

Minutes of the VHC Troop 125 Committee Meeting of April 9, 2007

The meeting began at approximately 7:20 pm at the Mouradian residence.

Senior Patrol Leader Report:

The Troop is primarily working on first aid skills and preparing for the upcoming backpack outing. The older Scouts are teaching the younger Scouts First Aid. The focus will be the basics - shock, hurry cases, heat stroke, etc. to prepare them for summer camp.

In terms of getting ready for the outing, the Troop has already been given instruction on backpacking and they know how to pack. Their gear will be checked prior to the trip. The troop is also doing meal planning where the older Scouts are providing assistance to the younger Scouts.

Scoutmaster Report:

On March 17th and 18th the Scouts hiked to Gould Mesa. They hiked a total of 8 miles. The trip was fun and the food was abundant. A very nice campfire was built where they played the "Mr. Perfect" game. The Scout slept in the newly purchased tents.

It was suggested that the troop purchase two to three small stoves because there is always some confusion as to who will need to bring them. Does each Scout need to own one? The patrol box does have an aluminum teapot and other utensils. The patrol box should have the stoves too. There are a variety of stoves to choose from in a variety of prices. Sometimes up to 3 stoves are needed to cook for everyone at the same time. The smaller propane stoves do pose some danger but everyone must be careful around fires. The preference, of course, is to cook on the campfire.

There are three patrol boxes with the Thompson's and one with the Van Amburg's.

Equipment and packing is still an issue with the Scouts. The backpacks are too heavy and the quantity of food is too much. The Scouts have been taught the five compartments of packing. More time and attention needs to be given to meal preparation and sticking to a food budget. It would be helpful to give them sample meals and have them calculate the quantity needed and cost per meal.

The younger Scouts are currently practicing the flag ceremony and marching.

Committee Chair Report:

New boards have been purchased and plaques are being created for the Eagle Scouts.

We are also looking for a new "Committee Chair". Some names were suggested.

Treasurer/Camp Report:

We current have \$ 6,604.19 in the account. We have purchased 6 tents at \$140 each. The new tents weigh about 8 lbs and easily sleep three people.

May 1st is the due date for the next payment for summer camp. The Troop will not be paying for the adults who will be going Camp Whitsett this summer. The cost for each adult is about \$200. There are 4 adults going so a total of \$800 is needed.

Which adults paid for their camp, last year, besides Peter Thompson? Debbie will find out for next meeting.

Membership/Advancement Report:

No new members in the horizon. We do need to invite the Cub Scouts to a Scout meeting. There are two second-year Webelos at this time. It would be nice to invite them to Little Jimmy and make it a day trip for them. Need to contact Judy Rezvani.

There will be Court of Honor on June 2nd. The Varga's are still working on a date for their Court of Honor. Kim has been working on the Eagle Scout plaques. We have 9 boards available at this time.

The Mother and Son dinner will be May 16th. Flyers need to go out so people can begin to RSVP.

Other Business:

There are two Scouts who have met the qualification requirements to sit for election for the Order of the Arrow. No election has been scheduled with the lodge at this time.

We need to set a date for the backpacking trip in July.

The next committee meeting will be on May 14th at 7:00 pm at the Thompson residence.

Meeting ended at 8:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by S. Mouradian on 4/13/07.