

Troop 270 Committee Meeting Highlights Tuesday, November 29, 2011

Motions Approved

- Minutes of the October 25, 2011, Troop Committee meeting approved as corrected.
- That the Troop meetings scheduled on the third week of the month, January – March 2012, be designated as ‘open house’ events for visiting Webelos and their parents. (Dates: January 17, February 21, and March 20.)
- Via electronic vote held in advance of the meeting, the Troop Committee approved a refined proposal for camping trip/outing reimbursements. This policy is attached to this document and will be incorporated into materials distributed to Troop members (leaders, committee, parents, Scouts) on at least an annual basis. In addition, parents may be asked to ‘sign off’ on the policy on at least an annual basis, with the record kept in the permission/med form binder.

Other Significant and Time-Sensitive Matters Discussed

- **Congratulations to Eric Strong and Grant Hooper** : Both Scouts passed their Eagle Boards of Review and have received official confirmation from National. The Troop has, in the past, paid for 5 year memberships in the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) at a cost of \$25 per Scout. Rates have increased but a new ‘Special’ rate of \$20 gives membership in NESA to a Scout until age 23. The Troop Committee agreed by acclamation to approve the Troop’s payment of such a ‘Special’ application membership in NESA for all Scouts within Troop 270 attaining Eagle effective immediately.
- **Winter Court of Honor:** The next Court of Honor has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, at PRCA. All Scoutmaster Conferences, Boards of Review, and completed merit badge blue cards must be completed/submitted on or before December 6 in order to be awarded at the Court of Honor.
- **Christmas Tree Collection – Service Project/Fundraiser:** This activity was previously approved by the Committee. There was a lot of discussion about logistics and how to market and implement this approved service project/fundraiser. Jackie Picton, not present at the meeting, will be contacted to get further information and details on how to conduct this activity. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING SOON.
- **Popcorn Sales:** The troop still has a large amount of unsold inventory which could not be returned to Council because the cases had been opened. This un-returnable excess was directly related to allowing Scouts to ‘check out’ popcorn for individual show-and-sell events, since cases were then opened. Angella Hollar and Dan Hopcus are working to find other venues where popcorn can be sold (perhaps at Christmas Tree vendor sites) over the December 9-11 weekend. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING SOON.
- **Calendar:** Saturday, December 3: Leadership training event for new leaders, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the YMCA, 7770 N. Shannon. Participants should respond to Scoutmaster Niemeyer ASAP. Tuesday, December 6: Troop will plan for possible ‘snow camping’ this winter. Friday – Sunday, December 9-11: Possible popcorn show-and-sell and/or neighborhood sweep events. **Tuesday, December 13: COURT OF HONOR, 7 p.m. at PRCA** with Hunter Guerin and

David Soltero coordinating. Saturday, December 17, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.: Trailer clean-up/inventory at PRCA.

- **Troop Committee Positions:** Several openings remain for adult leadership positions within the troop. Interested adults should contact Dan Hopcus ASAP for information.
- **Treasurer's Report:** As of meeting date, November 29, 2011, the following balances were reported:
 - Bank of America checking: \$2,613.66
 - Registration: \$23.70
 - Sundry: \$136.88
- **Journey to Excellence:** Troop 270 achieved GOLD status for 2011 with a total of 1,625 points in 11 of 13 categories as required.
- **Committee Meeting Minutes:** The official minutes, to be distributed prior to the next meeting in January, will include information about other discussions.
- **Next Troop 270 Committee meeting: TO BE DETERMINED.** The incoming Committee chair will be asked to consider a change in schedule so that the Committee does NOT meet on the same night as the PLC, since this causes inconvenience to those parents whose Scouts do not serve on the PLC. If the current schedule is maintained for at least January, the meeting will be held on the 4th Tuesday: January 24th.

Transportation Policy as Approved by Troop 270 Committee:

It is important to note that this “refined” policy does NOT affect the transportation charges for any previous events—the most obvious being the Camporee.

- Scouts whose parents are driving will NOT be charged the \$5.00 transportation fee. (All other scouts will be charged.)
- Adults providing transportation for only their scout(s)/family will NOT be eligible for transportation reimbursement from the troop.
- Adults transporting ANY scouts (including just their own) must communicate with the adult leader who is coordinating the transportation for any given event. This will assure that all the scout/troop needs can be planned for and accounted for.
- Any adult who is eligible for transportation reimbursement must request such reimbursement from the troop committee. This is necessary because some parents choose to donate their transportation and thus do not desire reimbursement.
- The reimbursable amount is calculated at the current amount allowable by the IRS for charitable mileage (currently \$0.14/mile) from Pushe Ridge Christian Academy to the event site.
- All adults providing transportation for ANY scout other than their own must provide the troop with the necessary proof of insurance-meeting the recommendations as set forth by the BSA. (Individual Automotive liability insurance recommendations may be found online at:
<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/Alerts/Insurance.aspx>