

Troop 52 Committee  
December Meeting Agenda/Report  
30 January 2024  
7:00 – 8:37pm  
Arches Rooms, Pastoral Center

1. Opening: Pledge & Blessing
2. Scoutmaster's Report: Tray Bates
  - a. PLC Minutes were reported by others as Mr. Bates was unavailable for this meeting
    - i. There were reports of bullying and ungentlemanly conduct at the January campout; these were addressed under "new business" and will be discussed with our Scoutmaster and SPL as soon as possible after this meeting.
3. Financial Update: Vamsee Konda
  - a. Deposits:
    - i. Starting Bank Balance: \$22,979.66
    - ii. Starting Paypal Balance: \$2,039.52
    - iii. 2024 Receipts from Paypal \$1,183.00
    - iv. Total: \$26,202.18
  - b. Expenses:
    - i. Camps: \$270.97
    - ii. Administrative: \$938.08
    - iii. Paypal Fees: \$41.55
    - iv. Total Expenses: \$1,250.60
  - c. Total Cash on Hand:
    - i. \$24,951.58
4. Calendar:
  - a. February 2024:
    - i. February 15th-19th: Shakedown Hike @ Big Bend NP
      1. SIC: Nico Sfier
      2. Open only to Philmont Crew
    - ii. February 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Shooting Campout @ Lost Pines
      1. SIC: Ashwin Rao
      2. Grubmaster: BAT Cooking -- Jack Williams
      3. Trailer Tow: Randy Bogdon
      4. Smoker Tow: Jack Williams
      5. Troop Meetings for Instructions TBD
    - iii. February Crossover Ceremony Crew Needed
      1. Pack 442 February 3<sup>rd</sup> @3pm – OA Regalia; but not enough OA members;
        - a. Mr. Ezell to discuss with Mr. Bates
      2. Pack 786 February 10<sup>th</sup> committed
      3. Pack 445 February 25<sup>th</sup> committed
      4. G. Popa & N. Popa to make woggles 30x by Saturday AM
      5. Kerchief, Woggle, Epaulets, and Troop Numbers provided

- b. March 2024
    - i. March 3<sup>rd</sup> Bridge Build @ The Nature Conservancy
      - 1. SIC George Popa
      - 2. Grubmaster Bryan Russell
      - 3. Silver Trailer: TBD
      - 4. Smoker: Bryan Russell
      - 5. March 4<sup>th</sup> is Crossover Ceremony
    - ii. March 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Bee Cave District Camporee @ Lost Pines
      - 1. SIC Dan Talaber
      - 2. Grubmaster Bryan Russel
      - 3. Trailer TBD
      - 4. Smoker TBD
      - 5. Mr. Ezell to run IOLS
  - c. April 2024
    - i. April 19<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> Campout – Dogget Ranch
      - 1. This could slip into May, depending on availability of Bracken Cave; if it does, then April opens up for another campout
      - 2. SIC Pete Chalfant
      - 3. Grubmaster Duncan Berlin
      - 4. Troop Trailer TBD
      - 5. Smoker (temp) Pete Chalfant
      - 6. Committee requests that campsite be conducive to car camping
  - d. May 2024
    - i. MAY 4<sup>th</sup> – Shred Day
      - 1. Shred Trucks have been reserved
    - ii. May 11-12<sup>th</sup> Campout @ Lake Bastrop (LCRA)
      - 1. SIC
      - 2. Fishing Merit Badge Instructor Randy Bogdon
5. Upcoming Eagle Projects
- a. Mikey Meade
  - b. Henry Semph
  - c. Rohan Konda – March 30<sup>th</sup>
  - d. Brant Dogget – March 16<sup>th</sup>
6. Service Hour Opportunities
- a. Lakeway Friends of the Parks is happy to have Scouts (and a parent or guardian) volunteer with them to clean up a local park.
  - b. This cleanup effort counts as a Conservation project for the purposes of advancement to Life Scout
  - c. The Lakeway Friends of the Parks meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of most months (except for the hottest months of summer!) from 8am until 11:30am.
  - d. For more information, see: <https://www.lakewayfop.org>

## 7. High Adventure Updates

- a. Winter 2024 Dog Mushing Northern Tier
  - i. 3 treks booked (Jan 12-15, Feb 9-12, Feb 16-19)
  - ii. All treks full
- b. Summer 2024 Philmont
  - i. July 1-15
  - ii. SIC Nico Sfeir
  - iii. Spaces available:
    - 1. Need one more, or will need a waiver
    - 2. Must be 14, or have finished 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- c. Summer 2024 SeaBase
  - i. July 31-August 6
  - ii. SIC Ashwin Rao
  - iii. Advanced Scuba
  - iv. Need one more?
- d. Summer 2025: Philmont
  - i. June 19-July 1
  - ii. SIC Mike Johnsrud
  - iii. 4 Adults
  - iv. 6 Scouts
  - v. Room for two more
- e. Summer 2025 SeaBase
  - i. Registration opens 18 January at 0800CT
  - ii. Must be 13 to attend

## 8. District Update

- a. Won the lottery to go to Lost Pines for camporee
- b. Need more Eagle advisors at District
- c. Roundtable 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday
- d. Would like to see Key Three from each Pack and Troop
- e. Troop 52 is 100% re-chartered
- f. OA will lead Camporee
- g. Will need to have our older scouts tied in to teach the younger scouts
- h. IOLS will be offered by T52

## 9. Old Business

- a. Rank changes and Merit Badge changes will be rolling out on 1 January
  - i. Scout and Star have changes
  - ii. 16 Merit Badges will have Major Changes
  - iii. 14 Merit Badges will have Minor Changes
  - iv. Will publish information
- b. Scoutbook Calendar is moving to MyScouting.org
  - i. The rest of Scoutbook will stay right where it is
- c. Bee Cave District Banquet 18 January 2024
  - i. Budget request for \$600 for two tables
  - ii. Recipients and their Spouses
  - iii. Key 3 and their Spouses
  - iv. Moved/Seconded/Passed by Unanimous Consent

## 10. New/Other Business

- a. Bogdon Family loved the new Challenge Coins for T52 Eagles
  - i. Going forward, at the conclusion of a successful Eagle BoR, these coins will be handed to the newly minted T52 Eagle
- b. Need a new Merit Badge Coordinator -- **TBD**
  - i. Will need most current roster of MB Counsellors
  - ii. Available in Scoutbook; ASM's should be able to access this information
  - iii. Need to create a flowchart for Scouts for advancement & merit badges – go see your Patrol ASM, in this case
  - iv. Once approved, the MB Counsellor should send a note to the MB Coordinator
  - v. Send Org Chart out with Minutes
  - vi. Need to get Patrol ASM to show up
    1. Ask Mr. Bates to discuss this with Patrol ASM
    2. Perhaps have Patrol ASM's line up with their patrols
  - vii. Recruiting for Adult Leadership
- c. Swim Test in April of 2024 @ Nitro?
  - i. Make sure they get this before Summer Camp...
  - ii. Need new Swimming/Water Rescue Instructor in one year
- d. Tenderfoot/TTFC Campout – need a date
  - i. Troop Guides and Den Chiefs
  - ii. Mike Hansen taking over TTFC
- e. August Court of Honor?
- f. At Lake Travis High School's recent 8<sup>th</sup> Grade night, almost every club table had at least one T52 scout manning it
- g. At the past campout several parents were helping their kids in the Scout area; this is a YPT violation; parents should not go into the Scout area without:
  - i. Permission
  - ii. YPT training
- h. Scouts should be wearing Class A's at flags at each campout
- i. Could we create a video library of "lessons learned" that the scouts could access?
- j. Need to educate our Adult Leaders
  - i. Kids should not be afraid to come and talk to adults
  - ii. Adults leaders need to recognize that they are there for the kids, not for their own enjoyment
  - iii. Encourage two-deep leadership
  - iv. Encourage adults leaders to be more active coaches
  - v. More than a few of our younger scouts feel as if they are not accepted as "members" of the Troop, and don't feel that they can trust their leadership
  - vi. More than one scout has heard gay and racial slurs, and doesn't feel anything will be done about it.
  - vii. Need to coach and counsel the Scouts to LIVE the Scout Oath
    1. A Scout is KIND
  - viii. Troop Committee Chair to have a discussion with the Scoutmaster and the SPL as to how we can improve this. Having ASM's line up with their patrols will encourage this

- k. Blake Taylor will take over putting new Eagle's names on the back of the trailer; Stokes Signs will do the work; Mr. Ezell has the list of Eagles
- l. Dan Taliber's Office is near the Scout Shop
- m. Trailer Lights and Spare Tire being addressed by Bryan Russell
- n. Camping Committee Chair duties listed on Troop 52 Website

11. Adjourn 8:37pm

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Next Meeting 27 February 2024, location TBD