

Troop 870 Parent Meeting Minutes August 1, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Joe Layden

Troop Triathlon - The troop triathlon is scheduled for Saturday, August 27 from 7:00 -10:30 am. Joe has emailed the registration form along with the bike routes and other needed information. Additional adult volunteers are still needed, especially along the bike course.

Trailer Replacement – A vote was taken earlier this year to approve the sale of the troop’s smaller trailer to replace it with a larger one. The plan has been revised to sell the old large trailer and purchase another large trailer, but keeping our small trailer which is preferable to use for many of our campouts that don’t require a lot of additional equipment. This was discussed and there were no objections to this plan.

Flag Project/Patriots Day – Flags will be put out on September 7th and will need to be brought in September 14th to our subscribers for the Patriots Day holiday. **If a Scout has not participated in either of this year’s Flag events, they are required to work the remaining two – Patriot’s Day and Veteran’s Day.** Erich Klein will be sending out additional information about the flag schedule so please be aware of this. We must ensure that each Scout is delivering all the flags on his assigned route. If you have questions, or any issues with your routes during delivery, please contact the Flag Coordinator as soon as possible. The troop should not be receiving phone calls from subscribers asking why they did not get their flag or why their flag was not picked up.

Troop Treasurer/Financial Update – Our treasurer of several years, Michelle Croce, has stepped down. Congratulations and many thanks to Steve Bernay, who has agreed to serve as 870’s Treasurer. Additional authorized check signers will include Steve Sambell, Amanda Brown and Mike Marston.

Service Projects – There are two upcoming Eagle projects. No other outside service projects are planned for this month.

Campouts – There will not be an August campout. September’s campout will be September 16-18 at Tellepsen Scout Camp at Bovay Scout Ranch. Possible activities include shooting sports and climbing.

Required Troop Committee Positions Need Replacements - There are still two important volunteer positions that must be filled. The two gentlemen who have filled these positions for the past 3-4 years are going to be leaving the troop soon and we must find a successor while they are still here to learn from.

Outdoor Activity Committee: Held by Joe Layden currently. Joe is more than willing to share his wealth of knowledge about the logistics and coordination of troop campouts and outdoor events.

Troop Committee Chair: Currently held by Mike Marston. Mike ensures that leaders and committee members have training opportunities, interprets local and national Scout policies,

works closely with the Scoutmaster in preparing Troop Committee meetings, and presides over monthly unit meetings.

Please contact Joe, Mike or Steve Sambell if you can take on either of these important positions.

Eagle Project Presentations – There are two Scouts planning their Eagle project for the next month.

Matt Estes - Matt will be designing and building a support system and pitched roof structure for a large pavilion at the Habitat for Horses in Hitchcock. His first workday will be Sunday, August 21 and will need approximately 30 volunteers to help with digging the holes for the support poles. There will be several additional workdays probably in September. Matt will be sending an email soon with detailed volunteer information.

Chris Layden – Chris’s project is at UBC. He will be renovating an outdoor storage area near the church’s kitchen. Plans are to remove the current items, clean and dig out the entire area. To complete the project, he is planning to install brick in a portion of the area, add gravel to the remaining area, building a slope to keep the area dry. His first workday is Saturday, August 13 7:00am-3pm for the cleaning and digging. He is need of 15-20 Scouts to help. The second workaday is Sunday, August 20. Chris will also be sending an email with volunteer details.

Please be sure to have your Scout volunteer to help with these Eagle projects. Some of the tasks may be restricted to older scouts but there are also opportunities for the younger Scouts.

Scoutmaster /SPL/Steve Sambell-Mr. Sambell introduced Jack Roark as the new Senior Patrol Leader (SPL). Jack is a 10th grader at Clear Falls High School and served as Quartermaster and a patrol leader. His leadership team includes Karo Oghomi - Service ASPL, Chandra Fincke – Camping ASPL, Cole Klein – Meetings ASPL, Peter Bernay – Librarian and Zach Sambell - Order of the Arrow representative. There are several leadership positions still open, interested Scouts should email Jack at jackroark17@gmail.com. These new leaders will be coordinating the upcoming troop calendar, along with adult leadership supervision, and the new calendar should be completed within the next few weeks.

Steve gave his thanks to all those who helped coordinate this summer’s activities. David Colling for Twilight camp and the June campout, and Matt and Jennifer McBurnett for all their hours spent coordinating summer camp. Thanks to Joe Layden for his many hours organizing the trip to Philmont and the other ASMs who attended Philmont - Al Estes, Chris Lupo and Jim Hobstetter as well as himself. The Philmont experience was a good one and the troop will plan to go again in 2018.

Steve noted the elections for the new troop leadership went very well. For all those Scouts who are now in a position of leadership, they will be expected to complete our Troop Leadership Training (TLT). This is approximately six hours of training in the expectations for troop leaders. This could be held as early as August 4 or 5, details on dates and time will be sent as soon as they are finalized.

Also, if your Scout would like to be considered for senior patrol leader positions they must attend NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training). Registration is now open for the winter session which is Dec. 18-23 at Bovay Scout Ranch. Scouts must have First Class rank and be at least 14 years old to attend.

Upcoming camps - Fall Camp – the location has not yet been decided, but the dates should be Nov. 18-23. The troop is currently planning to attend the High Adventure camp – Northern Tier in Minnesota in summer of 2017. We have one full crew but would like to have more Scouts attend. Please let Mr. Sambell know if you are interested in participating. Scouts must have completed 8th grade, be at least 14 years old and First Class rank.

Finally he noted that many younger Scouts are coming to the monthly campouts, and hopes to see continued high attendance in the coming year, but he needs to have more of the older Scouts participate.

[Advancements](#) – Please have any completed Merit badge information to Amanda Brown ASAP in order to have your advancements ready for the Court of Honor on August 22. In preparation for the Court of Honor there are a large number of Boards of Review scheduled for the meeting on August 8. We will need many volunteers to help us complete these.

[Court of Honor](#) – Bernadette Bennett, Troop Hospitality Chair, noted that she will be sending out the requests for food for the event.

[Calendar](#)

August 8 – Troop Meeting @ 7pm

August 13 – Workday for Chris Layden Eagle Project @UBC

August 15 – Troop Meeting @7pm

August 20 - Workday for Chris Layden Eagle Project @UBC

August 21 – Workday for Matt Estes Eagle Project @ Habitat for Horses in Hitchcock

August 22 – Troop Court of Honor in UBC Chapel @ 7 pm

August 27 – Troop Triathlon @ Brookwood Pool 7-10:30 am

August 28 – Scout Day with Houston Astros

August 29 – Troop Meeting @ 7 pm

September 5 – Labor Day Holiday – No Troop Meeting

September 7 – Flags go out for Patriot Day

September 12 – Troop Meeting @7pm

September 14 – Flags Picked up and returned to storage

September 16-18 – Troop Campout at Tellepsen Scout Camp @ Bovay

September 19 – Troop Meeting @7pm

September 26 – Troop Meeting @7pm

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 pm