



Troop 457 Committee Meeting Notes Summary : Jan. 21, 2014

(next meeting Tuesday, February 11 @ 7:30 pm Good Sam, Fireside Room)

Treasurer's Report

- Balance: ~\$ 12,000 (less 2013 popcorn credits)
- Scout dues need to be paid before next trek!
 - Funding for Troop shed approved

Advancement

- Dues must be up to date to schedule a Scoutmaster Conference
- Pico Blanco trek will focus on Trail To First Class – let's get those requirements signed off!!

Quartermaster's Report

- New Distribution policy so patrols have to store their own tents and stoves (in addition to their patrol boxes)
- Shed planning (8x10 on site @ church) for dutch ovens, easy ups, etc. (\$3500)

Scoutmaster's Report

- Any parent / scout issues – we want feedback !!!!!
- Hersh will lead the scout advancement activities for 2014!
- The troop will *not* participate in Camporee (April 12/13) b/c at this point there's very low signups due to it being on the first weekend of Spring break.
- Patrols will be encouraged to perform a service project and then have a get together (e.g., pizza) afterwards (probably sponsored by the troop).
- ASM Intro Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) training in March (<http://svmbc.org/svmbc/event/introduction-to-outdoor-leader-skills-iols-march-2013/>) [registration deadline is 2/21] – we have 2 or 3 leaders attending and I'll be inviting the incoming Webelos Den Leaders and others to attend to.

Committee Topics ** (more on next page)

- We need more parental participation at: Committee Meetings and Treks! Active scouts = Participating parents.
- Committee approved 15 new scouts from Pack 457 to bridge in March. This will expand the troop from 37 scouts to 52 so there will be focused recruiting for minimal of 3 ASMs and 3 "shadow" troop position from the new group. Also, experienced scouts will lead an equipment review for new parents at the 2/27/14 troop meeting. (Scott to include this in follow up email after Scouttrack registration is complete). (See additional notes regarding bridging on next page)
- WeST Fair (Feb 1st) – PLC requests (approved) \$200 for cooking activities
- Two (2) hours service project earned for any participants in Hi Sierra help during Jan trek.

Upcoming Troop Activities

Feb. 1 (9:30 – 2:30)
Event: We.S.T Fair (Ortega Park)
Trek Leader: Mike Klein
Scout Trek Leader: Sahil Sanchetti

- Webelos to Scout Transition
- Lashing, cooking, races, etc

Upcoming Troop Activities

Feb. 8 – 9 (Advancement)
Trek: Pico Blanco (car camping)
Trek Leader: Amit Patel
Scout Trek Leader: ?

- Focus on Advancement
- Car camping – great campout for new parents!

Upcoming Troop Activities

Mar. 29 - 30
Trek: Mt Tam (car camping)
Trek Leader: Hersh
Scout Trek Leader: ?

- Scout – Totin' Chit / Firem'n Chit



Upcoming Troop Activities

Apr. 26
Trek: Geo-Caching
Trek Leader: Scott Lukens
Scout Trek Leader: ?

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Committee Topics (cont) :

- Scouts who have not yet received First Class rank need to bring their books to meetings (DUH ☺) – let's make this a habit (and provide the reward that once your scout has reached First Class he no longer needs to bring his book ever week – it worked well for my youngest son Cole!)
- 15 Webelos Scouts to bridge:
 - With this many scouts we will most likely need to add 2 patrols and redistribute (including identifying older, 14+ year olds, to be PLs)
 - By March 2015 we'll have 8 scouts age out (> 18 yrs old), so troop should plan to limit incoming scouts next year to ~8 new scouts
- Action Items
 - Scott Davidson: email Aaron that troop will not participate in Camporee b/c of date conflict (is there an option to avoid this weekend?)
 - Scott Davidson: inform PLC (/ SPL) that we need a pair of senior scouts to lead an equipment review for new parents on 2/27/14 meeting.
 - Scott Davidson: register scouts and email parents with general info, review calendar, buy book and invite to 2/27/14 meeting
 - Mike Klein: talk w/ seamstress and coordinate creation of 15 new neckerchiefs (~\$17 / neckerchief) and look into out sourcing at higher lever for following year (i.e., bulk order for price break, both Scout and Adult). Also, consider making 2 or 3 more Adult neckerchiefs for 2014.
 - Scott Lukens: Look into a geo-caching trek for April in lieu of Camporee
 - Scott Davidson: inform PLC (/ SPL) that we want a CoH soon after first campout for new scouts (to get them recognized w/ Scout badge)
 - Scott Lukens: Schedule / plan a Rancho San Antonio park (or similar) hike for scouts in need of signing off map/compass 2nd Class requirements
 - Scott Davidson: email Pack 457 CM Scotty Van Sickle (do Scott's do all the work here ?) to encourage Webelos I scouts to attend
 - Mike Klein: amend bylaws: a) scout leader can only sign off @ troop meeting, adults on treks and b) Star, Life and Eagle participation signed off by Scout Master only
 - Mike (or delegate): look into professional photographer for Spring troop pictures.

○ Acronyms / terms:

- PLC – Patrol Leader Council: this is group of scouts who meet monthly and plan out the weekly meetings and details of monthly treks; group consists of the SPL, ASPL, Patrol Leaders (PL), Scribe and Scout Master (SM).
- SPL – Senior Patrol Leader: this is the elected scout who is 3rd in command of the overall troop leadership (below Committee Chair and Scout Master); he is responsible for the leading the PLC meetings and the weekly troop meetings.
- Trek – a generic name for our monthly activity, typically a campout. We have an adult trek leader and scout trek leader for each trek with the goal to let the scout trek leader organize and manage as much of the trek as possible (e.g., less charging campsites to a credit for reimbursement, organizing adult meals, etc.)
- CoH – Court of Honor: a special troop meeting where scouts are recognized for advancement and all parents / family are encouraged to attend (similar to a Pack Meeting, but held ~ quarterly)

Scout	Position
Ian Davidson	Senior Patrol Leader
Sahil Sanchetti	Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
Rahul Madhugiri	Librarian
Prithvi Kannan, Alec Uyematsu	Troop Guide
Marco Maletis	Quartermaster
Aneesh Goel	Scribe
Cole Davidson	Den Chief
Jeevan Prakash	Chaplain's Aide
Prabhat Jammalamadaka	Inception Patrol Leader
Chethan Gomatam	Wise Guys (Sr.) Patrol Leader
Jeffrey Sun	Tomahawks Patrol Leader
Naman Bhargava	Daggers Patrol Leader
Shay Dias	Thunder Sharks Patrol Leader
Cole Davidson	Assistant Patrol Leader for Inception
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-----	Assistant Patrol Leader for Tomahawks
-----	Assistant Patrol Leader for Daggers



Scout	Position
Daniel Pickering	<i>Charter Organization Representative</i>
Scott Davidson	<i>Committee Chairman</i>
Mike Klein	<i>Scout Master</i>
Rick Adolf Pushpak Bapat Paul Besser Itzik Gilboa Mukund Madhugiri Hersh Bhargava Sam Sun Max Uyematsu Eric Wilford	<i>Asst. Scout Master</i>
Jenny Sun	<i>Treasurer</i>
Sejal Patel, Antonio Dias	<i>Popcorn Kernels</i>
Aimee Zhu	<i>Registrar</i>
Laxmi Kambli	<i>Medical Forms</i>
Pradnya Goil	<i>Trek Coordinator</i>
Paul Besser	<i>Eagle Committee Coordinator</i>
Hersh Bhargava	<i>Friends Of Scouting Coordinator</i>
Hila Shochat / Madhuri Ramanathan	<i>Key Picker Upper</i>