



TROOP 209 CATALINA COUNCIL, TUCSON, ARIZONA



Committee Meeting Notes June 14, 2009

The following are highlights from the Committee Meeting held for Troop 209 on June 14, 2010 at SEAS:

Upcoming Events

- 6/13 – 19 Summer Camp at Camp Lawton – summer camp began this past Sunday with scouts leaving SEAS at noon for Camp Lawton on Mt. Lemmon. There were no issue with meeting at SEAS when mass was being held and there were enough drivers.
- 6/28 – 7/8 Northern Tier Update – There will be a meeting next Monday, June 21st for the Northern Tier group at SEAS at 7:00 PM. This is the last meeting prior to leaving on the 28th. Last minute details will be reviewed. There will NOT be a regular scout meeting next Monday.

Reports

- Charter Org Rep & Liaison – Harry Contrades reported that only one scout showed up on the June 6th workday at SEAS for the Knights of Columbus. Harry will contact the Knights to see when the next available date would be for the scouts to help the Knights out with cleanup around SEAS.

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a flag retirement ceremony this coming Sunday, June 20th after the 9:00 AM mass. A request was made by the Knights of Columbus for some scouts to attend to assist with the ceremony. Please be at SEAS just after 10:00 AM. Max Jimenez will be coordinating the scouts.

- Equipment – Dave Ammons was not at the committee meeting. An outstanding equipment item is the purchase of storage sacks for the 4 new Coleman tents.
- Outdoor Activities – Reservations for scout activities have been made by Dave Ammons for our activities through September 2010.

Joe Vaskovic commented on the wild fire (Horseshoe Fire) that is burning in southeastern Arizona and was wondering if that fire had any impact on the Labor Day campout planned for Rustlers Peak. No one knew of any impacts but this will be tracked at upcoming committee meetings.

- Fundraising – Popcorn Sales. Barbara Pieper mentioned that Barbara Gowdy volunteered to help with the popcorn sales. We currently have a subcommittee of Barbara Pieper, Carol Dusek, and Michelle Machado. This subcommittee has not yet met but plans to do so before the sales kick-off meeting August 21.

- Scout Store – Ed Madson reported that we still have a supply of Class B tee-shirts and we have approximately 50 emblems for neckerchiefs.
- Training – John Longhofer gave a brief summary of training:
 - BSA Youth Protection Training will need to be current for all registered adults for the upcoming recharter at the end of the year. This training is available on-line, <http://olc.scouting.org/>, through the Catalina Council website.
 - We will also be focusing on getting all leaders trained for their position such as all committee members taking Troop Committee Challenge which is also available on-line.

Joe reported that 6 adult took the SEAS Safe Environment initial training last Monday during the scout meeting. A second/third opportunity is available on June 19th and 20th at SEAS. From Deacon Jim:

- 11:00 AM on 19 June Basement This initial training is for those who have NOT completed the background check process
- 12:30 PM on 20 June Basement This refresher training in English is for those who have completed the background check process and need to complete their annual refresher training
- 11:00 AM on 26 June Basement This initial training in Spanish is for those who have NOT completed the background check process
- 2:30 PM on 27 June Basement This refresher training in Spanish is for those who have completed the background check process and need to complete their annual refresher training

You can also take the refresher training in English or Spanish by going to the Diocese of Tucson website at <http://diocesetucson.setanet.org>. If you have any question about which training you should take or need help with the website training, please call Deacon Jim Burns at 219-7629.

- Treasurer's Report – Ernie Vigil noted that payments were being made for Northern Tier and that there still was a balance remaining in the account. A sum of \$1800 was paid out last week, a second payment of \$950 was made, There was a balance of \$3482 but an upcoming payout to Irene Calis was anticipated to be \$2300 for the bus reservations.
- Merit Badges – Pathfinding will again be offered by Jim Tarleton. Kim Ogden will be overseeing Signaling and Environmental Science. Kim mentioned that the Signaling may start in August at 6:30 prior to the scout meeting. For Environmental Science, this would initially be offered to those scouts who have already begun the merit badge. Barbara Pieper said that she plans on offering Personal Management again beginning is September.

A Merit Badge College is being planned by the Council for September 25th. See the Council website for details.

Ad Altare Dei – Joyce Contrades reported that 2 meeting have been held so far and that there are 9 in total. There are 6 scouts currently working on this religious emblem. More scouts are welcome and Virginia Robillard would be

willing to help new scouts catch up. The next meeting date has not been set but will be announced shortly.

Joe Vaskovic said that Mike Schuh was interested in overseeing Merit Badge Councilor training and that it could be presented sometime in August. There were suggestions by the committee to circulate a sign up sheet prior to holding the training in order to gauge the interest.

- Website – Evelyn Bersack offered to oversee a scout to help update the troop's website. She noted that this position is considered a "leadership" position within the troop and would be open for scouts at the upcoming troop elections scheduled for August 9th.

Old Business

- Campout Issues – Campout issues were briefly discussed but the consensus was that these issues would best be addressed prior to the next campout. Concerns are related to beginning planning 2 weeks in advance, preparing duty rosters, collecting food money and scouts not being allowed to sign up late and pay late.

Scoutmaster Update

- Mike Knutson was not at our scout meeting to give a Scoutmaster Update but is at summer camp at Camp Lawton

New Business

The main topic of the new business discussion was the coordination of the adult assistant scoutmaster/scoutmaster leadership with the scout leadership. The outcome of the discussion was a committee recommendation for:

- Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmasters to meet to organize and develop a plan for working with/influencing the scouts.
- Committee suggestion for scout adult/senior leadership to meet regularly to plan meetings/events. Such meetings could be:
 - Once a month prior to a regular scout meeting
 - Once a month as part of a scout meeting where the regular meeting is shortened
 - Once a month on a different day from the scout meeting
 - Once a month instead of a scout meeting.

Several concerns were expressed that while the current assistant scoutmasters were doing what that could during meetings, there was not a proactive plan in place to guide the troop but instead were more reactive. For example, this current scout meeting (June 14th) didn't have planned activities by the senior scouts. Also, there has been numerous comments at past committee meetings for the assistant scoutmasters to coordinate mentoring of patrols and that has not be progressed.

Comments were also made that we used to have PLC meetings where the scouts planned for their upcoming meetings. These meetings currently are not being held.

Future Events

- 7/23-24 - for the Lock-In at Beautiful Savior Academy. This is a Friday into Saturday time for the scouts to have fun, stay up all night, play video games, watch movies, and snack.
- 8/9 – Troop Elections
- 8/20-22 – Campout at Camp Lawton with visit to Steward Observatory
- 8/29 – Court of Honor – the location to be discussed at the next committee meeting
- 9/3-6 – Camping at Rustlers Peak/Planning Camp
- 2011 - Calvalcade

Other Topics

- Eagle Projects – Patrick Bersack had his Eagle Project this past Friday and Saturday and there was very poor attendance of scouts to help him with his project. Patrick had several announcements for the project and gave times and the location so it wasn't for lack of publicity. Evelyn Bersack noted that if it weren't for the adults that attended, Patrick wouldn't have been able to get done what he did.

The committee noted that these projects need the troop's participation and that scouts should try and donate some time, if only an hour or two, to helping their fellow scout.

- Historian – Pictures of troop activities were discussed and there was a suggestion for someone to coordinate the collection of digital photos. We have a scout historian, but there could be a committee position for an adult to oversee the scout in their duty. This centralizes photos for Courts of Honor, recruiting activities, website updated etc. This position will be brought up at the next committee meeting.

Next Committee Meeting – July 19th, 2010