

The monthly meeting of the Troop 153 committee was held on Thursday, May 2nd 2024. Committee Chairman Sean B. brought the meeting to order at 7:16pm with following leaders present:

Committee Members

Sean Brownyard – Chairman
Marisa Belasco – Treasurer
Jen Hoffman – Advancement Chair
Jen Santos – Fundraising Chair
Laura Lawler – Secretary
Tomas Vasquez – Committee Member
Paula Santorelli – Secretary Emeritus

Program Leaders

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

Treasurer's Report (Marisa):

• Estimated balance of \$450 after expenses for: Fishing Trip, Watch Hill, Court of Honor. To be put toward Summer Camp and Patrol Boxes.

Scoutmaster Report (Terry, Neil, Dicky)

- Meal planning improved from West Hills to Southaven. Shopping and budgeting were a bit of an issue. Terry to help guide the shopping at next patrol cookout.
- Rumors of some boredom at Southaven Campout. -

Advancement Report (Jen H.):

- Neil helping Thaddeus to move up to tenderfoot Should have it done by June COH
- John C. Close to life rank shooting for June COH.
- A few other boys need a push This is the SM and ASM's responsibility. (Craig, Terry, Neil, Dicky)

Eagle Updates

- Andre S.
 - Approved by board of review!! Andre is an Eagle!! Congrats! Paula is looking at possible September Eagle COH for Andre
- John B.

- Submitted plan for approval to Council.;
- Emmett
 - o Project sent to Council for approval.
 - o Emmet still needs Personal Fitness Badge
 - Scheduled May 25th for Eagle Project at Dean's house.

General Discussion:

- IOLS Training No SMs o ASMs attended. Ms. Belasco and Mr. Brownyard are only trained leaders
- Ambulance Fire Pit SMs to plan for outdoor meeting week before COH. (Craig, Terry. Neil, Dicky)
- Meeting Activities
 - Mr. Buffett to plan scavenger hunt for 5/15 meeting;
 - o Mr. Dean to plan Measuring Contest for 5/22 Meeting.
- Summer Camp 14 campers per Ms. Belasco Current Adult roster is Miller, Brownyard & Buffett.
 - We will rent the 12' x 6' trailer (\$265 with insurance). (Sean B.)
- Merit Badges
 - Nate B. working on reading, but Reading & Scholarship badges seem to be going nowhere with the rest of the scouts.
 - Nate M. working on Collections Merit Badge.
 - Mr. Brownyard to give fishing merit badge instruction on 5/8 meeting. Boys can complete study portion by 5/15 meeting, and complete practical requirements at 5/18 Fishing Trip. Jen S. will print pamphlet and requirements for the boys.
- Ms. Lawler to send out email with Merit badge summer events.
- Patrol Boxes Boxes still near completion, but no progress on gear or finishing since March. Await Hoffman's plan for scouts & Miller's gear.
- Drug Awareness Speaker Jen Santos to set up with police officer friend. (In May at troop meeting)
- Calverton Flag placing Our troop will pass, and help Emmett D. with Eagle project.
- May Campout Watch Hill Fire Island May 31-June 2nd. Await Water taxi Group rate from Mr. Klopsis. If no Water taxi Then Ferry from Patchogue to Watch Hill. (Schedule to be posted mid-May). Sean B. Organizing
- Memorial Day Parade is Mandatory 5/27 at 9:45 @ St. Pats School Parking Lot. Laura to Announce with next update.
- Fishing Trip We have a good turnout expected
 - Food & Drink Laura to send out checklist for parents to help with Breakfast, Snacks, Drinks, Paper goods, etc.
- For Next Meeting We need to ask SPLs beforehand what they want us adults to consider at our committee meetings. (Sean, Marisa, Jen, Jen, Laura, Tomas)

Announcements -

Next Committee Meeting TBA, but probably in mid/late June to discuss Summer Camp.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25pm.