



Boy Scout Troop 189

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Minutes of the March 1999 Troop Committee Meeting

The March 1999 Troop Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday March 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
William Spraitzar
Steve Cassell, Quartermaster
Nathan Bard

Rand Cuthbertson, Chairman – Present
Tom Mastbaum, Newsletter - Present
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 – Present
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 italics need to complete an adult membership application.

Dr. Cuthbertson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Ray Harper spoke regarding the District Dinner which was held recently. Allison United Methodist Church received a Baden-Powell award for its service to Scouting. Also receiving Baden-Powell Awards from the Troop were Russ Yinger, Gary Shuey, and Dan Newhouser. Marv Salsman received a District Plaque for his service.

The Troop had asked for the Church to provide a Service Project the Troop could do for the Church. In response the Church asked for help with the setup for a recent Spaghetti Dinner which only one scout attended. The poor showing was discussed.

Mr. Harper also discussed the Church Security issues regarding the Door that the Troop uses. Some problems with the enforcement of that policy was discussed. Some of the concerns of the Troop will be taken to the Church, but the Troop will continue to do its best to comply with the policy.

Dr. Powell reported on the following topics:

- Troop Rechartering is complete. Some adult leaders need to complete adult applications so they can be handed in and added to the Charter.
- Winter Camp was a big success. Winter Camp was held on March 5-6. The success was in part due to the outstanding job that Shane Newhouser & Josh Shaffer did as Senior Patrol Leader and Asst. Senior Patrol Leader.

- Spring Camporee is coming up April 30-May 2. The Theme for the weekend is Pioneering, and the scouts are working to prepare for the weekend. Spars are needed to make the Patrol Pioneering Projects. Tonight (3/23/99) the scouts will be making rope.
- Quality Standards for Troop Advancement were address. An effort will be made to be sure Scouts are prepared and tested before they go to their Boards of Review. Performance levels for scouts advancement are being brought up to par.
- Information regarding the Troop Program for April - July has been sent out. Each scout should have received it on March 22, 1999. Any final details will be sent closer time.
- The Scouting for Food service project is underway. A good response is being encourage. Each scout is being asked to bring in two or more bags of food.
- 13 Webelos will be bridging from Cub Scout Pack 189. These Scout will all receive their patrol patch and epaulets at bridging. Troop Neckerchiefs will be held until their first campout.
- Car Show was discussed. Russ Yinger will serve as Interim Car Show Coordinator until a permanent person can be found to replace Mary Ann VanOrden who has done it for many years. Car show rates will be raised to \$8.00 a car from \$5.00.

Greg Brickner stated that Drivers and Supporting Leadership is needed in order to successfully carry out the Spring Program that has been developed. Any interested drivers should contact Jane Bellinger.

Tom Mastbaum discussed feedback on the newsletter. It was agreed that the past Newsletters have been very good. Mr. Mastbaum would like for input and contributions from the Troop Leadership to be sure that the Newsletter is complete when it goes out. He also discussed some other concerns regarding the Troop Newsletter, "The Arrow" The next publication will be in May.

Russ Yinger announced that he will no longer be able to serve as an Assistant Scoutmaster, but will remain on the Committee to help support the Troop. He also addressed some concerns regarding the older scouts, and their program. As part of this discussion Dr. Powell informed the Committee that Battle Ball has been banned from Troop meetings and will be replaced by Scouting games and competition.

Dr. Cuthbertson addressed issues regarding Friends of Scouting which was to be held last month. He also addressed the need to continue recruitment for new committee to replace the existing members as they begin to move out of the Troop over coming years.

Dr. Powell then shared concerns regarding the state of the Troop. It was brought to the Committee's attention that unless some parents start supporting the Troop and helping with troop functions, the troop will not be able to support a healthy scouting program for the 46 scouts now in the Troop.

He added that there are two options for the Troop. One, to get more parents involved to support the functions of the troop. Two, being the Troop would fold within a year since there will be no leadership left to run the troop. A discussion was held regarding this matter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next Committee Meeting will be held on April 27, 1999 at 6:45 p.m.

Notes:

A big thank you goes out to Tom Mastbaum for a job well done on the February Edition of "The Arrow", Troop 189's official newsletter.

Committee Secretary,
Gregory Brickner

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