

Troop 645  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 24, 2008

Attendees: Vladimir Zokvic, Barb Campbell, Paula Martin, Gary Mandley, Tom Campbell, JoEllen Mitchell, Marlaine Teahan, Brian Hildreth, Kris Sunstrum, Brian Kowalk and Andy Tardif

A. Welcome, Call to Order – 7:16 p.m.

B. Approval of February Minutes

Gary M. motioned to approve minutes and Tom C. seconded. Minutes approved.

C. SPL Report

Upcoming scout meetings:

March 31 – Part 3 Leadership Training

April 7 – Spring Break

April 14 – Menu planning for campout scheduled for April 18 – April 20. The troop will also be working on camping merit badge.

April 21 – PLC

April 28 – Tent assembly and inventory. (Weather permitting. Otherwise, they will be working on orienteering.)

There will be tree planting at the campout scheduled for April 18 – April 20.

There was a suggestion in regards to providing guidelines to the boys for assembling the tents. Tom C. has a guideline prepared that he will distribute.

D. Reports From Committee Members

1. Advancement – Paula Martin

a. Advancement –

One board of review conducted on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Rank advancement was not awarded. The scout was provided with some leadership goals to meet. Recommendations were given to attend campouts and participate in activities. The scout was given the decision to approach the committee members for another board of review when he was ready.

A suggestion was made to routinely set up and conduct board of reviews for the boys who haven't participated in a board of review or who hasn't had one in quite a while. It was mentioned that the review be conducted by rank or by patrol in a group setting to help the boys feel more comfortable. The committee thought this was a good idea and the boys could set their own goals.

2. Outdoor Activities – Marlaine Teahan

Campouts –

April at Lincoln Brick Park (will be planting trees)

May at Dorchester (Marlaine is in the process of preparing the National Tour Permit)

June – proposal was made to go canoeing at Wabsis which is near Grand Rapids.

July at Northwoods

September – Prepare for the next scout year.

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

Up-to-date as of March 24, 2008.

4. Treasurer – Tom Campbell

Reports were distributed.

Treasurer Report – change made to transportation costs for scouts that did not attend. The document will be corrected and redistributed at the next committee meeting.

The Philmont payment schedule was distributed.

Seabase payment schedule distributed to show where money is being disbursed.

Tom stated he will continue to be treasurer until April 2009. Someone will need to volunteer to take over the position so they can be trained while Tom is still treasurer.

5. Scoutmaster Minute(s) – Brian Hildreth

a. Camping at Fitzgerald Park –

1. Departure Time

How long will you wait before departing?

Usually, we will leave on time unless there are extenuating circumstances. For this campout, the group was waiting for a second adult to attend.

It may be necessary to change to an alternate departure area. There are times, when St. Mike's parking lot is too congested and busy. Brian H. will check with the manager at Meijer to see if it may be possible to depart from their parking lot.

Parents still need to be recruited to attend campouts.

b. Saturn (large cooking stove)

Brian H. has ordered the Saturn. The cost is \$104.00 plus shipping. It was ordered because Dick's Sporting Goods no longer stocks it in the store.

c. Dorchester, May 9-11, 2008

Tom C. is driving the bus.

Bruce M. is looking at the bus to make sure it will be in good working order for the trip.

d. Northwoods, July 2008

10 boys and 3 adults are participating.

A driver is needed to drive the bus. If a driver is not found, the boys will need to carpool. A large vehicle would be needed to pull the trailer.

Brian H. hasn't talked to Kris S. about the possibility of her driving the bus and a chase car following her to bring her back to Grand Ledge.

Brian H. still needs to check with other parents to see who would be interested in driving.

Tom C. stated that if a chase car is provided to bring him back to Grand Ledge, he will drive the bus.

6. Quartermaster/Equipment Status – Alex H.

The trailer was cleaned up and the boys did a good job. There are still some bins that need to be cleaned out.

Brian H. bought 4 bas to put canvas and metal in.

7. Parish Representative – Deacon Andy

a. Chaplain Aide

Andy stated that the K of C was happy with the boys helping at the weekly Fish Fry during Lent.

He has attended committee training and has a resource for services.

## E. Fundraiser/Community Service

### 1. Community Meals –

Brian H. stated this is going well.

The next date is April 23 not April 16.

Brian H. makes sure that 2 boys attend. It was mentioned that there are times when one boy may not show up. The committee would like a list of boys that sign up and participate.

### 2. Philmont Fundraisers – Activities and Dates

#### a. McDonalds

Mike M. has committed to contact the coordinate on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. He will have an answer by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### b. Pancake breakfast with St. Michaels youth group – April 20, 2008

Adults needed by 7:30. The boys needed by 8:15. Food should be ready by 9:30. It is anticipated that everyone will be working until 1:00 p.m. This fundraiser is for the boys going to Philmont and Seabase. It is expected that there will be a minimum of 300 people attending. Scouts attending the campout should probably be picked up at camp on Saturday.

### 3. Tree Planting

#### 1. Tree Unloading, April 14

Tom C. has a list of boys that will be unloading trees.

#### 2. Tree Sorting, April 16

At this time, adults are needed to volunteer. Tom C. and Barb C. have already volunteered.

#### 3. Tree Delivery, April 18

The troop is receiving 300 Fraser Fir trees and any other trees that may be left over from the tree sale at Thornapple Conservation.

#### 4. Memorial Day Parade, May 24

Brian H. will be contacting the American Legion.

5. Bottle Drive – May 31, 2008 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Lori M. is chairing this event. The first driver has already signed up. The Hildreth's will sort the cans and bottles as they have in the past.

6. Spring Popcorn – Progress  
JoEllen Mitchell

This is going well. The boys are selling. She had to get a couple more cases. All chocolate popcorn is gone.

7. St. Michaels Fish Fry  
Wrap up. Letter to Knights?

Vladimir thought about sending a letter of appreciation to the Knights for allowing the boys to participate in the fish fry and paying for the insurance. Tom C. suggested that the scribe (Jacob Z.) should write the letter.

F. Old Business/New Business

1. Troop Training

a. Troop Committee Training, 3/15/2008, 8:30 a.m. – 11: 30 a.m.

Marlaine stated she can't attend on the dates given. She was told she can get the training on-line at the Chief Okemos website.

b. Charter Organization Representative Training, 3/15/2008, 8:30 a.m. – 10: 30 a.m.

Andy attended to training.

G. Additions/Corrections

1. Status of Older Scout

He will not be attending Northwoods. Not sure if he will be attending Dorchester or not.

He can't attend meetings on Mondays because he now working.

Brian H. talked with the parent and the older scout may not be able to work on Star rank.

Tom C. mentioned troop shirts. Brian stated he has some and Paula said she got some out of the clothes bin.

Andy indicated he would like to have one and there are other adults who would like one also.

A date for the food drive still hasn't been set up. Possibility of May 17<sup>th</sup>?

H. Date for next meeting –

April 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

I. Closing

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.