



TROOP 209 CATALINA COUNCIL, TUCSON, ARIZONA



Committee Meeting Notes January 5, 2009

The following are highlights from the Committee Meeting held for Troop 209 on January 5, 2009 at SEAS:

Special Congradulations!!!

Scout Master Mike Knutson was selected to receive the Silver Beaver award at the Council Volunteer Recognition Dinner. *This event is scheduled for January 23rd, 7:00 PM, at the Hilton Tucson East, 7600 E. Broadway. Mike, his wife, John Longhofer, is wife, Doug Rivard, and his wife plan on attending from the Troop.*

While not mentioned at the meeting, John Longhofer passed this info on: A table of 10 can be reserved and there is a \$2.50 per person savings! We only need 4 more from the troop. Final RSVP January 18th. See http://www.catalinacouncil.org/events/2009_Council_Dinner.pdf

Event Debriefs

Several events were held since the December 8th Committee Meeting and the following was discussed regarding the events:

12/8 – Court of Honor: The event went well with several positive comments. However, some advancements were missed. The following suggestions were made:

- Set a date that the last advancements would be recognized for the Court of Honor.
- Have only one list circulated for review of the advancements/recognitions
- Have a final audit at least a week before the Court of Honor

A suggestion was also made to have the Senior Patrol Leader work with the speakers more so that there is sufficient review and practice of the script.

Christmas Tree Sales: This year the Troop participated in the sale of Christmas Trees with the NW YMCA. In summary, the troop made approximately \$500 that would be divided among the participating scouts. Dave Tast has the listing of the participating scouts and will be forwarding it to the troop. A rough estimate is that the scouts would receive approximately \$15 into their account.

The event was new to the troop and there were some uncertainties in how long the sale was to go on. A discussed third week of sales that would have netted greater profit for the troop wasn't held with the sales ending on December 15th. Those who participated said they enjoyed the work. There were some issues with scheduling/cancellations and some scouts not being able to get time at the site.

The troop will revisit this fund raiser this fall with the consensus of the Committee to review the goals of the sales and to coordinate earlier with the YMCA if we decide to participate again.

12/16 - Pack 212 Crossover: Sam Cox said that the cross over was a very special event and appreciated Troop 209's participation. Mikey Schuh, Adam Contrades, Mike Knutson, and John Longhofer were present from the Troop. Some suggestions for the next crossover ceremony the scouts participate in:

- Have a presentation ready prior to attending the ceremony so that the scouts have an idea of what might be expected of them.
- Have more notice so that there is more time to prepare for what will be asked of the scouts
- Time to discuss how the scouts will participate in the ceremony the Pack would be conducting.
- Review sample crossover ceremonies from on-line sources.

12/29 – 12/30 – Scout Camp at Double V: Four scouts participated in this camp: Will Madson, Chris Pederson, David Ogden, and Adam Contrades. Greg Ogden provided Mike Knutson with the full attendance list for data entry into TroopMaster. The event went well

- Chris Pederson also attended another camp at Double V on December 23rd.

Near Term Events

1/12 – Scout Elections: Are planned. *Max Jimenez provided Joe Vaskovic with two forms regarding Troop Leadership that will be presented at the next Committee Meeting.*

1/17 – Robert Cavazos Eagle Court of Honor: The Troop is invited and it will be held 1/17, 11:00 AM at SEAS with lunch to follow. RSVP by 1/9 to rbcavazos@msn.com

1/23 – 1/25 Parker Canyon Campout: Several items were discussed regarding the campout:

- Several adults said that they would attend. Mike Knutson and John Longhofer would be there, but come to camp on the Saturday.
- Chris Pendleton would get the permit.
 - Dave Ammons will be the senior adult listed on the permit.
- The campsite had been reserved.
- Cold weather equipment was discussed and the handbook will be reviewed to see if a listing is available. Mostly, having a second, DRY set of clothes is important as well as gloves and hat.
 - Louis Pieper said he might have a list available.
- A planning meeting will be held on 1/12 for the campout (no scout meeting 1/19)
 - An adult sign up sheet will be circulated
 - Adult duties will be added to the list
 - Blake Kelly volunteered to oversee the scouts in their activities with the webelos.
 - Adults may be purchasing their own food. Greg Ogden volunteered to purchase food for the adults.

- The Committee suggested that the event be brought up at Thursday's Cub Scout Round Table.
- The flyer was already circulated and may need to be circulated. An RSVP date of the 19th was suggested.
 - Flyer could be passed out at Round Table.
- Webelos need to have parent accompany them and there is no charge for them for food.
- Fly Fishing and Environmental Science Merit Badges will be continued at the camp. Those scouts not yet 14 don't need a fishing license. Those 14 and older do.
- Scouts will need to plan activities for the Webelos. Possibly activities that would work towards their pins.

Scoutmaster Update

Mike Knutson gave the following update:

- Webelos transitions will be coming up in February and the Troop will need to plan for having uniformed adults attend.
 - Lewis Pieper and David Task volunteered to oversee the organization of the troops participation at those events. Joe Vaskovic will coordinate with Lewis and David regarding a Webelos Transition handout he received at Scout Round Table in December.
- Parker Canyon was briefly discussed. Webelos need to be notified and cold weather equipment (warm/dry clothes) was talked about.
- **Summer Camp Date Changed!** July 12-18th is not available for Summer Camp as originally planned by the Troop. Alternatively, the dates **June 14-20th** were selected. Dave Ammons to check with Council on reserving sites.
- Troop is participating in Cavalcade June 26-July 4th.
- A new District Representative will be replacing Joe Daniszewski.

Future Events

The following future events were mentioned:

2/20-22 Service Camp, Oracle State Park - The site is reserved.

3/20-3/22 Camporee ??? The event is on our Troop calendar, but not on the Council calendar yet.

3/28 Scout Expos at Reid Park – Something the Troop's scouts need to plan for or at least think about participating. In the past, the troop has helped with Pack 209 activities.

4/17-4/19 Rucker Canyon – nothing to plan for yet.

Subcommittee Updates

- Adult BSA Youth protection Training was discussed. Jim Tarleton presented a list of who he does not yet have on record as taking the class. He needs a copy of the certificate for his records as proof of taking the class. This list will be sent to those who need to have the training.

- With a new year, some adults will need to renew their certification. Jim has those adults too and they will be notified.
- Steve Bersack mentioned Robert Cavazos Sr. is able to teach SEAS Youth Protection Training. Joe Vaskovic to contact Robert to see if a Monday night class can be set up.
- Ernie Vigil was not present to present a Treasurer's Report
- Personal Fitness, Family Life, Environmental Science, Fly Fishing, and Cycling are merit badges currently ongoing with adult supervision at the Troop.
 - Steve Bersack will be the Astronomy Merit Badge Coordinator.

Other Discussions

Guest Speakers

Guest speakers were discussed. An overriding concern was that the speaker fit a topic that is relevant to activities/merit badges that the troop working on. For example, February's theme is Service and Webelos so someone who could speak to that might work.

- Barbara Pieper had mentioned a speaker willing to talk to the scouts.
- Ed Madson mentioned that he knew of someone who could speak about Fire/Arson investigations

Cary Kelly said that the scouts would welcome speakers that would be interested in speaking to the scouts.

Speakers will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Joe Vaskovic suggested that whoever wishes to bring in a speaker should provide a little write-up that can be sent to the Committee and scouts so that they can decide either to invite or pass on the speaker. This would be done in advance of scheduling the talk.

Greeter

Joe Vaskovic brought up the issue that the Troop should have someone at the entrance of the Hall where the scouts meet to welcome visitors to the Troop and provide some direction as to who to see regarding different matters. For example, to direct someone to the Scout Master, Mike Knutson. Several adults said that they would be able to do that. Lewis Pieper suggested that an Assistant Scout Master be one. A greeter would be helpful in particular with the Webelos transitions coming up and new people visiting the Troop.

After a bit of discussion, the Committee decided to not have one particular greeter, but that those who volunteered will keep a lookout at the door and welcome those who are visiting.

Joe Vaskovic will revisit this topic to see that we are adequately addressing this issue.