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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Joe Layden.

**Mr. Edwards** – Passed out a flyer with information on an upcoming class from The Community Emergency Response Team Program (CERT). The program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills.

**Advancements** – There are 14 boards scheduled for our Aug. 10 meeting so there is an increased need for volunteers. Please contact Amanda Brown if you can help. [mandabrown703@gmail.com](mailto:mandabrown703@gmail.com)

**Triathlon** – Our annual troop triathlon is scheduled for Saturday, August 15. Please contact Joe Layden asap if your Scout is planning to participate and you have not already registered. Mike Lovelace is still willing to run the prep bike ride for anyone who is interested on Saturday, August 8. Please contact him directly if interested.

**Campouts** – There is no campout scheduled for August. The September campout will be September 18-20 at El Rancho Cima. The troop will be climbing and using the rappelling wall. Departure is tentatively scheduled for 5pm on Friday with return on Sunday afternoon.

**Fall vs. Winter Camp** – There was an opportunity to discuss the possibility of the troop attending a Winter camp this year vs. Fall. The Fall camp, which the troop has done for the past 10 years, is held the week of the Thanksgiving break with scouts leaving on Friday and returning home on either Tuesday or Wednesday before Thanksgiving Day. The Winter camps are scheduled this year for Dec. 26-Dec. 30 at Camp Bovay or Dec 19-23 at Lost Pines. There were a few comments, but no decision has yet been made about which camp the troop will plan to attend this year.

**Troop Organization Workshop (TOW)** – On August 17 at the troop meeting, the scouts will be conducting the first phase of the annual TOW. This includes collecting ideas for monthly themes for each month's meetings, monthly campouts and other scouting events. Please make sure your Scout is aware of this activity on the 17<sup>th</sup> as only those who attend the meeting will have a chance to provide input on troop activities for the upcoming year.

**Flag Fundraiser** – Patriot Day Flag Duty is Wednesday September 9 and Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Remember that each Scout must participate in two holiday flag distributions. So, if your son has not done either of the two earlier holidays this year, he must help out on Patriot Day. Paul Nguyen will be emailing the troop with more information as we approach the holiday.

**Scoutmaster/Notes** – Mr. Sambell passed out an updated roster and asked parents to provide any new or changed information. For example, many Scouts will be attending a new school this year so if you have this or any other change to submit, please email Mr. Sambell.

He mentioned the idea of purchasing a CPR mannequin for the troop to use in training purposes. Many merit badges require the scout to be familiar with the current requirements for CPR and having a mannequin to use in-house would be convenient. Ms. Anguiano and Mr. McGeehee will research opportunities for a mannequin donation.

**New leadership** – Reed Blanchard was introduced as the new Senior Patrol Leader. Reed is an incoming freshman at Clear Lake High School, participates in the band and robotics, and has just completed his Eagle project. Reed would like the troop leadership to create traditions each term, as well as provide the incoming leadership with a firm background before they begin a new term. He also wants the meetings to be fun for all Scouts. Other troop leadership includes: Service – Samuel McBurnett; Camping – JT Rourke; Meetings Chandra Fincke. There are also still many opportunities for other scouts to take on important roles within the troop such as Historian, Website, Librarian, Quartermaster, and Troop Guides. Scouts should contact a Scoutmaster if they would like to perform any of these jobs. These are not elected positions, but are very important and provide a great opportunity for leadership.

**Hobby airport/aviation badge** – On September 5 Hobby Air Museum will offer an opportunity to earn the Aviation merit badge. An email has been forwarded with the details. Also, Mr. Sambell has invited interested Scouts to visit a Southwest Airlines hangar on Friday, September 4 to watch the overnight maintenance on a Boeing 737. The group is limited to 25 scouts, so please email Mr. Sambell asap if interested.

**Upcoming Eagle Project** - Samuel McBurnett provided information about his upcoming Eagle project which will be to clean up and rebuild the area behind the garage at UBC. He will fix the fence, remove all trash and weeds and

**build a storage area for our troop spars for better organization during loading and unloadings. There are two work days scheduled as noted in the calendar below.**

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**Calendar**

**August 8 – Philmont Prep Hike**

**August 10 - Troop Meeting**

**August 15 – Troop Triathlon**

**August 17 – Troop meeting/Blue Card deadline for Court of Honor awards**

**August 22 - S. McBurnett Eagle Project Workday #1**

**August 24 – Troop Meeting/Court of Honor**

**August 31 – Troop Meeting**

**September 7 – Labor Day Holiday – No Troop Meeting**

**September 12 - S. McBurnett Eagle Project Workday #2**

**September 14 – Troop and Monthly Parent Meeting**

**September 21 -Troop Meeting**

**September 28 – Troop Meeting**

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**Adjourned at 7:50 pm**

**Suzanne Sambell**

**Troop 870 Secretary \_**

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