

Minutes of the VHC Troop 125 Committee Meeting - February 12, 2007

The meeting began at approximately 8:00 pm at the Hoffman residence.

Scoutmaster Report:

A Backpacking trip is scheduled for March 17th. During the Troop meetings, demonstration and instructions will be given to the Scouts as to what is required for the trip. On the March 14th meeting, the boys can bring their backpacks to make sure all the required equipment is packed.

Mike Izumi was planning a hike on March 3rd or 4th for the younger Scouts but due to conflicts the hike will be moved to February 24th.

Committee Chair Report:

The February 10th hike did not take place due to rain. May be re-scheduled to a later date.

Treasurer's Report:

We current have \$ 6,351.65 in the account. We are still waiting for the commission from the popcorn sales. Sirvart will contact Russ Dzialo to find out the status of our commission and how the commission is calculated.

Membership Report:

There is possibility of a new member. New Eagle Scouts Dennis, Nelson and Kunitake will need to complete and submit Assistant Scoutmaster applications.

Advancement Report:

Winter Court of Honor will take place on February 21st. We have some rank advancements, which will be recognized on the 21st. Kevin Sanchez will also be recognized at the Court of Honor for his Eagle Scout achievement. Kim will see if Kevin can bring and share some of his patches that he attained at the Jamboree.

More oak boards are needed for individual Eagle plaques. A motion was passed to allocate \$200 to purchase new boards from Home Depot. The boards will need to be cut, routed and finished for future presentations.

Currently engraved plates are added to the perpetual plaque. Because the perpetual plaque is running out of room (only room for 2 more names), we need to look into a permanent location to mount the "full" plaque. We also need to look into either a new plaque or an extension to be placed on the old plaque. A suggestion was made that the Club House could house a case for the perpetual plaque and that it could be an Eagle Scout project. It was then mentioned that the Troop could not benefit from an Eagle Scout's project.

Some of the boys may be eligible for membership in the Order of the Arrow. The requirement is that the Scout must have achieved First Class rank or higher, must have at least 15 nights of Boy Scout camping within the past 2 years including, but no more than one, long term camp of 5 or 6 nights, and be approved by the Scoutmaster to sit for an election to the Order. An election by secret ballot is held by the Order of the Arrow to determine if

the troop feels that the Scout is worthy of this honor (a yes or no vote - all nominees can be elected).

Camping Report:

Summer camp at Whitsett includes 17 boys and 4 adults. All the adults must be registered adult leaders. Due to space limitations, if any other adults would like to attend the camp, they may be asked to split the week with another adult.

One camp pamphlet describing the camp facilities, location, activities, etc. was received. At the June parent meeting, pertinent information from the pamphlet will be photocopied and shared with the campers and parents. Because Camp Whitsett also has a rifle facility, along with the camp permission slips, rifle permission slips must also be obtained from every camper.

Saturday, May 19th is the overnight camping trip to Mount Baldy where the Scouts will hike up to a cabin, which includes lots of bunks and cots.

Coincidentally, May 19th was also the date established for the 07-08 Annual Troop Program Planning Conference. With the upcoming hike, the planning of 07-08 year will be re-scheduled.

Catering Report:

Dolly was complemented on the success and good turnout of the Father and Son dinner last week. For the Court of Honor on February 21st, Kim will get a cake and the Dolly will provide the drinks, paper goods and tablecloths.

Other Business:

New lightweight tents are needed for the up-coming backpacking trip. The lighter the tent, the more costly it will be.

The trailer will need a new home within the next year. It is a wood trailer, and has always been stored in a garage.

Michael Diekman, Mike Izumi and the Hoffmans will need to take Youth Leader Protection Training in order to be able to lead outings.

Mike Izumi is planning on taking the younger Scouts on a hike on February 24th. The tentative plan is to meet at the park at 6:45 am. More info to follow.

Meeting ended at 9:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by S. Mouradian on 2/13/07.