

Troop 77 Committee Meeting September 14, 2020

Proceedings

Call to order 6:48pm.

In Attendance

Ken Knoop – Committee Chair
Dave Davis – Scoutmaster
Randi Fuchs – Court of Honor
Kate Taylor – Court of Honor
Debora Van Sickle – Equipment Coordinator
Caroline Johnson – Advancement Coordinator
Mike Hruska – Eagle Coach
Bill Athanasoulis – Secretary
Jeff Borree - TBD
Molly Cutler - Treasurer

Absent

Anne Cashman – New Committee Member
Angelina Gianbo – New Committee member
Irene O'Brien – Service Projects

Visitors

Scoutmaster Report

Mr. Davis reported the troop is preparing for the Weeki Wachee camping trip in two weeks. The troop is working on menu planning. They will be allowed to cook if the food goes from the grill to the plate so the patrols are selecting proteins to cook. The sides will be pre-packaged. Upcoming trips are being re-planned due to COVID-19. There may be two camps in May one at Aquatica and one at Flaming Arrow. There is an opening for February. The troop is trying to decide on where to camp. He also reported there are 7 aquatic trained leaders. There is also one new scout, we lost 2 scouts and one is taking a break. The troop is currently at 37 scouts. Mr. Davis has been doing swim tests at his house. All Scouts going to the next trip need to pass the swim test before going. That leaves this weekend as the last remaining opportunity to pass the swim test. Also, all scouts and camping adults will need current health forms in order to camp.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Equipment

Each Scout will be in individual tents. Mr. Davis requested approval to purchase two battery powered sprayers for disinfecting at the campouts. All voted in the affirmative and approval was granted.

Advancement

Close to 150 merit badges and 15 advancements. As has been done in the cutoff for advancement was proposed for 2 Mondays prior to a Court of Honor. All voted in favor of this deadline.

Merit Badge councilor processing is backed up at district and council. They are working through these issues and hopefully they will be sorted out soon.

Membership

There are still issues with registration. Applications need to be on line and youth protection needs to be done. There are issues with this process as it is new. The Church still needs to fill the authorized representative position to allow for new applications to be approved.

Training:

Training for ASM is going to be changing. There is new on-line training.

Court of Honor:

The Court of Honor will take place next week at Sims Park. Details will follow.

Treasurer:

Ms. Smith has moved. She will however, get the books in order, provide final statements for each scout and transfer the information to Ms. Cutler. Mr. Davis would like an additional Committee member to assist.

All agreed to restart dues in September. There will be no August dues.

Fundraising:

The troop is in need of a fundraising coordinator.

Service Projects:

Mr. Knoop reported that there is a voluntary coastal clean-up this Saturday. There will be no Ushering this weekend due to COVID-19. Roadside cleanup will occur as planned at the same meeting spot. Time will be confirmed via e-mail.

Old Business***Gifted Trailer***

01-06-20 The Troop was gifted a trailer for the troop to use. We need to get the trailer registered. Inspected and repaired before it is used. Mr. Knoop sent an email to our Chartered Organization Representative asking if there is any process, we need to follow to seek approval from the church. Mr. Hruska advised that when the last trailer was purchased there was nothing the church required, and they were able to register the trailer.
08-24-20 Mr. Knoop noted that the title is needed for the gifted trailer before it can be registered. Mr. Davis stated that he either needs the new trailer registered or the old one repaired and registered.

09-14-20 No new report.

New Scoutmaster

Mr. Knoop reminded everyone that Mr. Davis is approaching the end of his three-year term and we are in need of an Adult to replace him and requested if anyone is interested to please let us know. Mr. Davis is not leaving and would be there to support them.

08-24-20 Mr. Davis stated that Mr. Mike Noel has offered to volunteer as the Scoutmaster. The Committee held a discussion and he was approved unanimously by all present.

09-14-20 Mr. Noel will take over after the next court of honor.

New Business

No new business.

Adjournment

Ms. Taylor made a motion to adjourn, Ms VanSykle seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm

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