

Troop 154 Committee Meeting
August 23, 2005
Community Church of Durham

Attending: *Ron Rodgers, Bob Gearheart, Mike Snelling, Seshu Putcha, Brenda Mullaney*
Eagle Scout candidate ~ Corey Snelling

Start: 7:04pm meeting called to order

Agenda: Review of previous meeting minutes; accepted, no changes to June 14, 2005 minutes.

Chairman Address: Bob extended invitation to two individuals in an effort to fill the openings on the troop committees: Adult Leader Training and Fundraising Chairpersons. Bob attended Ideal Year Training session offered by DWC on 7/13/05. Program emphasis: budget planning and popcorn sales.

Scoutmaster Address: Ron attended the District Roundtable on 8/11/05. Popcorn fundraising effort begins in September. Troop will participate in "Show N' Sell" program. District communicated information pertaining to popcorn sales deadlines. Troops who miss deadlines will forfeit percentage of financial contributions from district to the troop. Popcorn to be picked up at UNH on 9/16/05. Seek assistance in facilitating pick up as group is headed to West Point, NY that evening.

Regarding Adult Leader Training; there is a matrix/DWC training schedule. Training pertaining to youth protection, new leader essentials are available and Ron/Bob will review with the Adult Leader Chairperson, to be determined. Depending on the topic/number of people requiring training on particular topics the district may arrange to travel to troop location. Training sessions will be offered during future roundtable meetings.

Ron indicated that the PLC has completed the annual program calendar and Ron will distribute once it is received from the PLC. Ron will communicate the information in a future troop newsletter.

Summer camp 2005 at Hidden Valley was deemed a success. Ron will work with Jim H. to make changes to the registration/medical form process. Some of the scouts have expressed an interest in Camp Bell in addition to Hidden Valley next year. Ron will follow up with the PLC to assess the interest of attending Camp Bell in 2006. The camp experience uses the full patrol model so would need to have 6-8 scouts attend. Need a commitment of 2 adult leaders for the week.

Our troop needs adult support:

Adult Training Chair	To assist with the coordination of adult training activities
Fundraising Chair	To assist with activities associated with Popcorn and the Christmas tree sales which are the troops major fundraising events
Events Coordinator	To organize/plan Courts of Honor, Eagle Courts of Honor, picnics and other important troop events

If you know of anyone who may be interested in volunteering to assist please contact Bob/Ron.

Junior Leadership Training to take place fall/spring. Ron working with Casey S. ~ potential fall program covering Boy Scouts 401 – basic essentials, mission, means, methods...potential spring program incorporating teambuilding/leadership skills.

Upcoming Activities:

9/7/05	First Troop Meeting (elections, new patrols)
9/16/05 – 9/18/05	US Military Academy, West Point, NY Trip ~ 4 open slots. \$70.00 per person. Scouts who are interested should bring \$\$\$ and sign up by 9/7/05.
7/23/06 – 7/29/06	2006 Hidden Valley Summer Camp Dates

Committee Reports:

Finance: Nancy Clarke indicated that there were no updated financial reports for this month.

Newsletter: Please note new website address - <http://www.troop154bsa.org>
Parent newsletters and committee meeting minutes to be posted online.

Advancement: Seshu P. indicated that he is seeking pink forms to update advancements. Needs information on new scouts who crossed over.

Quartermaster: Not present, No report. General discussion that having a quartermaster within each patrol may help ensure that equipment is returned. Ron to discuss with PLC.

Health & Safety: Not present, No report.

Adult Leader Training: Not present, No report. Note: Troop Committee is seeking an adult volunteer for this position.

Chaplain, DCC, Pastor Mary Westfall: Not present, no report.

Membership: No report.

Fundraising: No report. Bob indicated that he would contact Conley Tree Farm to confirm order and would pass this information onto the chairperson (to be determined). Note: Troop Committee is seeking an adult volunteer for this position.

Eagle Advisor: Corey Snelling attended the meeting and presented his Eagle Scout proposal to the troop committee. Corey plans on building 5 picnic tables for placement at Moharimet Elementary School. Corey's project plan was reviewed and approved by Dennis Harrington as the school representative. The committee approved the proposal. Corey will likely present his proposal on 9/28/05 to council.

Old Business:

Steve F. friend is associated with Copes Course in Northwood area may be a good resource.

New Business:

The Troop received \$100.00 donation from the Durham Landlords Association. Ron/Bob to generate thank you note. Ron will forward DWC newsletter information to troop committee members interested in receiving this newsletter. Goal is to post troop information at location to be determined so that parents can review at a glance. Ron briefed group on Durham Community Church usage agreement.

Adjourn: 8:12pm

Next committee meeting Tuesday, September 13, 2005 at 7:00pm at the Durham Community Church (DCC)

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Mullaney, Secretary