



TROOP 153
Committee Meeting
Feb. 29, 2024
Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Troop 153 committee was held on Thursday, February 29th 2024. Committee Chairman Sean B. brought the meeting to order at 7:08pm with following leaders present:

Committee Members

Sean Brownyard – Chairman
Marisa Belasco – Treasurer
Jen Hoffman – Advancement Chair

Program Leaders

Craig Miller - Scoutmaster
Richard Dean – Assistant Scoutmaster
Neil Buffet – Assistant Scoutmaster
Terry Hoffman - Assistant Scoutmaster

Treasurer's Report (Marisa) via e-mail:

- Current Balance is (approx..) \$2,900

Scoutmaster Report (Craig)

- Boys like the games and help from the ASPLs. Also Like camping.

Advancement Report (Jen H.):

- 9 scouts ranking up next week. Several Merit badges to be awarded. Boys really stepped it up over the past couple of months.

Eagle Project Presentations

- Andre S.
 - Service Project Completed on 2/29;
 - Draft Workbook Review by Mr. Dean – Andre to make edits;
 - Merit Badges Completed;
 - 3 Letters of Recommendation received by Committee Chair.
- John B.
 - Consulted with Brightwaters Mayor Valdini;
 - Drew up plan for Planter at Whoseepee Park;
 - Presented and approved by committee;
 - Next Step –Mar. 4th Village Board meeting to present and request approval.

Both scouts did a great job and were well prepared!! Excellent!!

General Discussion:

- DC trip – Recognition - Approved
- March campout will be March 15-17 at West Hills – SMs to have boys work on outdoor/camping book requirements. – Approved by committee
- Board of Review Comments – MB, JH, TH agreed boys doing better on uniforms, Peter B mentioned by younger boys as a favorite leader and mentor.
- Patrol Boxes –
 - Materials Purchased.
 - Plans finalized. Subject to some onsite alterations.
 - TH to mostly build boxes, scouts to do finishing work.
 - Committee to purchase 3 Stanley Base Camp Pro cook sets (\$150 each).
 - Saturday, March 24 - date for scouts to begin the finishing project.
- Summer Camp - \$100 deposit due March 27th. Balance due May 22nd. - Adding \$20 to Camp fee to pay for Trailer and cookout food – Approved by committee.
- COH Announcements
 - Snack Signup – Signup sheet to be announced before COH begins
 - Eagle Training presentation – encourage parents to attend (Possible raffle incentive for attending?)
 - Announce Fishing Trip – Date and Cost – Family outing - Everyone should come, siblings welcome.
 - Need volunteer to take Paula’s Committee Secretary position.
 - “Have you Asked your scout what they worked on today?”
- Cell phone Policy – Committee Approved policy – Cell phones to be kept in leader controlled Carry Box on campouts – Access for set period in AM and again in PM to contact parents. Parents will have ability to reach leaders at any time.
- Campouts – MB to provide leader with roster and parent phone #s for each campout. May need to have parents confirm current contact info.

Announcements –

Next Committee Meeting March 21, 2024

Meeting Adjourned at 8:48pm.