

Troop 114 Girls Parent's Committee Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2019

In Attendance: Geoff Selzer, Christie Beatson, Ann Pocta, Greg Fantle, Anselm Beatson, Scotty Nash, Stephen Forinash, Jeff Failor, Ed Avery, Cathy Montegna

A motion to approve the April 2019 Minutes was introduced by Christie Beatson, and seconded by Ed Avery

I. Camping

A. Sand Dunes

1. Pack for winter but bring shorts
2. Bring bandana or neck gator, sunglasses or ski goggles
3. Annual National Park passes would be helpful if we have more than ten cars.
- *4. Part B medical forms now need to be signed by a doctor.
5. Patrol leaders should be aware of those who use epi pens or inhalers.

B. Rafting in Buena Vista KOA

1. Cost \$100 per child and adults attending (Adults \$25 if not rafting)
2. Adults and Scouts must be BSA swim certified. Another opportunity for testing will be announced.

II. Recruiting

- A. Please invite friends. All girls ages 11-17 are welcome. Activities and Ice cream floats are planned as part of the regular meeting.
- B. An annual recruiting activity that could be big this year will be the booth at the Western Welcome Week Parade. The girls have also expressed interest in building a float for the parade.

III. Journey to Excellence

- A. Christie has been working to keep track of our troop's continued progress towards excellence in the areas of planning & budget, membership, our use of the scout program and volunteer leadership.
- B. The question regarding whether we should have two or three Courts of Honor per year was brought up. It was decided that this is 100% a youth decision, though the committee would encourage the girls to have their own, perhaps at the end of Summer

IV. Thanks to Shoshana for her excellent leadership instruction at the ISLT training class. The girls were all engaged, learned a lot and had a great time.

A. So far in 12 weeks there's been:

1. 16 Rank Advancements
2. 40+ Merit Badges Earned
3. 27 nights of camping logged
4. 10 ILST Trained Youth

B. First PLC (patrol leaders conference) meeting scheduled for May 16th during the Troop Meeting. This is a youth planning session that most (if not all) members will be involved with)

C. An annual or semi annual planning meeting will be scheduled soon, so the girls can officially plan the part of their program.

V. Siblings at Camp Activities

A. There are BSA guidelines in place that discourage (non-scout) sibling participation. Further discussion is planned to clarify questions and concerns. It was mentioned that only the minimum number of parents attend camping trips to encourage independence and scout leadership as well as to keep numbers low for camp requirements for max. participants.

B. If your scout has younger siblings and it is difficult for you to get your scout to events please check roster. Parents are willing to help with pick up and drop off.

VI. Gear Wish-list

A. We have 5 four-person tents in good condition. We may need to look into buying more in the future.

B. A fourth patrol box has been donated for a future patrol. Thanks to Anselm Beatson for his generous donation

C. A cook box for committee members is needed. A donation list will be compiled.

VII. Merit Badge Counseling

A. If you are familiar with most of the requirements for the merit badge and have some prior knowledge of the subject, you can be a merit badge counselor. Anyone interested must attend a training class and fill out an application. Scotty just became certified in 13 merit badges mostly required for Eagle Scout. Thanks to all of those who have applied to be merit badge counselor.

Upcoming Committee Meetings: 6/4/2019, 7/2/19 (tentative), 8/6/19