

## **Troop 340 Committee Meeting Minutes – May 22, 2018**

**Members Present:** Brett McElwain, Jay Darr, Dan Pazdersky, Bill Cowan, Dave Caldwell, John Cavanaugh, Steve Kinsey, Stuart Willis, Cathy McChesney, Brian Burke, Harry DeSantis, Andy Engel, Neaville Herndon

Approval of April Committee Meeting minutes: **Approved**

**Committee Chair** (Brett McElwain)

Old Business:

- Summer Camp
  - 41 Scouts have been registered
    - **Our newest scout Cooper Kirkpatrick may also attend**
    - **Campsite has tents for 40 scouts; will need to get an additional tent**
  - Most Forms Collected; still a few outstanding
- Trailer Artwork
  - Cost of Wrap \$1800 (Hunt Valley Signs)
  - Alternatives, Fund Raising, Direct Donations?
    - **Brett McElwain has corresponded with Beche Sprigg (a friend of Decker Bowerman's mom Claire Carberry). Beche will be getting us a quote but it is a "Sticker" rather than a wrap and we would need to install it ourselves.**
    - **Brian Burke will look into this as well with other suppliers.**
- Committee Roles Needed
  - Secretary
  - Advancement Chair
  - **Steve Kinsey mentioned that we should also consider a replacement Eagle Coach for him. John Cavanaugh agreed that a second coach is very beneficial, especially now with so many scouts working on Eagle.**
  - **Claire Carberry has expressed interest in helping with the Committee but is currently busy on Tuesday nights. Advancement Chair may be a possibility. Brett McElwain will mention to Claire and suggest she talk to Steve Kinsey about what is involved if she is interested.**
- Strawberry Festival Set-up
  - **Currently two scouts are confirmed with a third "maybe".**
  - **Dan Pazdersky confirmed this is enough and that the set up will likely take about 45-60 minutes.**

## New Business:

- Checks for Jeremy Plimpton's Eagle Project
  - **\$300 in checks was mailed to Bill Cowan directly; note that the checks for the Eagle projects should be given directly to scouts.**
  - **Andy Engel will contact Jeremy Plimpton so that he is aware that Bill has the money.**
- Additional donation received from Pepco
  - How to use
    - **\$700 donation was made**
    - **Neaville Herndon suggested that the money be used to pay for the remaining work in the church parking lot. Any remaining money would go into the General Fund.**
    - **Motion was made, seconded, and approved to use the money for this purpose.**
- Girls in Scouting Update
  - To be discussed at the end of the meeting
    - **See information at end.**

## Scoutmaster's Report (Jay Darr)

- April 25: 5-Mile Hike at Loch Raven
  - **8 scouts and 1 parent attended; the scouts were also able to complete a 2<sup>nd</sup> class requirement.**
- April 27: Merit Badge Selection
  - **Sign up was successfully completed**
  - **Will address any conflicts at 5/25 meeting for scouts that wanted to sign up for merit badges that are already full.**
- May 6: COH (Pot Luck Dinner)
  - **Court of Honor and Pot Luck Dinner went well.**
  - **Peter Willis did a good job of MCing the event.**
- May 18-20: Canoeing Trip
  - **Canceled due to poor weather; concerns over rain, high water levels, and potential for hypothermia if a scout or adult were to fall in.**
  - **Canoe Company is refunding us our money.**
- June 1: Meeting at Meadowood Park
  - **The Meeting Hall at the Church is not available because of the Strawberry Festival.**
  - **Meeting is at Meadowood Park – rain or shine.**

- Scouts will be doing food planning for the upcoming Harper's Ferry Trip
- June 8-10: Ropes Course and Camping at Harper's Ferry
  - Ropes Course is already paid for; may need to adjust the day of the course depending on final headcount.
  - Jay Darr to finalize payment of campground and port-a-pot
  - Cost per scout is \$25 – Troop will subsidize a portion of the cost
- June 15: Last meeting of the year
- July 7-14: Summer Camp

#### **Advancement Chair Report (Steve Kinsey)**

- At COH we had 17 rank advancements and 25 merit badges (it was noted that this is a good amount of merit badges for the spring COH)
- Steve Kinsey will check to see if our recently bridged scouts are showing up in the advancement system yet. The just recently appeared on the Charter online.

#### **Treasurer's Report (Bill Cowan)**

- Bill Cowan provided an update. See attached.
- Summer Camp for 41 scouts has been paid by Andy Engel and reimbursed by Bill.

#### **Troop Commissioner's Report (Dave Caldwell)**

- FOS update: To date, the Troop has collected \$4735 (\$3485 from alumni) and the Pack has collected \$340.

#### **Charter Organization Representative's Report (Dan Pazdersky)**

- The Church has a new Treasurer and Bookkeeper. If there are any questions or we need to reach anyone, please reach out to Dan Pazdersky.
- The Troop and Pack should be mindful of where things are stored in the attic. Dan suggested repurposing the Scout Room for storage to avoid having to go up and down the attic steps. It is not typically used as a meeting room any more. Andy Engel asked whether the door could be locked (all the scout gear is locked up in the attic). Not sure if the room can be locked.

#### **Golf Tournament Update (Brian Burke)**

- We have been moved to Monday, October 1st. A larger group requested Columbus Day.

### **Popcorn and Nuts Fundraiser Report (Pokey Fair)**

- Pokey has been contacted about selling Popcorn and Nuts again in the fall.
- We are signed up for both for this fall.

### **Training Chair Report (Stuart Willis)**

- **Stuart does not have access to update training on the website.**
- **We will consider requiring new parents of incoming scouts to take Youth Protection Training.**

### **Eagle Scout Advisor Report (John Cavanaugh/Steve Kinsey)**

- Jeremy Plimpton – Paperwork has been sent downtown for approval before BOR
- Jake Weagley – Project scheduled for June 2
- Nick Hill – Project scheduled for June 3
- Peter Willis – Presented to Committee; **Waiting on updated PowerPoint**
- John Willis – **Steve Kinsey has reviewed and has sent to John Cavanaugh for his review.**
- Andrew Wang – Submitted workbook
- **John Cavanaugh reported that the Troop collected 318 pounds of food for ACTC.**

### **Girls In Scouting**

- **Brett McElwain provided some information from the BSA website about how the program would be structured (see attached for more details):**
  - **Scheduled launch date is February 2019**
  - **Two options: 1) Separate Troops for Boys and Girls with separate Committees (could have same Chartered Organization); 2) Linked Troops - Separate Boys and Girls Troops but sharing the same Committee and Chartered Organization.**
  - **Need to have separate Scoutmasters for the Boy and Girl Troops**
  - **There is a minimum number of same-gender youth needed to establish a new troop (actual number is unknown, but Andy Engel thought it might be five)**
  - **Troops must be all boy or all girl; Boy patrols and girl patrols cannot be combined to form a troop**
  - **Events are planned separately, but outings can be coordinated.**
  - **Council and District can run Camporees for boy troops and girl troops (We don't know what BAC or Dulaney will be doing yet).**

- **Dan Pazdersky has discussed this with Saint John's Church Council. Dan reported the following:**
  - **Since there is no specific action at hand, there was no call for a vote**
  - **If the Pack wishes to include dens of girls, the Church Council would consider it at that time.**
  - **If the Troop Committee wishes to co-sponsor a troop for girls, the Church Council would consider it as proposed. Either option of a separate or linked troop would require a new or amended charter which would require action by the church.**
  - **The Church Council is open to the idea, but will have specific questions if the time comes to make a decision.**

#### **Additional Items**

- **It was suggested that we check on our account balance at BAC. Brett McElwain to follow up on this.**
- **Andy Engel will be looking for parental help to assist with the construction of the Eagle for Summer Camp.**
- **Jay Darr will be sending out a Sign-Up Genius for help preparing meals at Summer Camp.**

#### **Adjournment (8:07 PM)**

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, June 19 at 7:00 PM**

# **TROOP 340 TREASURERS REPORT**

## **May 22, 2018**

Check Book Balance : \$ 2,615.08

Bank statement balance as of May 10, 2018: \$ 3,770.01

### **EXPENSES:**

Check # 1163- \$ 641.39-04/17/18 - Jason Darr - Camporee 2018

Check # 1164- \$ 10,790.00 - 04/20/18- Andy Engel - Summer Camp Payment

Check # 1165 - \$ 99.00 - 04/25/18 - Steve Predmore - Troop Track Renewal

Check # 1166 - \$ 1,650.00 - 05/16/18 - Andy Engel - Summer Camp Payment

### **REVENUES: -**

Deposits: \$ 1,000.00 - 05/08/18

### **COMMENTS:**

\$ 300. in checks received for Jeremy Plimpton's Eagle Scout project.

\$ 700.00 check received from St. John UMC Church. Donation from Exelon.



Bill Cowan

Treasurer

May 22, 2018

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# FAMILY SCOUTING

OFFERING ICONIC BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA® PROGRAMS TO BOYS AND GIRLS

## WHAT IS HAPPENING?

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A Scouting® program for older girls will be delivered in 2019, allowing participants to earn the highest rank of Eagle Scout®

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Families today are busier than ever and with less free time, families want convenience. In fact, **convenience beats cost as the #1 concern.**

Research shows that our programs are extremely appealing to today's busy families.

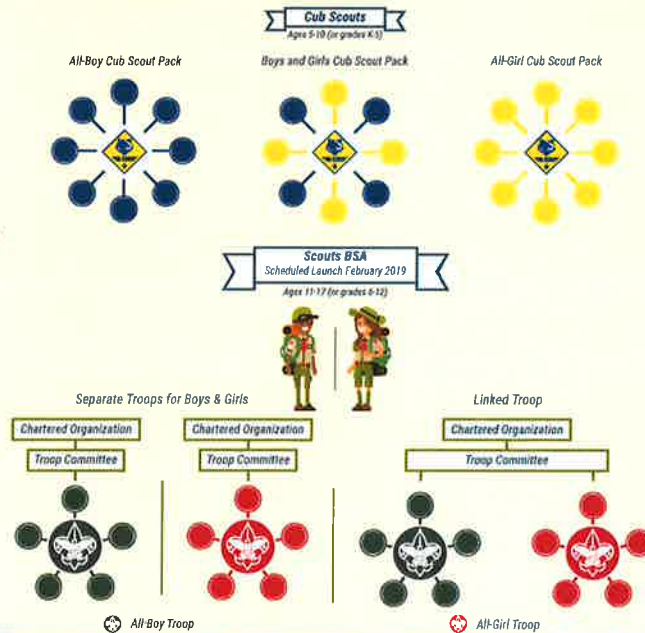
In a recent survey of parents not involved with Scouting...

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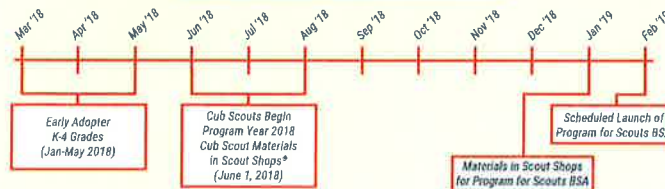
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## HOW WILL IT WORK?

🔗 Cub Scout Pack    ⬤ All-Boy Den    ⬤ All-Girl Den



## TIMELINE



Allows organizations to identify the options that work best for their communities

Allows flexibility for chartered partners

Allows us to introduce Scouting to more families

Allows boys and girls to learn and grow at the pace that is unique to their development



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[www.scouting.org/familyscouting](http://www.scouting.org/familyscouting)

## **Scouts BSA: Program Update (May 3, 2018)**

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The official name of the older youth program will be Scout BSA, effective with the scheduled launch in February 2019.

The Board also approved the option of a linked troop structure that would allow existing boy troops and future girl troops the opportunity to be linked through a shared COR and troop committee.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Q: What program is available to girls who are older than Cub Scout age?**

Scouts BSA, scheduled to launch in February 2019, will serve both boys and girls and offer the opportunity to earn the rank of Eagle Scout.

#### **Q: What ages would be eligible for the program?**

Mirroring the ages served by the existing Boy Scout program, Scouts BSA will serve girls who have completed the fifth grade and are at least 10 years old, or have earned the Arrow of Light and are at least 10 years old, or are age 11 but have not reached age 18.

#### **Q: Will you change the program to accommodate girls?**

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#### **Q: Will the Scoutmaster position change in the program for girls?**

No, the Scoutmaster is still responsible for training and guiding youth leaders in the operation of the troop and for managing, training, and supporting assistant Scoutmasters in their role.

#### **Q: Can a boy troop and a girl troop share the same Scoutmaster?**

A: No. Chartered organizations should have separate Scoutmasters for their boy troop and girl troop.

#### **Q: Can both boy troops and girl troops share the same committee?**

A: A chartered organization can decide if they want the same or separate committees.



**Q: Can a boy troop and girl troop meet at the same time?**

Yes. Based on the preferences of the chartered organization, the boy troop and girl troop could meet at the same time and place.

**Q: If a chartered organization is not able to establish a new troop based on the required number of same-gender youth needed, can boy patrols and girl patrols be combined to form a troop?**

No. A new troop must be started using the current youth and adult requirements; however, chartered organizations can consider the linked troop model so that the newly established girl troop will have the same COR and can share the troop committee.

**Q: Can a boy troop and girl troop meet as one big troop?**

Opening and closing of the meetings can be together or separate, depending on space and desire of the chartered organization and troop leadership. The other components of the Scout meeting should be run separately.

**Q: Can boy and girl patrols make up a troop?**

No. Troops must be all male or all female youth members.

**Q: Can a boy troop and girl troop attend events together?**

Yes, they can attend events together, as troops currently do.

**Q: Can a boy troop and a girl troop plan events together?**

No, the Patrol Leader's Councils of each troop should be responsible for the planning of their perspective troop activities.

**Q: Can a boy troop and girl troop coordinate outings together?**

Yes, they can coordinate outings together if they are Scout-related following the *Guide to Safe Scouting* and Youth Protection guidelines.

**Q: Can courts of honor be held jointly?**

Yes, courts of honor can be held jointly if the chartered organization chooses.

**Q: Can a council and district run camporees for boy troops and girl troops?**

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**Q: Must the leaders of a boy troop be men and all the leaders of the girl troop be women?**

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