



Boy Scout Troop 189 Keystone Area Council

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Minutes of the February 1999 Troop Committee Meeting

The February 1999 Troop Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday February 23, 1999, at 7:45 p.m. Committee Attendance was as follows:

Ray Harper, Chartered Org. Rep. – Present
Gregory Brickner, Troop Secretary – Present
Enrique Martinez-Vidal, Membership
Pat Shaffer, Fund-raising
Jere Zimmerman, Advancement – Present
William Spraitzar
Steve Cassell, Quartermaster
Nathan Bard

Rand Cuthbertson, Chairman – Present
Tom Mastbaum, Newsletter
Pat Fox, Treasurer – Present
Bonita Armstrong, Fund-raising
Jane Bellinger, Transportation
Vacant, Troop Chaplain
Roy Lindstrom

Troop Leadership Attendance was as follows:

Bob Powell, Scoutmaster – Present
Gary Shuey, AS: Venture
Russ Yinger, AS: Advancement
Dan Newhouser, AS: Advancement

John LeBlanc, AS: New Scouts – Present
Bob Walton, AS: New Scouts
Larry Hoffman, AS
Marv Salsman, AS

****Note: Persons who have their name listed in italic need to complete an adult membership application.**

Dr. Cuthbertson opened the meeting and addressed the Committee on improving the function of the committee. Recruitment for the committee should be focused on the parents of the new scouts to continue the natural succession of adult leadership.

Dr. Powell present his Scoutmaster's Report and discussed the following topics:

- Pack 189 Webelos will be visiting the Troop tonight in preparation to bridging next month. They will also be joining the Troop on a 5 mile hike on Saturday (2/27/99) An estimated ten scouts will be joining the Troop from the pack. Bill Smith will be joining with the new scouts as an Asst. Scoutmaster.
- Patrol Leader elections are taking place tonight. These patrol leaders will serve from 3/9/99 through 8/31/99. New Troop Officers are also being appointed for this term. The Senior Patrol Leader & Assistant will remain the same.
- Asked that the Committee find a person to maintain the Troop Uniform Closet to be sure that it is maintained in a respectable manner. Inventory of Class B uniforms needs to be taken to be sure there is adequate supply for the new scouts. This is an urgent matter so the Uniform closet does not deteriorate to the point that we no

longer have a supply of uniforms. Pat Fox volunteered to work on the task until someone can be found to perform the job permanently.

- Summer Camp Preparations are underway. Bill Smith and possibly Marv Salsman will be spending the week at Hidden Valley with the scouts.
- The Troop needs to begin preparing for the next High Adventure Base. The Program Planning Conference decided in August to shoot for Northern Tier in 2000. The planning for that needs to be started if that is going to happen.
- Greg Brickner will no longer be the Asst. Scoutmaster for program due to commitments with school and work. He will be staying with the troop to become the Troop Secretary.
- The need was addressed for a Troop Trailer.
- A parent information meeting is to be held in order to recruit new committee members to help with the troop.

Greg Brickner reviewed the program for the coming months starting with Winter Camp in March. In April there will be a 20 mile backpacking trip on the Appalachian Trail which will be mandatory for scouts to attend if they want to attend the Ohiopyle Triple in May. Camporee will be held at Hidden Valley April 29-May 1 the theme is Pioneering. The Ohiopyle Triple will be over Memorial Day weekend. The scouts will get to Backpack on the Laurel Highlands Trail, Whitewater raft, and canoe. Both Summer Camps are then being held in July to New York and Hidden Valley.

The Committee discussed the purchase of a Trailer for the troop. John LeBlanc has a contact that may be able to give the troop a good deal and will continue to work with him on that.

Jere Zimmerman addressed the low parent turnout that was at the Court of Honor in February. Plans for developing a better ceremony and program should be undertaken to have a better Court of Honor in June. Better advertisement of the event should also help.

Jere also discussed completing/updating the Merit Badge Counselor list. He realizes that this is one of his jobs as Advancement Chairmen and he will continue the undertaking.

Ray Harper reviewed some final details for the dissolving of the Varsity Crew. The Church also sends their thanks for the Troop's participation at Scout Sunday.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next Committee Meeting will be held on March 23, 1999 at 6:45 p.m.

Notes:

1. Committee Attendance an important part to the success of the troop. This is the only time we all get together to discuss the direction and course of action the Troop will take to be a successful troop. In the interest of our scouts will all must make an effort to carry through with our individual assignments and tasks that we have volunteered for. Each Committee Team should be well represented at each Committee Meeting. Check with your team leader to work this out. Without dedicated adult volunteers Troop 189 does not exist for your son to participate, please continue your support.

2. A Troop e-mail address has been established to coincide with the Troop web site.

It is: boyscouttroop189@usa.net and of course the web site is: <http://welcome.to/Troop189>

I will be trying to post more information on the web site in the coming weeks. I had to drop the section on program due to space limitations and should have that resolved soon.

3. Future Committee Minutes will be distributed via e-mail in Adobe PDF format and will be viewable from Adobe Acrobat Reader which is available free from adobe.com. Anyone that does not have e-mail will continue to receive the minutes in the mail.

Committee Secretary
Gregory Brickner