

## Troop 1203 Cmte Mtg 1/25/10

Called to order 7:12. Challenger MS.

Previous minutes approved without change.

**Stockings for the Troops.** TerriO got donations to cover most of the costs (and the O's covered the rest personally.)

Maureen: We need to write a thank you note to the folks who donated the goods. TerriO will take this on.

**Satellite phone rental for select outings.** From the recent Cougar Canyon Backpack, the non-1203 Scout with the broken leg was an eye-opener. ChrisF says the cost is ~\$30/rental. Keith made the point that the outings we would need this for are the backpacks, which are not expensive, so this might mitigate the costs. Motion made to fund this for backcountry (no cell coverage) outings. Seconded. Passed.

**Crew 1203 status.** ChrisF. Filling the cmte for that is proving difficult. Some Crews mirror the Troop cmte, having the same folks participate, and holding the Crew cmte mtg immediately after the Troop's (~5-10 minutes). ChrisF opened Crew cmte participation up to the Troop cmte members, and hold it as mentioned. Would take paperwork to officially join, but the convenience is compelling. Lee suggested that for the moment that Crew bylaws say we have a concurrent committee. There was some concern about how this would work practically, but came to the conclusion that the details can be covered in the Crew by-laws, which have not yet been written. Motion made to have a joint cmte and deal with Crew business subsequent to the Troop cmte meeting, and to re-evaluate this after one year. Seconded. Passed.

**Scoutmaster report** MikeE.

- o Hurt Scout from another Troop was an eye-opener – Satellite phone is good.
- o Summer camp camperships – we should be doing that this year. Camperships are available. Mike will announce to the Scouts and get word out.
- o National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is a good program coming up. David F went last year and Mike saw it as beneficial. ~\$230. Mike would like to see the Troop pick up ½ the cost for two Scouts. Ideally this would be the SPL and ASPL from the May elections (training is in June). Others welcome. Age of 13,14,15 is good. Lee suggested the Troop go ahead and reserve the spots for two Scouts. Motion to pay the deposit to reserve the spots (\$100). Seconded. Passed. ChrisF to take care of the paperwork.
- o Troop 301 and Ron Lawrence's Troop promote the role of SPL. They've created an SPL service award. Mike proposed that we sponsor this. Would like to see this retroactive to previous SPLs. Award is a medal for the uniform. Mike bought medals already. ChrisF proposes that we reimburse Mike for this. Table this for next time. Cmte approved doing this, pending determination of the actual cost.
- o Mike appreciates attendance at the ASM meetings. Appreciates the support.

**Next Court of Honor** will be 3/2 or 3/9. Maureen in the process of seeing when the room is available.

**Feather program awards.** The Scouts (the PLC) could not come up with a good 25-feather reward. The ASM meeting suggested cash: \$50. ChrisF would like to see financial

analysis – concerned about the ongoing expense. Some discussion about money being an appropriate award. Discussion of the Patrol Advisor and Patrol Leader discussing with the patrol about what they need or would like for a reasonable prize, to be proposed to the cmte for approval. Moved. Seconded. Passed.

**OA elections for adults.** Cmte nominates Mike. Passed.

**Scouting for Food.** Ann Toohey is willing to do it again this year, but would like to have an assistant. 3/6 drop off and 3/13 is collection and take to food banks. (3/13 is CPR Saturday). JimO said he can help with pickup (he went to CPR training already). For pickup, need trucks/SUVs. Mike said he can help as well.

**Merit Badge Counselors sign-up.** Needs to be done annually. If you sign up, you can specify that you only want to do it for our Troop (instead of for the entire Council). Maureen would like to see our internal MBC's listed on the website. JimO indicated that posting MBC names has been an issue before. After some discussion: internal to the Troop it shouldn't be a problem.

**Philmont.** The next payment is due (\$800) to hold our spots. Only 6 of 14 spots are currently signed up for. Maureen feels we'll be able to fill these. Cmte will have to front the deposits/payments until then. Moved. Seconded. Passed.

Meeting adjourned...8:20.

Next mtg 2/23/10.

[Direct comments on these quotes to the Secretary, Keith Trahan (ktrahan@ieee.org)]