

Troop 154, BSA Durham, NH

TROOP COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2005

Committee Members in Attendance: Bob Gearheart, Chairman; Ron Rodgers; Ken Hochgraf; Tim Horton; Jim Hewitt; Ed Vallery; Debbie Zarembo; Sally Hochgraf; Fred Hochgraf; Tom Richardson; Brenda Mullaney
Guest: Debra Bauder ~ Durham Community Church (DCC) Chair of the Board of Stewards

I. **Meeting called to order** at 7:02pm

II. Bob Gearheart, Chairman introduced Debra Bauder. Debra addressed the committee indicating that DCC is seeking a voluntary contribution by the troop to off-set operating costs impacting the church buildings.

Debra indicated that they are seeking fees from all of their sponsored and non-sponsored organizations that use the building. The committee discussed at length the implications of this request and decided on the following:

Motion: The troop will provide a one time gift to the DCC, of the net proceeds from the sale of the first 25 Christmas trees, as a voluntary contribution to the DCC. **Motion Accepted by committee.**

III. **Minutes of September 13, 2005**, reviewed and approved without change

IV. **Chairman's Report:**

- Updated Christmas tree Breakdown as follows:
250 Balsam Fir (# 2 & #3), 50 Fraser Firs (#2)

V. **Scoutmaster's Report:**

- Christmas Tree Campout – November 18-20, 2005, campout, hike Blue Job Mountain, Weblos welcome with parent volunteer
- Annual Program Calendar distributed
- DCC Fall Clean-up Day – Saturday, November 12, 2005, 9:00am-noon
- Collopy Family provided gift of a cook kit to the troop in appreciation of Brian's scouting experience.
- Durham Library provided letter of appreciation to troop
- Daniel Webster Council e-letter link for council information
<http://www.dwcbsa.org/resources/eletter/index.htm>
- CPR/First Aid Recertification classes at UNH, 10/21 and 11/18

VI. **Roundtable Report:**

- Summer Camp kick-off meeting Tuesday, November 15, 2005 to be attended by Ron and Jim. Potential of our troop to participate in 3 different programs this summer at camp; Hidden Valley and Camp Bell and the Valley Voyager program.

Motion: Move next committee meeting to Monday, November 14, 2005. **Motion accepted by the committee**

- Internet Rechartering – Ron and Membership Chair to attend next roundtable meeting Thursday, November 10, 2005. Ron indicated that Merit Badge Counselor list will be in a computerized format. Ron to distribute.
- **Motion:** That the troop will participate in the Scouting for Food Program – bag distribution (11/12), food collection (11/20) and will donate the food to the DCC pantry for distribution. **Motion accepted by the committee.**

VI. **Fundraising:**

- **Popcorn Sales:**

Forms are due back on Tuesday, October 26, 2005.

Motion: That the troop will decide each September as to the allocation/contribution of popcorn sales to remain with the troop and with the scout. **Motion accepted by the committee.**

o **Christmas Tree Sales:**

- o Ken - trucking
- o Jim - tour permit
- o Bob - driver
- o Bob indicated that Dave/Chuck/Roger have been contacted
- o Bob/Ken to speak with Marty Conley for referrals of potential tree vendor for the future

VII. **Collection of Overdue Summer Camp Payment:**

Ron to communicate with a troop family re: summer camp overdue payment. Troop paid for scout as scout had not cancelled from camp. Ron will provide troop with updated status at next troop committee meeting.

Motion: Any scout not paid in full by 5/15 will be dropped from the camp roster

Motion accepted by the committee.

VIII. **Committee Reports:**

Finance: Report submitted by Nancy Clarke. Committee Reviewed.

Ken received an anonymous \$50.00 cash gift, by an individual outside of the troop, after learning about DCC space issues. Brenda to deliver \$50.00 in cash to Nancy.

Motion: That the troop will place the \$50.00 in a reserve account that will be passed onto the church in the form of a gift. **Motion accepted by the committee.**

Ken recommended that we transfer scout fund balances into the Scout Share closeout account as these scouts are no longer active in the troop: Blake, Borchers, Collopy, B., Comtois, Hoffman, Morse and Wilcox.

Motion: To transfer the sum total of \$205.63 from the six scout accounts into the share closeout account. **Motion accepted by the committee.**

Newsletter: No report

Advancement: No report

Quartermaster: No report, Bob commented that a tent will be returned from troop family.

Health & Safety: No report

Adult Leader Training: Bob commented that Casey will be working on training for scouts and leaders.

Eagle Advisor: Ken indicated that Sam's Board of Review will be in November. Corey has resubmitted his plan to Moharimet. Ken will be working with other scouts on an individual basis.

IX. **Old Business:**

Regarding fundraising ~ Debbie is seeking Christmas tree sources as troop has learned that Conley Farm may not be selling trees after this year.

Thank you to Bob for coordinating the West Point trip.

X. **New Business:**

Tim reported that the pack had a successful summer with programs and recruited new scouts ~12 Tigers and 6 Wolves into the pack. Indicated that it would be helpful to get more involvement by Den Chiefs to bridge the connection.

Committee requested specific dates/time of pack events so that could be discussed with PLC and better coordinate assigning scouts to help pack.

Tim indicated that adult leadership is the biggest challenge that the pack faces currently. Indicated that they would be having a parent meeting in combination with a pack meeting to seek adult assistance with the pack.

XI. **Meeting Adjourned at 8:58pm.**

Next Meeting: Monday, November 14, 2005