Troop 374 Committee Meeting

Date: 4/21/09
Time: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Location: DiVentures
Members Present: Jay Buchanan, Bob Griffiths, E.J. Krenk, Todd Phillips, Mark Roberts

Opening Announcements: Thanks to Bob for taking notes.

Approval of Prior Minutes: Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bob reported for Melanie that the checking account balance is $4,846.32 of which $1,651.42 is in scout accounts. All scouts have paid dues. Major expenses this past month included Cedars registration (hence the much lower scout account balances), Budget Storage (paid for six months) and chicken for the Court of Honor. The committee is looking for a replacement for Melanie's position as she needs to take care of her elderly mother. Please see Melanie or Mark R. if interested. The committee thanked Melanie for her efforts.

Outdoor/Activities: Bill & E.J. reported that the May campout will be held at Mark Roberts' lake. Mark has two canoes, so there will be canoeing and fishing as well as other activities (possibly orienteering). The group also will practice packing canoes for the July Niobrara trip (date to be determined). For the July trip, canoes will be rented through UNO, and there will be open fire cooking (no stoves).

Service Projects: E.J. reported for Pam that the May service project may be a Cottonwood Park clean-up and/or helping with the Cottonwood Elementary School carnival.

Equipment: E. J. reported for Mark H. that a few tents need minor repairs. Scouts will be held accountable for the tents, possibly by having the assistant patrol leader report quarterly to the Quartermaster about tents.

Advancement: Jennifer is looking for an update on who has participated in camps and service projects year-to-date. Melanie will email camping info. Pam will need to email service project info. The group discussed having the Senior Patrol Leader keeping records of participation in these events. E.J. said he'd bring this up at JLT. Ten scouts need to finish up merit badges from last year's Cedars. They have until June of this year. Jennifer also is looking for Order of Arrow info for 2008 & 2009. Brent G. will ask at the next Roundtable.

Training: Please see Mark H. or go to www.mac-bsa.org for more info on adult training opportunities.

Membership: In order for the troop continue to recruit cub scouts from Packs 374 and 285, it is essential that we become more involved with the Packs by attending Pack meetings and also by providing den chiefs. Bob said he will plan on going to the committee meeting, but den chiefs are still needed. Please see him if interested in serving as a den chief. The group also discussed the possibility of using a video for parent orientation.

Webmaster: No report.

Eagle Updates: Jay presented a proposed plan for Eagle advancement, which the group discussed. He also proposed having an Eagle Scout award the Life Scout badge and also hand-out the Eagle packet at the same time. Jay will be the one ordering flags. He plans to arrange a meeting with Life Scouts and an Eagle Scout or two. He reported that Eddie Hanlon wants to finish his Eagle, and Jay will talk to him about this.

.Round Table Meeting: Event flyers were passed around, and the committee discussed new things for Life Scouts, Order of the Arrow, NBZ and special trips for Eagle Scouts. There is a person at the Scout Shop who can help with High Adventure trips.

Scout Master's Report: Junior Leader Training was held Sat, Apr. 25. E.J. is working on a new roster and calendar. The April can drive went very well with more than 350 pounds collected. E.J. will be talking with the PLC about having separate patrol meetings once a month. E.J. also mentioned that Collin Erickson wants to help the troop out with Pahuk Pride leadership schools.

Old Business: We're still working on arrangements for Don Williamson to show the troop's guns for sale to the parents sometime this summer.

New Business: None.

Upcoming Events:

Date:	**Event:**
Apr. 27	Troop meeting
May 2	Can drive; Flaming Arrow
May 4	Troop meeting
May 11	Troop meeting
May 15-17	Camp out @ Roberts' lake
May 8	PLC
May 25	Memorial Day – no meeting