

TROOP 87

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SEPTEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE



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Hello Troop 87,

I'd like to start by thanking Ariella Wells and Adrian Ferguson for taking over the committee meeting minutes and newsletter jobs. I'd also like to thank Doug Birlingmair for publishing this issue of the newsletter and Pat Knebel for the many years he has done it.

We still have one important adult position that needs to be filled. The committee chair is one of the "big three" positions in the troop and must be filled for the troop to operate. The committee chair runs committee meetings, keeps the adult side of the troop organized and interfaces with our chartering organization. It isn't a large time commitment, but it is crucial for the operation of the troop.

This month we will hold our fall Court of Honor to recognize all the accomplishments of our scouts over the summer. There are lots to recognize! We will also be holding elections for our new scout leadership.

We'll cap the month with a Harry Potter themed Fall Camporee at Camp Jack Nichol. There will be wand building, Quidditch, spell casting, Aragog's Web, butterbeer, and much more! Scouts should bring a broom to ride and materials to decorate a wand. I hope everyone can make it!

Finally, our treasurer has asked me to pass this on: "For future reimbursements for food, supplies, etc. purchased for Troop events, please include a legible receipt with the Scout/Parent name, reason/event associated with the request (i.e. Fort Collins Nursery Fundraiser), and the date supplies were purchased (if not already on the receipt)."

Yours in Scouting,
Matt Condell
Scoutmaster, Troop 87

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Schedule changes are indicated in RED)

September 2016:

9/4 or 9/5 (Sun, Mon) Fort Collins Nursery Fundraiser

9/6/16 (Tues) Troop 87 PLC Meeting at Laporte Pizza, 6-7pm
All Patrol Leaders should attend

Troop 87 Scout Meeting at Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Committee Meeting – all parents encouraged to attend
Positions Talk (prep for elections)
Prep for Camporee

9/30-10/2 (Fri-Sun) Fall Camporee

9/20/16 (Tues) Elections & Court of Honor, Bring a Snack to Share

9/27/16 (Tues) Prep for Fall Camporee

October 2016:

10/4/16 (Tues) Troop 87 PLC Meeting at Laporte Pizza, 6-7pm
All Patrol Leaders should attend

Troop 87 Scout Meeting at Laporte Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:30pm
Committee Meeting – all parents encouraged to attend

Cleanup after Camporee/Rank Advancements

10/11/18 (Tues) Game Night
High Adventure Camp Discussion for 2019

10/18/16 (Tues) Patrol Leader Training, Part 2

10/25/16 (Tues) Corn Maze (tentative) starting at 6:30 pm; location to be provided

November 2016:

~~<td> Cabin Camping at BDSR~~

11/1/16 (Sun) Summer Camp 2017 Discussions

11/6/16 (Sun) Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at Elks Lodge

11/8/16 (Tues) Patrol Leader Training, Part 3

11/13 (Sun)??? Veterans Day Ceremony???

11/22 (Tues) Off – Thanksgiving

11/29 (Tues) Rock Climbing at Miraamont North; starting at 6:30PM

December 2016:

12/6/16 (Tues) Sledding or Movie Night

12/13/16 (Tues) Christmas Party/ Court of Honor

12/20/16 Off

12/27 Off

Brainstorm for Possible Away Meetings (from Jan'16 PLC meeting)

Rock climbing
Scuba diving
Swimming
Bowling

Archery
Bike Riding
Frisbee golf
CLP Games Night
Rifle Range

Annual Troop Events

May – Soils Ceremony (Memorial Day) at Veterans Plaza
June - Flag Day – Flag ceremony at Elk's Lodge
Aug - Open Water Swim fundraiser
Nov – Troop 87 pancake fundraiser
Nov - Tree Cutting - Canceled for 2015
Dec - Tree Sale – Canceled for 2015
Jan – fundraiser to pick-up/recycle Christmas trees

Fundraising Chairs

1. Popcorn – Cindy Tunney
2. King Soopers Cards – Carolyn Coleman
2. Elk's Lodge – Scott Addington
3. Fort Collins Nursery – THANK YOU! Bob and Gretchen Grimmer
4. Christmas Trees: Pickup/Recycling THANK YOU! Jenny and Tim Murphy

TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES



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Minutes by: Doug Birlingmair

Committee Meetings are held the first Tues of each month during the Scout meeting. All parents should strive to attend, as this is a great opportunity to participate in the Troop and keep abreast of Troop plans and activities. *Please join us for our next Committee Meeting.*

Meeting date: Sep 6, 2016

Committee Members Present: Dawn Dorsch, Cindy Tunney, Bob Grimmer, Gretchen Grimmer, Doug Birlingmair, Matt Condell, Carolyn Coleman, Gina Stewart, Jenny Murphy, Ryann Hodge, Tom Noon (T87 Unit Commissioner)

Approve minutes from previous meeting (August) – Gretchen motioned, Jenny seconded, troop approved

Committee Reports:

A. Finance: Budget Review

Balances:

Entire account:	\$4,447.95
Troop account:	\$2678.29
Scout accounts:	\$1,769.66 (? per scout)

- Elks recently gave the troop a check for \$500. They will ask us for help in the fall.
- Need to balance the gas receipts for summer camp.
- Final payment for summer camp was due May 1. The troop assumed we qualified for JoE discount based on FOS and camp cards, and paid the full amount minus the discount. Council hit us with a \$400 late fee for not paying the full amount without the discount. Later, they credited us for the discount, but refused to credit the late fee. This is still not resolved. We are assuming that council will do the right thing and remove the late fee.
- Summer camp issues: The camp staff lost our merit badge sign-ups. Communication, in general, was not good. But the food was good!
- Jenny and Tim Murphy can organize the Tree Recycling Fundraiser
- SPL Donovan presented this issue: Scouts are forgetting to bring their books and it is affecting their ability to advance
 - Jenny suggested that we assign each scout an older scout as a mentor
 - Mr. Noon had the following suggestions:
 - Identify Scout instructors for various scout skills
 - He asked if we used the meeting planner, and highly encouraged it.
 - Scouts that get their Eagle can be Assistant Scoutmasters

B. Fundraising:

- King Soopers Card: Sean has transferred this fundraiser to Carolyn as of first of September
- Horsetooth Swim was Aug 14: Sean coordinated. Shifts were 6:30am-9am and 9am-noon. Parking passes were available from the Horsetooth Swim officials in the pavilion after parking. Earned approx.. \$150 from the event this year.
- Fort Collins Nursery: Labor Day weekend – Bob reported that results this year were 313.40 [= \$380 – 66.60 (with one receipt still outstanding).
- Pancake Breakfast: Sun, Nov 6 at Elks Lodge: Gretchen will organize the pancake breakfast but will not be at the breakfast. This is our third year for this fundraiser. The troop will print and sell

tickets, hang flyers at local businesses, put announcements in school newsletters. Adults can solicit co-workers (especially former scouts). Kim will take care of the tickets. Matt has the previous flyers. Eagle candidates that still need the communication merit badge could help with this.

- Popcorn officially starts Saturday, September 10th
- All parents are encouraged to identify new fundraising opportunities for the coming year.

C. Web Master; Re-Charter; Journey to Excellence; FOS; Eagle Coordinator; New Scout Registration; Lawn Mowing; Elks Lodge

- For Journey of Excellence, we need to log and report service hours for things such as lawn mowing and sign making.

D. Open Volunteer Opportunities:

- Lawn Mowing: Needs a new volunteer coordinator. The Dorschs have been mowing/trimming and weeding
- Coordinator for Recharter. Starts in October, done in November. Mrs. Dorsch can mentor a volunteer, making it easy for them to do it.
- Committee Chair – Needs a new volunteer coordinator. Mrs. Dorsch is our current Committee Chair and we need a volunteer to lead the meeting once a month.

Old Business:

- Business Cards: Dawn will ask Mark Acker as part of his Communications MB to update the cards per the committee member inputs at the May meeting.
- Policy/Handbook: if you haven't written your section, (Due date passed: August 21)
 - Chuck: Camping – summer camp; physicals; weekend camping basics. Chuck will send an updated file to Dawn.
 - Kim: Treasurer Notes; Financial Policies passed in previous years; FOS basics. Kim will resend files to Dawn.
 - Received - Cindy: Fundraising Events
 - Received - Matt: general info about the troop; Scout led Troop explanations; PLC – schedule and purpose; PLT – purpose
 - Doug: Advancement – basic requirements; process; Ct of Honor – purpose and schedule; MB Counselor – how to sign up, etc; Elections – basics and processes. Doug will send something to Dawn.
 - Received - Pat: Calendar, website, monthly newsletter
 - Dawn: Committee Meeting info; recharter, JTE, Great Expectations,
 - Other Topics: If you think of other sections that need to be included in the future, please contact Dawn.

New Business:

- Troop Patches: Dawn received the artwork from Mark Wilson for the jpeg of the design but he did not recall the name of the vendor. Dawn has sent the artwork to Matt. Tom Noon will forward a suggested (approved?) vendor for the neckerchiefs. Mark Acker is the current quartermaster.
- Lawn Mowing: Dorschs will finish year
- Eagle Project Review Update:
 - Holden's Eagle project is done. Eagle Scout application turned in.
 - Chance's Eagle project has been signed off, and the project construction and installation is complete. One MB remaining has been completed. Chance turns eighteen on Sept 17th.
 - Mark's Eagle project has been signed off. Mark is fundraising for the project. One MB remaining. Mark turns eighteen on Sept 25th.
 - Donovan's Eagle project is (signed off?). Two MB's remaining.
 - Andrew is just starting his Eagle Project.
- Adult Leadership Transitions:

Filled:

- King Soopers Card: Carolyn Coleman
- Treasurer: Bob Grimmer
- Newsletter:: Adrian Feguson (Newsletter), Ariella Wells (committee notes).

Open:

- WebMaster: Scout Josh B (Website, with help of an adult)
- Committee Chair: Dawn Dorsch to ???: Position open as of 11/1/16
- Popcorn Chair: Carolyn will help Cindy

Updates/Information:

- For Troop T-shirts see The Quartermaster; Troop Numeral "87" patches (\$2.00 each) see Dawn