



Troop 457 Committee Meeting Notes Summary : May 20, 2014

(next meeting Tuesday, June 20 @ 7:30 pm Good Sam, Fireside Room)

Treasurer's Report

Balance: ~\$ 7,000

- Good discussion on how to calculate campership funds

Advancement

- Dues must be up to date to schedule a Scoutmaster Conference
- Sahil upcoming Eagle BOR

Quartermaster's Report

- New Distribution policy so patrols have to store their own tents and stoves (in addition to their patrol boxes)
- Shed approved, grounds prepared and install scheduled! Great work Eric ☺

Scoutmaster's Report ** (more on next page)

- Any parent / scout issues – we want feedback !!!!!
- To all parents : a Scout Troop run by scouts where learning is often through some level of failure can be challenging to us organized parents who want things to just go smoothly ;-)
- Have you signed up for the rest of the campouts on the Treks At A Glance ? (See email to the troop)

Committee Topics ** (more on next page)

- Thanks to all of the new parents who have participated at committee meeting! We are always looking for strong parental participation at Committee Meetings and Treks ! Participating parents → Active scouts !
- Thanks to Arun Kanna for pulling off a great Scout O Rama and Scott Lukens, Rick Adolf for the April and May treks.
- Thanks to Susan Howard for coordinating t-shirt again this year ☺
- Storage shed area cleanup and some leveling complete; install is being scheduled. Cost approximated at : \$2600 for the shed + frame, gravel, delivery, shelving, locks etc. another \$600.
- Suggestion to purchase a troop banner that can be used at S-O-R, campouts, popcorn sales, etc. Scouts to design / contribute (for each patrol).
- Pradnya / Hersh working on standardized templates for managing treks better.
- Madhuri Ramanathan (Prithvi's Mom) will be taking the scout STEM training. (More info to come)

Upcoming Troop Activities

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Jun. 14 – 16

Trek: Skyline to the Sea/Castle Rock

Trek Leader: Ashvin Kannan

Scout Trek Leader: ?? / ??

- 50 milers : STTS
- Others : Castle Rock

July 6 - 12

Trek: Hi-Sierra Summer Camp

Trek Leader: Mukund Madhugiri

Scout Trek Leader: Cole

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August 9 - 10

Trek: Individual Patrol Campouts

Trek Leader:

Scout Trek Leader: ?

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Sept. ??

Trek: Yosemite

Trek Leader: Paul Besser

Scout Trek Leader: ?

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Troop 457 Committee Meeting Notes Summary : Mar. 18, 2014

Committee Topics (cont) :

➤ Scout Master Notes:

- Solomon / John can ping the SPL / ASPL a little bit more
- Looking for Tyvek from scouts who previously went on 50 miler backpacking treks
- B/c of likely lack of water, August rafting trek will be replaced by patrol campouts. Patrols will start planning ASAP. (Remember, since it's August, a weekday camping trip will be easier to get reservations)

➤ Committee Notes:

- Camporship \$\$ formula - good discussion and input from all; a formal description will be written up soon, but basic summary is as follows:
 - Goal of \$300 results in ~\$90 - \$95 for troop funds (/ scout)
 - The troop can *not* solicit donations during popcorn sales, but we recognize that many people prefer to make a donation rather than purchase popcorn. So, a combination of sales and donations will count towards the \$300 per scout
 - Campership funds will be calculated based on *sales* > \$300 only. A scout who sells \$300 in popcorn and receives \$40 in donations get \$0 contributed to his campership fund.
 - At the end of the popcorn sales, the troop will calculate the total donations received, keep the percentage that would have been kept if it was a popcorn sale (or possibly just a flat rate, e.g., 35%) and donate the remainder to the council.
- Need (Adult) Quartermaster to replace Eric Wilford. With new shed, there's very little garage requirement for this position now.
- 2015 Planning Meeting set for July 13th (Sunday after scouts return from Summer Camp)
- The troop will hold a uniform / equipment exchange in the next couple of weeks
- Trek food discussion: should one scout buy all food and get reimbursed? Should scouts each bring assigned items? This needs to be managed by the scout leadership (SPL, ASPL, Trek Leader and Patrol Leaders) and one of the struggles is that we don't have strong commitments early enough to campouts to properly plan. There should be a goal for fairness (luncheon meat for 6 versus bread or apples is not a fair division of cost).

○ 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)
- ASM – Assistant Scout Master

Scout	Position
Cole Davidson	Senior Patrol Leader
Tate Besser	Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
Naman Bhargava	Librarian
Shay Dias Rahul Madhugiri Anik Patel Alec Uyematsu	Troop Guide
<TBD>	Quartermaster
Aneesh Goel	Scribe
<TBD>	Chaplain's Aide
<TBD>	Inception Patrol Leader
<TBD>	Eagle's Nest Patrol Leader
<TBD>	Tomahawks Patrol Leader
<TBD>	Daggers Patrol Leader
<TBD>	Thunder Sharks Patrol Leader
<TBD>	Assistant Patrol Leader for Inception
<TBD>	Assistant Patrol Leader for Wise Guys
<TBD>	Assistant Patrol Leader for Tomahawks
<TBD>	Assistant Patrol Leader for Daggers



Adult	Position
Daniel Pickering	<i>Charter Organization Representative</i>
Scott Davidson (Max Uyematsu)	<i>Committee Chairman</i>
Mike Klein (TBD)	<i>Scout Master</i>
Rick Adolf , Pushpak Bapat Paul Besser , Hersh Bhargava Scott Lukens , Mukund Madhugiri Sam Sun , Max Uyematsu Eric Wilford	<i>Asst. Scout Master</i>
Jenny Sun	<i>Treasurer</i>
Sejal Patel, Antonio Dias (Joe and Linda Lee)	<i>Popcorn Kernels</i>
Aimee Zhu	<i>Registrar</i>
Laxmi Kambli	<i>Medical Forms</i>
Pradnya Goil (Need Asst.)	<i>Trek Coordinator</i>
Paul Besser	<i>Eagle Committee Coordinator</i>
Hersh Bhargava (TBD)	<i>Friends Of Scouting Coordinator</i>
Hila Shochat / Madhuri Ramanathan	<i>Key Picker Upper</i>
Susan Howard	<i>T-shirt Coordinator</i>
Jenny Sun / Arun Kanna	<i>Scout O Rama Coordinator</i>
Eric Wilford (TBD)	<i>QuarterMaster</i>
Mukund Madhugiri	<i>Summer Camp Coordinator</i>

Agenda

- Need to follow on the Scout badges (everyone should have it)
- Uniform exchange next week ?
- Need a Troop 457 “flag” / banner that’s easily hooked to an easy up
 - Give design guidelines
 - Patrols present their designs to the committee
 - Get a parent to own the banner
- Pradnya and Hersh are working on templates, standard documents and general workflow plan to help make treks a little smoother
- (Sejal) Food purchase process for patrols
 - If scouts are buying individual items, then the cost is often not evenly distributed
 - There is no rule for food purchase (individual or single person(s))
- (Sejal / Hersh) Ping email
- (Pradnya / Hersh) Trek leader process documentation
 - When can we reiew ? (Soon)
- PLC
 - Hold the PLs accountable to the meal plan issues at the Angel Island campout
- Bristlecone
 - Need individual tents ??
- STEM NOVA
 - Madhugiri may be taking the training (??)