

Troop 645
Committee Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2008

Attendees: Vladimir Z., Rae C., JoEllen M., Tom C., Barb C., Brian K., Brian H., and Marlaine T. (arrived around 8:00 p.m.)

A. Welcome, Call to Order – 7:09 p.m.

B. Approval of March Meeting Minutes

Tom C. motioned to approve, JoEllen M. seconded. Minutes were approved.

C. Senior Patrol Leader Report (Report was provided by Sam K.)

Upcoming scout meetings:

April 28 – Reorganizing Tents

May 5 – Establishing patrols for Dorchester trip. Menu planning and go over what items to take to Dorchester, i.e., rain suit, etc.

May 12 – Work on 1st and 2nd Class requirements. The boys are going to identify plants and animals at Fitzgerald Park.

May 19 – PLC

May 26 – Camping Merit Badge

June 2 – Orienteering (end of year scavenger hunt)

There is a possibility of building flower/vegetable beds at Independence Village on April 26th. Coordinator has not contacted Brian H. to give definite details.

Adjustments may be made to the above meetings to accommodate other activities.

May 3rd is a possible date for the Food Drive.

D. Reports From Committee Members

1. Advancement – Paula M.

a. Advancement

Paula was not in attendance but voiced her concerns to Vladimir. She is wondering if the boys that have Board of Reviews are truly ready. Vlad said she's concerned about some boys attaining First Class too fast. He was not sure what was meant by this except it may be regarding the high adventure participants.

2. Outdoor Activities – Marlaine T.

National Tour Permit has been received for Dorchester. The permit will need to be placed in the bus.

Fifteen boys and 4 adults will be attending. Adults are: Brian K., Dominic F., Paula M., and Tom C.

3. Website – www.troop645.org – Brian H.

The website is currently up-to-date. Some items need to be revised.

4. Treasurer – Tom C.

Reports were distributed.

Not much has changed. Brian H. will be providing receipts to Tom to update report.

Tom stated the tires on the bus need to be replaced. He thought it would be a good idea to buy tires before going to Dorchester and Northwoods. Tom motioned to buy new tires, Vladimir seconded the motion. The committee agreed.

5. Scoutmaster minute(s) – Brian H.

b. Camping at Lincoln Brick – Tom C.

Before boarding the bus, Tom mentioned to parents that parents really need to attend campouts because if he and Brian K. weren't going, there wouldn't have been a campout that weekend. He tried to stress that it is really important for parents to participate.

Camping went well. The boys did a good job working on the trees. The group started about 9:15 a.m.

There was one incident, Alex F. got burned on the knee from the dishwasher. He was taken to the Emergency Room and has been checked on since and is doing well.

There wasn't a problem with language at this campout. However, the boys are leaving camp without notifying an adult. This issue needs to be addressed and the reason for the rule reinforced.

The bus started good but the trailer battery is dead from someone forgetting to turn the lights off.

b. Saturn (large cooking stove)

The Saturn worked well.

c. Dorchester, May 9-11, 2008

Lee will not be attending.

d. Canoeing in June, June 14-15

Brian H. is checking to see if boys are interested. If enough boys sign up, Brian H. will check with Williamston troop to see if our troop can borrow their canoes. Brian K. will not be able to attend this campout.

Brian H. sent an e-mail regarding the 2 for 1 sale on switchbacks stating he could place an order for the troop.

6. Quartermaster/equipment status – Alex H.

The boys at the PLC stated the trailer needs to be cleaned out.

When the boys went on this last campout, the tents were wet. They weren't dried out from the last campout.

It was mentioned to make sure the canopy was in the trailer for Dorchester.

7. Parish Representative – Andy

Andy was not in attendance.

a. Chaplain Aide

Chris C. mentioned that he would like to collect scout worship services and scout graces. He would like to laminate the cards and place in patrol boxes.

Chris C. provided a nice service at the Lincoln Brick campout.

E. Fundraiser/Community Service

1. Community Meals Wednesdays, 4:50 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church – 411 Harrison Street

Dates: April 23, May 21, June 18, July, August, September

2. Philmont Fundraisers
Activities and Dates

- a. McDonalds – nothing to report

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

The breakfast was organized for 300 people to attend. Only 150 participated.

\$634 gross minus \$390 for expenses equals \$244 net which was split between the youth group and the scouts.

The extra meals went to the Methodist Church for Community Meals.

There was a lot of activity going on at the church which may contribute to the low attendance.

There was extra paper products purchased which will be kept at the Hildreth's until another event.

3. Tree Planting – Wrap Up

Everything is done. The troop received an extra 50 blue spruce trees for planting.

4. Memorial Day Parade, May 24

Brian H. still needs to make contact.

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

This is schedule with Lori Mandley as the coordinator.

Hayes Band is going to Cedar Point that week end so the boys in the band will not be participating in the bottle drive.

6. Spring Popcorn – Progress – JoEllen M.

\$2,144 dollars in popcorn sold. \$600 dollars in candles sold with a 34% commission for the boys. There are still cases of popcorn left that she will try to return to council. Officially the council sale ends April 24th.

7. St. Michaels Fish Fry
Wrap Up. Letter to Knights

The troop scribe prepared a letter and sent to the Knights of Columbus thanking them for the opportunity to help at the Fish Fry and for the insurance payment.

F. Old Business/New Business

1. Troop Training
Brian H. and Vlad

Brian H. and Vlad attended a required training for Philmont. The cost was \$55 for each. The training included wilderness training and CPR. Brian H. asked if the troop will pay for the training. Marlaine T. motioned and Rae C. seconded to pay. The committee approved. Tom C. made a stipulation that Vlad attend troop camping outings.

2. Status of Older Scout

Brian H. will talk to parents about older scout not attending Dorchester.

G. Additions/corrections

Marlaine T. inquired about the other troop joining our troop. At this time, there has been no determination. There has been no communication between the two troops.

Barb C. mentioned that she sent a Sympathy Card to the Wysinski Family due to the death of Mr. Wysinski. Their son was previously in the troop and some of the boys had participated in a community service project for the family.

H. Date for next meeting –

May 19, 2008

I. Closing

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.