



Committee Meeting Minutes

Boy Scout Troop 640

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Littleton, CO 80127

May 20, 2021

Called to Order via Zoom: 7:00 PM

Members Present: Keel Ross, Lisa Habegger, Mike Bielkiewicz, Melissa Dawson, Jon Strauss, Sharon Farrar, Chris Naber, Katherine Strozinski

Scoutmaster: Jon Strauss

Committee Chair: (Todd Williams: term ended) New Committee Chair: Keel Ross

Treasurer: (Toni Myles: term ended) New Treasurers: Mike Bielkiewicz (interim) Melissa Dawson (incoming)

Secretary: Sharon Farrar

Mike Bielkiewicz: Addressed the need to accommodate bank requests for official leadership information in order to get new signing privileges approved. A motion was made and seconded with unanimous committee vote to officially accept the 3 new committee members: Keel Ross as Committee Chair and Mike Bielkiewicz/Melissa Dawson as joint Treasurers. The three will be added to Jon Strauss, scoutmaster, as committee approved signers on the troop bank account.

Committee Chair Report: Genesis Church has sold their building to Columbine Hills Nazarene Church with a closing date of May 27, 2021. He has been in communication with Pastor Jim who verified church committee approval of allowing Troop 640 to continue use of the facility. Keel has paperwork for official recording of the change (new tax ID may be needed). The church is requesting a review of our storage needs for consideration. This brought up conversation about the continued need for a previously considered troop event in June or a meeting night to sort, organize and purge our supplies. This will be added to the calendar.

Treasurer Report: Mike assured the committee that the troop is solvent and that most parents are current on fee payment. Summer Camp is paid for and the Thermopolis reservation is confirmed. A new software is being explored with the goal of parent access to current account status.

Scout Master Report: Jon shared concerns that feedback from several recent Eagle Scout applicants has included discouragement with an imbalance of attention to detail vs. positive support through the process. His priority on-going is to maintain our high standard but to improve the sensitivity of the Eagle Review Board and streamline the detail.

Committee Member Input Solicited by Keel:

Sharon took this opportunity to share that, in response to questions about the Trail to Eagle, several on-line resources used by her scouts might be helpful to others. She will send them to Mike for addition to the web site and use by Corey Johnson and Katherine in new parent orientation.

Melissa reported willingness to be a "gap filler" and plans to take the aquatic training which Jon encouraged, stating that the more people we have in that role the better.

Sharon asked, regarding old business, what was happening with neckerchiefs. Karen Flanagan and Toni Grishman are working on it together.

Karen reported that Popcorn Sales money is ready to be moved to scout accounts and she will complete this soon.

Katherine confirmed her role as Webloe liaison and new parent resource.

Chris shared information about troop T-shirts. From his past experience with this, as scoutmaster to a cub pack, the companies that provide on-line ordering and payment by the parents was preferred. Each company has requirements for orders. Custom Ink was mentioned as a good one to consider as they have a lot of access already established to BSA licensed artwork, can help with our own design and they check all orders for correctness and fit on different sized products. Will follow thru and share more at the next meeting.

Melissa and Mike shared the need for new tents or at least ground covers/tarps for the existing ones. Possibly within the troop budget to purchase? Mike will explore the choices and report back.

Mike shared his on-line improvements to the troop calendar.

Jon committed to planning the September shooting sports activity in Lead Valley.

Keel confirmed that future meetings will be on the third Thursday of the month on Zoom until they can be done in person on a troop meeting night. The next one, then, will be on June 17th via Zoom.

Motion to adjourn was seconded and approved by the committee.