

Minutes from the Adult Leader Meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006

7:00 PM Mr. Moultrie begins meeting. Says there is much to cover.

There are service hour opportunities. The Bethlehem Walk, which is one of our major service opportunities and always a favorite of the boys is coming up. The church asks that we always have good adult supervision when the boys are there. In addition to the lock-in, there are several workdays where the church needs help.

JLT: We have 6 boys signed up. They are all Timberwolves. In reviewing the records, we have 30 boys who actually need training. Mr. Moultrie has the list of those for anyone interested.

Scout Expo: We have 3 periods with no one covering them. The Cobra Patrol has not yet signed up. The Pirates/Trees should be able to cover one of those times. Since the Penguins have signed up for the last time slot, they should be able to stay for the last 30 minutes of clean-up.

Mr. Moultrie states that if anyone needs the newsletter, he has copies available tonight. After tonight, however, that will be finished.

Scouting for Food: There is some concern about the progress of this service opportunity at this point, half-way into the period. Mr. Moultrie stated that he especially wants the ASM's involved in this project. He suggested some ways to get the boys' can goals accomplished easily, i.e., finding a neighborhood (he mentioned a couple) and going door to door, always in groups of not less than two, always in uniform. In the past, a parent carrying about four scouts in the car has been able to collect enough cans for each scout to meet his goal in a weekend afternoon. He stated that we are way behind last year, but that year was unusual because of Hurricane Katrina. This year, we are running about average for this point in the program, but he stressed that this needs to be the priority for this next month. He also remarked that he stressed this to the boys in his scoutmaster minute at the end of last night's meeting. Ms. Neas suggested that we resurrect our incentives from last year and Mr. Moultrie stated that this would be a good idea.

Mr. Moultrie stated that his job as scoutmaster is twofold: To train junior leaders and to insure health and safety. He was very concerned that there

had been an incident in which a scout, while participating in a game at a scout meeting, had received an injury which necessitated him being taken to the emergency room. He had broken his right arm at the wrist. Although it was well handled by the health officer (Pamela Roberts) and the mother was there and had handled it well, Mr. Moultrie requested that he be told at the time the injury occurs. He did not know of the scout's injury until he came to Mr. Moultrie's house for a scoutmaster conference.

Mr. Moultrie has requested that whenever the scouts are turned loose for a game or activity, the senior patrol leader, or his designee, or parents be available to make sure that the crossing of the parking lot is safe. There is not much traffic in the parking lot during our meetings, but it is a bad practice to charge across the street without looking and we want to prevent any accidents.

Mr. Poole states that the Spring Camporee is well in hand. He said that Ms. Vicki Mattle attended the camping committee meeting (along with Mr. Moultrie). The boys are currently working on the patch and the adults are working on the budget. Mr. Watkins is working on the flier for the Chicken Sheet. There will be several good activities related to the Knights of the Round Table theme. The names of the activities were roundly praised, Mr. Moultrie said. Mr. Poole said that they were completely made up by the boys. Mr. Poole stated that all is on course for the Camporee.

Mr. Breitkreuz was not in attendance, but Ms. Mary Pfau stated that no reservation has been made for Scout Expo yet, but she would give him a call and encourage him to do so quickly. Mr. Poole suggested that a little advanced training would be good before Scout Expo in what the scouts would be doing while they were in the booth. Ms. Pfau said she would pass that along to Mr. Breitkreuz when she talked to him. She remarked that Mr. Como was not only pulling the band together (a group of troop adults that will perform at the expo), but he also is helping Mr. Breitkreuz with the rest of the expo.

Mr. Moultrie said that he regretted that he neglected to bring it up in the troop meeting last evening, but Mr. Richstein and Mr. Como have just completed the initial Woodbadge course. They attended a week-long course. This is the first time for Mr. Como, but Mr. Richstein is taking the course again, as he took the older course and the Woodbadge for the 21st Century has some changes. Mr. Richstein remarked that Dr. Randy Riser,

who retired from his medical practice after the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York in 2001 to serve in Iraq, will return to Iraq sometime in the next year. Mr. Moultrie remarked that the Red Roof Inn at Woodruff, next to the dining hall was named the Riser Trading Post, in honor of Dr. Riser who provided the funds to build it. Mr. Moultrie also commented that there are 3 more Woodbadge opportunities coming up. These courses are not the week-long ones. They will be each taught over two three-day weekends.

We have 3 new scout leaders who just completed Outdoor Leader Training, according to Mr. Moultrie.

Mr. Tim Morris gave the report that the ski trip is on course. There are 27 confirmed people for this trip and he was happy to report that the actual cost will probably be less than the projected cost. At this point, it appears that the cost for the trip will be about \$225.00 per person, including all expenses. The initial deposits have been made. The next deposit will be due on December 17 and there will be a final deposit. Mr. Morris stated that the details will be shared by email with those involved. Mr. Moultrie asked of those 27 participants, how many were scouts and after a quick count, Mr. Morris stated that it appears that there are 16 scouts.

Mr. Moultrie opened the discussion concerning the 2007 Family Campout and Court of Honor. Ms. Pfau stated that she needs to get our reservations in for 2007 soon. There was some discussion about possibly asking for Pavilion #1, which we have had in the past. Although the parking around it and the distance to walk are much better, it is closer to the road. Mr. Moultrie stated that with the scout's soft voices would be good to get a PA system of some sort so that everyone could hear. He also remarked that at Pavilion #1, in the past the food was set up under the pavilion and the Court of Honor was held at the edge of the pavilion. The audience have sat in chairs in the grassy area just outside the pavilion, which slopes up to the parking area, making a kind of stadium effect. Ms. Mary Pfau remarked that there were two down-sides to Red Top Mountain. First, the deposit is required almost a year in advance, and second, that the number of campsites we need is large and it is hard to get a sense of community with the number of sites so spread out. Ms. Neas volunteered that she really liked Red Top Mountain and she liked having her patrol all together, even though the campsites were advertised as "first come, first served". Ms. Pfau said that it might be nice to have an evening campfire on Friday night for socializing.

Mr. Murray asked if all the pavilions were the same size, and Mr. Moultrie replied that all the pavilions are the same size. Mr. Moultrie stated that the advantage of using Pavilion #5 this year was that although everyone was crowded together, that also meant that everyone could hear well. He reiterated that with Pavilion #1, we would need some sort of PA system so that the boy's small voices could be heard. Mr. Murray asked at this time about the facilities at Sweetwater Creek. Mr. Moultrie stated that the facilities as he remembered them were very nice, although smaller. The advantage is that there is a smaller fee on Lake Allatoona Clean-up Weekend and that this is Sweetwater Creek's last open weekend. The disadvantage is that Sweetwater Creek is on the north side of the lake and would be farther to drive and we don't know what weekend the Allatoona Cleanup will be to reserve early. Mr. Richstein remarked that he really liked Pavilion #1 at Red Top and could arrange to get a PA system we could use. Mrs. Pfau stated that she would go ahead and get reservations at Red Top Mountain for the same number of campsites as this year. Mr. Moultrie asked the group if all were in agreement and the consensus was that Red Top was good. Ms. Pfau asked if it was too early to mention to the Ranger about a service project for next year and Mr. Moultrie said that it was too early, but as the ranger was very pleased with our troop's work on behalf of the facility, he would see no problem with getting something closer to the date. He said that this year the cost was \$11 per person for the weekend. The campsites are normally \$16 per site per night, but because we were able to put two tents per site, it brought the cost down. Mr. Moultrie told Ms. Pfau that Ms. Mattle had talked directly to the park about reservations and that she has a record of who she spoke with. Ms. Pfau stated that she would call Ms. Mattle to get that information for making reservations for next year.

Ms. Moore gave a report about the visiting Webelos 2 dens. In the last two weeks, two groups have visited us. She thinks there is a possibility of 6 scouts from these dens. Mr. Moultrie predicted that we would have enough for one good patrol, possibly two. There was general discussion of allowing the Webelos to get a better view of what actually goes on in Patrol Corners and other appropriate parts of the meeting. Mr. Moultrie remarked that in the past, some visiting Webelos went with a troop who had served pizza. He remarked that it might not be a bad idea to offer some frozen Reeses or other small treat for the visitors. They possibly could be involved with a skit or similar activity. Mr. Moultrie stated that we need at least one good new patrol each year. If this does not happen, this gap will follow for years and can kill at troop at critical points.

Mr. Moultrie stated that the popcorn sales at this point look iffy and potentially disappointing.

Quality Unit Award: Mr. Moultrie remarked that Youth Protection Training is required for all Members of Committee and ASMs. We do not have an option on this. The training must have been completed since January 1, 2004. This training can be done online and we need all leaders to be trained in order to recharter the troop. Mr. Moultrie says that there is other job specific training required, but a commitment for training will suffice, considering how soon recharter is.

SWC: We have commitments for SWC of 25 people, which is almost enough to make 3 patrols. If anyone else wants to participate, Mr. Moultrie says that Mr. Watkins needs the names and commitment now so that we will know what campsite we will have.

Quartermaster Report: Ms. Einertson reports that we have received 15 tents from the Avon-Susan B. Coleman Breast Cancer Walk. The tents are very nice. Their footprint is square and they are a little more fragile than what we have now, so care must be taken. Ms. Einertson says that all action packers will be needed to be turned in next month for rotation. Someone needs to be personally responsible for each one. Ms. Neas commented that the old ones need refurbishing and Mr. Neas commented that his came back from adult campouts with the pot lids and many of his patrol's personal items missing. Mr. West asked if there was a list of the items that should be in the action packers and Mr. Moultrie replied that the list should be in the lid. Mr. Moultrie remarked that he would put the list on the website as well under "resources". Ms. Einertson has volunteered to keep up with the keys for the shed. Mr. Murray and Mr. Richstein have the keys for the trailer. Mr. Moultrie and Ms. Franz have keys for the shed.

Calendar: Mr. Moultrie announced that we would review the calendar for the next three months. He pointed out that October is almost gone and that the only activities left are PLC and Halloween.

November:

Fishing Campout: Mr. Murray has all the paperwork to turn in to the scout service center. That's earlier than we usually get in our paperwork. The count at the present time is 8 adults and 16 scouts. The cub scouts that are going on the fishing trip will file their own tour permit. Mr. Murray says

that he will have 2 cub groups camping that weekend. They will be included in the campfire. Danny West will be the master of ceremonies for the campfire. Ms. Neas is working with him on what he needs to do for this to complete his communications merit badge. He needs prior approval of the program and the skits and the skits must be appropriate, as determined by the SPL. There was a suggestion that the Webelos would be invited to perform a skit. Mr. Moultrie remarked that everyone needs to be aware that the communications merit badge takes advanced planning and to encourage the scouts not to wait until the last minute. One of the requirements is to be in charge of either a campfire or a court of honor and there are a limited number of those.

In addition, the Order of the Arrow fall ordeal is also this weekend. We have one scout attending that.

Troop Elections are November 6. There are two slates up for vote: James Watkins/Joe Seibert and Jonathan Egbert/Kyle Moore. Mr. Moultrie said that either team would be good and he is pleased that there are two pair running this time. That night, as the ballots are counted, there will be time for requests to be filed for troop positions.

Troop Leader Training: November 11. The scout must have been trained in the last 2-1/2 years or on the sign-up sheet to be trained to occupy a leadership position.

November 13—popcorn distribution

Troop Reorganization. The Timberwolves will continue on as a patrol. They will continue on their rotation and will have options in May.

For a patrol, there must be a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 14 scouts, Mr. Moultrie reminded everyone. There must be someone willing to serve as patrol leader. There must be no “orphans”. The Trees and Pirates will likely become one patrol.

November Adult Leader Meeting 14th.

Scout Expo: 18th

Scouting for food ends: 22nd

December:

Bethlehem Walk: 2nd and 3rd. There is currently no ASM for Lost Sea or Bethlehem Walk, stated Ms. Pfau.

Troop Holiday Party at Rocky Mount Elementary: 4th (Nighthawks in charge).

Mr. Morris commented that the Bethlehem Walk cleanup is lots of fun and they feed you. Good service hours. Saturday, December 9 is the take-down. This is a good Citizenship in the Community project. Mr. Moultrie reminded everyone to look at the specific steps for a project for this merit

badge and that they must be followed in the order listed or the project will not count toward this merit badge.

Adult leader meeting this month is: 19th at the Neas' house (bring a holiday snack or goodie).

January:

SWC: 5th, 6th, 7th

Pinestraw kickoff: 8th Big money maker for kids for any trips or needs they may have in scouts. This will go until the end of February.

Pinhoti Backpacking trip: 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th. There is a possibility of a two tier trip, says Mr. Moultrie. There is also a possibility of a Timberwolf group and in that case there might be a three tier trip. Mr. Moultrie says that the new scout backpacking trip was a success last weekend and that this trip is flat and friendly.

Winter Court of Honor: 22nd. Last scoutmaster conferences and boards of review need to be completed before the meeting on the 15th.

Yorktown Carrier trip: 26th. Mr. Sands says that he will find out the required commitment date. There is currently no ASM signed up for this trip. This is also a campout.

Mr. Neas reported on the Northern Tier trip. There are three positions available for the trip—scouts and/or adults. The dates of this trip are June 19th-June 27th. The estimated cost will be between \$925-\$950. We are going through the BSA Northern Tier. Mr. Neas also said that Philmont sign-ups are next week and we may have enough for 2 crews. There was some interest expressed in the Cavalcade (horse trek), but if we get that it will block us out of a Philmont backpacking opportunity the following year. Mr. Moultrie commented that we should not only put in our bid for the national lottery, but also for the AAC lottery.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.