- C. H1N1 (aka "Swine Flu"): Craig will have an adult with a health background come in and talk to the Scouts. Stacey may be able to get some containers of hand sanitizer, etc for the meetings.
- D. Gettysburg National Park Backpacking (16 to 18 October): Craig wants to spend some meeting time to train scouts on how to backpack.
- E. Dates to Remember:
  - i. 23 September: Court of Honor
  - ii. 2 December: Elections
  - iii. 16 December: Holiday Party
  - iv. 23 and 30 December: Winter Holidays – no meetings
  - v. 1 January: New Positions take effect.
- F. Troop needs more new adult help from the parents. Craig and Gary will start recruiting parents. Please volunteer!

## II. Old Business:

### A. Website:

- i. Susan S. reported that Evan B is active and working on the website. He also has access to the calendar. She said that Evan will need to keep up with the PLC meeting notes and calendar because she is not a part of the PLC.
- ii. Bob B. reported that he created a folder for popcorn on Yahoo groups with all of the necessary forms and information for popcorn sales.
- iii. Troop moderators for Yahoo groups: **ACTION:** Gary to be added and Jim Langston to be deleted.

B. Trailer: Gary is still working on getting insurance for the trailer and troop gear. He is also still waiting for the signed letter from Woods Church regarding the title.

III. **Treasurer's Report:** Jeff reported that the reports are basically the same as last month. He is still trying to get receipts from the Yawgoog and Tuckahoe trips. The First Aid Kit fundraiser cleared \$1200 for the Troop and Scouts. Please see the website for the latest dues and High Adventure Fund (HAF) account balances.

## IV. Advancements / Training:

A. Greg S's BoR went very well – CONGRATULATIONS!

B. Steve L. still needs two more letters of recommendation.

C. Gary reported that a question came up regarding “virtual” Board of Reviews, specifically for Eagle since scouts go away for college. Due to time and other factors, the committee denied the request for Steve L's BoR. **ACTION:** Gary will, however, bring up the subject with the District at the Roundtable on 14 September.

D. Susan B. can generate reports for the CoH. Craig would like the reports ASAP.

E. Gary suggested that an older scout can be responsible for registering scouts for their service/camping/etc hours and turning it in into Susan B., freeing up the adult leaders.

F. Stacey R. suggested that Susan B. request a copy of the pages of each scout's book to verify meeting the requirements.

## V. Fundraisers:

A. Chris R. and Bob B.: First Aid kits will NOT be sold with the popcorn. For the next sale, Chris will get 400 kits. **ACTION:** Gary will get District approval for the next sale.

B. Popcorn Sales: Bob B. needs help with show and sales:

- i. Need to have 100% participation from active scouts (worth 5% of total sales to the troop).
- ii. Sales goal of \$250/scout (either this or an increase in sales by 25% to qualify for an additional 5% of sales and a custom-made 8' x 3' sign for the troop).
- iii. Dates are:
  1. 26 to 28 September (Sat/Sun/Mon) – Monday is a school holiday
  2. 3 and 4 October (Sat/Sun) – at both the Giant and Safeway.

## VI. New Business:

A. Court of Honor (23 September): Joan Fritz and Vicki Cain are organizing. Gary will be away on business and cannot attend.

B. Re-chartering: Committee's next big project.

C. Sara is looking into a tour of the White House for the Troop in February. She is waiting for Craig's calendar to be finalized.

D. Dr. Brady Barr (National Geographic's “Dangerous Encounters”): Chris reported that Dr. Barr would like to come and speak to the troop. His cost is one BSA pocket knife that he

will photograph on his various trips around the world. **ACTION:** Chris to get a date from Dr. Barr and report back to Craig. For more information on Dr. Barr, go to: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brady\\_Barr](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brady_Barr)

- E. Roundtable Attendance: If unable to attend, please contact another committee member or the Scoutmaster and switch with them.

9-14-09 Gary Thomas  
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.**

Sept 4-6: Philmont Backpacking Shakedown	POC: Jody Giles
Sept 13: PLC Meeting	POC: Craig Lindsay
Sept 14: District Roundtable	POC: Gary Thomas
Sept 23: Court of Honor	POCs: Joan Fritz and Vicki Cain
Sept 26-28: Popcorn Sales	POC: Bob Bieri
Sept 27: <b>Mandatory Jamboree Meeting</b> , Lansdowne H.S.	POC: David Lee
Oct 3-4: Popcorn Sales	POC: Bob Bieri
Oct 6: Troop Committee Meeting	POC: Gary Thomas
Oct 12: District Roundtable/ <b>Life-to-Eagle Workshop</b>	POC: David Lee
Oct 16-18: Gettysburg NP Backpacking	POC: Jody Giles