Riverside Troop 24

September, 2015 Committee Meeting Minutes

Present: N. Hopkins, J. Flaherty, C. Anderson, T. Hartwig, J. Janopolous, M. Murphy, R. Salij, R. Rogers, S. Lynch, C. Staubus, L. Sanduski, J. Fedorski, S. Lanken, D. Gmitro, K. Johnson

**Minutes:** No minutes were taken at the May Meeting/Dinner

**Treasure’s Report:** A draft budget was presented by C. Anderson and several items were discussed. It was decided that the following items will be budgeted:

* Tents/Equipment Expenditure = $1000
* Cooking/Camping Equipment Expenditure = $500
* New Scout Materials = $750
* Chartered Organization Contribution = $500
* Will budget for the same Pancake Breakfast income.

A final budget to be presented at the October Meeting

**Scoutmaster Report:**

*Camp Tesomas:* T. Hartwig reported that Troop 24 has reserved Camp Tesomas for July 17-23, 2016. The 2015 summer camp was a successful week with 48 scouts although seemed to be an inordinate amount of visits to the infirmary, none serious. The weather was good all week. The troop needs a new First Aid Kit. (N. Hopkins will donate a new First Aid kit.) The troop completed 91 MB, 60 partials and 12 Scoutmaster Conferences. Could have had additional adult leaders from mid-week on. The food and medical staff were a bit lacking this year. A few suggestions for Camp 2016:

* Parental contact with scouts is highly discouraged to avoid homesickness
* Cards with activity schedules and sessions should be made, laminated and put on a lanyard
* Record the scouts’ total camping nights, First Aid MB on the cards.

*Indiana Dunes:* T. Hartwig reported that the Dunes campout had a small but fun group of scouts. The weekend was rainy and there were encounters with wildlife. This was an unstructured campout and the scouts especially enjoyed playing Capture the Flag.

**High Adventure Reports**

*Seabase:* M. Murphy reported that the scouts had a great time and there were no issues to report. There was good weather and one participant caught a shark. M. Murphy would recommend the scuba diving adventure in the future over the sailboat adventure.

*Porcupine Mtn Hiking:* J. Flaherty reported that the ten scouts who went on the backcountry hiking trip reported having a great time. No Troop 24 Adult leaders accompanied the crew, which was led by two Tesomas leaders. The scouts would be interested in taking another backcountry hiking adventure together.

*Next Summer Opportunities:* K. Johnson reported that Camp Tesomas will be offering two other adventures next summer, Apostle Islands kayaking and Isle Royale backcountry hiking. K. Johnson will discuss with the *Star and Above* group and report back.

**Fall Outing**

*Kankakee River State Park*: September 9-11. There are seven scouts and two leaders registered. The troop will camp Friday night, canoe the river on Saturday and return Saturday evening.

*Camp Inferno*: October 9-11. There are 18 scouts currently registered and the troop needs more leaders.

*COURT OF HONOR*: October 29.

*Waterfall Glen*: November. Hiking and Orienteering requirements and complete Cooking MB. J. Janopoulos to reserve a campsite if available and report back on the date.

*Holiday Stroll*: December 4: We will need adult volunteers to coordinate with Riverside Garage and set up the fire pits and S’Mores. Volunteers?

*Troop Party*: December 11. To be discussed further.

*Vertical Endeavors*: December 12. Vertical Endeavors offers the climbing MB. The program runs from 8 am to 1pm.

*Luge Outing*: D. Gmitro to research dates and specifics and report back.

*Ski Trip*: February. K. Johnson to discuss another Chestnut trip with the *Star and Above* group.

**Service Projects**

*Honor Flight:* September 30 at Midway Airport to honor and welcome WWII vets returning from their trip to Washington D.C. and the war memorial.

*Feed6:* October 17. Sign up on the Troop web site and S. Lynch will coordinate with the organization.

**Eagle Projects**

R. Rogers reported on the progress of Eagle candidates. Two scouts are ready for Scoutmaster Conferences. Four scouts have completed their projects and working on MBs. Six scouts are on the radar. Will F. has an ongoing project to restore the Scout Cabin that will take many hours of work. The Eagle committee is in need of coaches.

***Leadership Transition:***T. Hartwig reported that he has chosen to step down from the Scoutmaster position and assume an Assistant SM role. He described the role, duties and commitment of the SM. Anyone who wants to know more or volunteer for the position should talk to him or N. Hopkins.

N. Hopkins announced that this will be her last year as Committee Chairperson and she will stay on to train the new person.

L. Gomorzcak will be stepping down as the Summer Camp coordinator.

R. Hosek and N. Henderson have agreed to Co-Chair the 2016 Pancake Breakfast.