

Troop 645  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
September 17, 2007

Attendees: Vladimir Zokvic, Tom Campbell, Barb Campbell, Paula Martin, Rae Cornell, Gary Mandley, Marlaine Teahan, Brian Hildreth, Brian Kowalk, SPL Mike M. and former committee chair, Bruce Mitchell

A. Welcome, Call to Order – 7:10 p.m.

B. Approval of August Minutes

The information highlighted on the minutes was added by the Committee Chair after the meeting. These items were not discussed after the meeting, so therefore are being struck from the minutes and added to additions/corrections in the September minutes. The committee agreed and the August minutes were approved. All committee members agreed.

C. SPL Report – Mike M.

On 9/24/07, the troop will be working on first aid. First class scouts will be teaching tenderfoot, second class and first class first aid. Each patrol will be responsible for teaching. Each rank will be broken down and taught accordingly.

On 10/1/07, the troop will be working on the camping merit badge at Assistant Scoutmaster Craig Weirich's house. An instructor will be present for the entire meeting. Brian H. stated that this is one of the meetings when the fellowship hall is not available for our use.

On 10/8/07, the Court of Honor will be held.

On 10/15/07, the troop will be working on knots. Knot teaching will work the same as first aid listed above. There will also be menu planning for the campout scheduled for 10/19 – 10/21. It is possibly there is a Camporee that weekend. Brian Hildreth will check on that. If there isn't a Camporee, it will be a standard campout weekend.

On 10/29/07, the troop is looking at going to Mason to the corn maze for a fun activity. It will last longer than a regular meeting because of travel time and the time to go through the maze.

Next PLC is October 22, 2007.

D. Reports From Committee Members

1. Advancement – Paula Martin

All advancement is up-to-date as of last year.

She is aware of re-chartering and that Brian will be receiving the information at the Roundtable.

She mentioned that Barb Campbell had prepared some name tags for the Court of Honor because it was a suggestion by Marlaine Teahan because she didn't know a lot of the parents or boys.

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Paula said she would like the boys to work in their patrols on table decorations but she hasn't had a chance to meet with them. She was thinking of providing materials with a camping theme.

She is now just waiting on merit badges earned at Northwoods and during the summer for the Court of Honor.

2. Outdoor Activities – Marlaine Teahan

Marlaine prepared her first tour permit. She would like to prepare a spreadsheet with the names of drivers and their information so that it can be attached to the tour permit. She mentioned that she would like to have the names of other parents driving their vehicle so they will be covered under the liability. For example, this past weekend Mr. Brodin drove his vehicle with the bicycles and if anything happened to the bicycles, it would be covered.

Brian H. will add Marlaine to the scout account so that she can charge camping costs.

3. Website – [www.troop645.org](http://www.troop645.org) – Brian Hildreth

There has been a few problems with dates and times from cutting and pasting, but things are getting better.

Approved meeting minutes will be added to the website. They will be kept for one year. Barb Campbell will document the approved minutes and send to Brian H. in pdf format.

4. Treasurer – Tom Campbell

Spreadsheets were distributed documenting campout activities, treasurer's report and preliminary budget.

Vladimir Zokvic, new committee chair needs to be added to the account at Eaton County Federal. A signature card needs to be filled out, notarized and given back to the bank. Former committee chair, Bruce Mitchell's name needs to be removed from the bank account.

It was decided to renew the Certificate of Deposit (CD) maturing on September 26, 2007 for one more year. Paula Martin motioned and everyone agreed.

The committee agreed that Tim Bennett's name needs to be removed from the Certificate of Deposits (CD) and Vladimir Zokvic's name added along with Tom Campbell's.

Tom Campbell recommended using the two CD's for bus and trailer issues.

Current budget is in good shape.

In the near future, the bus is going to need tires. Cost will be around \$600.00. The tires should be replaced by next summer before going to Northwoods.

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The underside of the bus is starting to deteriorate. Tom stated he heard an advertisement for Ziebart at a low cost. He is going to contact Ziebart and get an estimate as to how much the cost would be to coat the underside of the bus with Ziebart. The trailer tongue is starting to separate. Tom will check with Dennis Trailer Sales and get an estimate for repair. He will report back next committee meeting.

A couple of items are missing from the trailer/bus. A crescent wrench and tire gage. The quartermaster is going to be cleaning out the trailer and will look for it. Tom inquired if the dues should be raised or stay at \$90.00. It was agreed to keep the dues at \$30.00 for January, July and October.

Tom is going to provide a history of costs to show scouters and parents how much the cost of scouting can be, i.e., Northwoods, high adventures, campouts, etc. Everyone agreed that it would be a good idea.

Renewal of Certificate of Deposit (CD) due in October will be discussed at the October committee meeting.

5. Scoutmaster Minute(s) – Brian Hildreth

Two boys that crossed over have dropped. Those two boys haven't participated with the troop at all.

There are three boys who have been active in the troop and have now dropped.

There are currently 30 boys participating in the troop.

Troopmaster update will need to be purchased. For a three-year renewal the cost is approximately \$90.00.

The renewal for placing information on the server is up for renewal in December. Brian H. will try moving the information to our FTP server for our website.

Brian H. is going to be using some equipment from the trailer for a Woodbadge weekend he needs to attend.

He is going to be getting his ticket items this weekend and they involve the troop. He will be giving a presentation on this at the Court of Honor.

6. Quartermaster/Equipment Status – Alex H.

The trailer is going to be cleaned out and the floor is going to be painted.

7. Parish Representative – Deacon Andy

Not in attendance. Nothing to report at this time.

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Vladimir is going to be in contact with the representative to see if he is still considering being the Chaplain and if he will be attending the meetings.

E. Fundraiser/Community Service

1. Pop Bottle Drive – September 8, 2007

The bottle drive was successful. A total of \$1,391.31 was collected.

2. St. Michael Fun Fest “Guard the Tent”

Things went well. Tom Campbell inquired about the pop can money. No one seemed to know so he will contact Kathy Pabst to inquire.

3. Football Field Clean Up

Things are going well. Lot of boys are participating.

4. Popcorn

Popcorn sales for the troop begin September 28, 2007 and will end October 28, 2007. Tom Campbell has a show and sell sign up sheet. There are still open slots. He has obtained two marshmallow guns to be disturbed for a prize. Popcorn will be available for pick up from him on Thursday, September 27, 2007. The boys will still be receiving 33%.

Tom asked how he should award the marshmallow blasters he bought. It was suggested to have a dollar value for each entry into a drawing.

He also asked for incentives for the boys to top last years popcorn sales. It was mentioned that the boys like Christmas Camp and that would be a good incentive. They have to have a minimum of \$300.00 in sales to participate and also beat last years total sales amount.

5. Community Meals – Kris Sunstrum

Debbie Hildreth will be organizing community meals. She will be contacting the coordinator to find out what weeks they would like the troop to participate. She will then have a schedule for boys to sign up. Lee maybe helping with reminder telephone calls.

F. Old Business/New Business

Vladimir prepared a parent meeting summary because of a request by one of the parents. The summary was distributed and is attached to these minutes.

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G. Additions/Corrections –

The following two items were removed from the August 20, 2007 minutes and added here by approval of committee.

3. Football Field Clean Up

Additional Dates are: Friday August 31 at 4:30PM, Friday September 7 at 4:30, Saturday September 15 at 8:00AM, Friday September 21 at 4:30PM, Saturday September 29 at 8:00 AM, Wednesday October 3 at 10:00PM (parents), Friday October 5 at 4:30PM, Friday October 12 at 4:30PM, Friday October 19 at 4:30PM. Added after conclusion of meeting.

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<http://www.chiefokemosbsa.org/leaderresources/training>, <http://olc.scouting.org/> Added after conclusion of meeting.

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Talked about possible extra fundraiser for high adventures. A bake sale after mass was a suggestion. Vladimir will speak with Deacon Andy and Father Jim. Other suggestions were, A & W and McDonald fundraisers.

H. Date for next meeting –

October 22, 2007

I. Closing

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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