

Troop 32 – Committee Meeting – August 12, 2015

Attending

S. Tucker (chair), R. Pease, R. King, W. Ruta, R. Stefanovic, Y. Nora (recorder), , and G. Varnerin.

Find this, and all Committee Meeting minutes at:

<http://watchungtroop32.com/committee.html>

Next Meeting

The Next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, 2015, 7:30pm at Wilson Memorial Church.

Advancement

Alex Ruta – advanced to Second Class

Enzo Ruta – advanced to Second Class

Matt Stefanovic – advanced to Star Scout

Eagle Projects

- Michael Erickson – (Tony Hayeck, advisor) His project to build and install four bird feeders, plant shrubs and perennial flowers, and clean Padre Pio statue is in progress. Working with Chris Vanderfliet and Matt King.
- Ryan Desai – In progress. Needs Board of Review
- Primath – For all purposes, his project is done. The plants need to be established and grow more to get signature from the Arboretum.
- Jonathan George – (Andrea Hayeck, advisor) Project to build a gaga pit for camp with benches was reviewed with suggestions. A few more merit badges to accomplish. His birthday in May 2016.
- Nick George – Will work on proposal to submit in the fall
- TJ Vagell – Will be a senior. Most badges are done.

Scoutmaster's Report (*Richard P.*)

- *Philmont* – The group hiked 87-90 miles. Highlights to hike up Baldy to see the sunrise.
- *Somers Camp* – It ran smoothly with 11 boys attending and earning 42 merit badges. Won the dessert contest. For next year, would like to schedule for August 7-13 and place the deposit now to get Campsite 6A (with cabin)
- *PLC* – Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 2 to try and plan for first Troop Meeting on the 9th. Will ask for room at Wilson Church. 16th and 23rd at school. Court of Honor on the 30th.

- *Annual Planning Meeting* – (Saturday, September 12, 9am – 12 pm). Ideally, one outing per month will be planned with four in the fall and three in spring.
- *Troop Elections* – September 9 but may be pushed back one week.
- *Shooting weekend* – (September 18-20) Planning on track. Will be announced in next troop e-mail and web sign-up to be set up with request for payment to be brought at the September 9 meeting.
- *Liberty State Jamboree* – (October 2-4) Plan for money for parking pass. \$15 per parking permit.
- *History Day* – (September 26) Need leaders to run it. Counts for Community Service for Citizenship badge.
- *Trailer* – At some point, it will be signed over to the troop and it would be nice to but troop logo on the side. Wheels and bearings need to be fixed or replaced. Will need some funds.
- *Gear* – Need to gather inventory and inspect troop gear during September 9 meeting. May need to buy new items.

Treasurer's Report (*W. Ruta*)

- T. Rowe account: \$18,809.64 (as of May 6)
- Checking: \$10,762.44 (as of May 29)
- Budget to be prepared for September 2 meeting for approval by committee.

General Business

Storage Shed Update

The survey is complete. Zoning permit forms have been submitted. The shed will need 6 x 6 footings with 16-inch rebar in addition to the six inches of gravel.

Philmont Update

The trip went smoothly and highlights included whitewater rafting, train ride up to Pikes Peak, sunrise at Baldy Mountain. Suggest that boys commit to training to be ready. Perhaps push next Philmont trek out to 2018 to allow more time for preparation and consider other options such as Florida Seabase in the interim. Ray King submitted expenses for shipping, first aid kit, and gas totalling \$193.89.

Walk-on items

- A local junior student would like to speak with the boys about the organization "Girls Rising".
- The Recreation Commission is reaching out to us if the troop would like to be involved in the Farmer's Market. It is possible to use this opportunity for wreath pre-sales.
- Greg V. raised a discussion to renew the website hosting service for the next three years for \$376 plus domain registration of \$15 each year.

Calendar

See <http://watchungtroop32.com/events.html> for the latest (printable) troop calendar.

- September 11: Flag Ceremony 5:00 pm
- September 18-20: Shooting Range/Camping Weekend
- September 26: Watchung History Day, 10-4
- October 2-4: Liberty State Park Jamboree