

# BSA - Troop 444

## Committee Meeting Report

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April 12, 2010  
Farragut Presbyterian Church, Farragut, TN

### Attendees:

Michelle Anderson  
Tom Bosse  
Angel Burgess  
Laura Culotta  
Lisa Grimes  
Robin Jenness  
George Keough

Paul Lear  
Melanie Marley  
LaQuita Misner  
Bryan Nunley  
Edward Primka  
Mike Taylor  
Joe Wolfe

### Dates/Events/Activities:

For the most current calendar of events, please visit the Troop's website at: [www.troop444.org](http://www.troop444.org)

### Treasurer's Report:

Lisa Grimes reported that the total liability of the troop to be \$9,429.09 as of April 12, 2010. She also stated that included in said number was 35 scouts paid for Summer Camp, the Rocket Museum had been paid in full and the Spring Camporee Registration was paid. L. Grimes then stated that the troop computer had crashed and the software needed updating to fulfill the work in which she performs. The new software update could not be a standard update from an online source, the update had to be purchased as a new product since the old computer had crashed with the old software on it and could not be recovered. Grimes stated that she had researched several avenues of purchasing a computer or repairing the old one and the most cost effective. Paul Lear made a motion that Grimes be allowed to purchase the new software for the troop. Dr. Primka seconded, all agreed..None opposed.

### Old Business:

Family Campout - Virginia Creeper Trail - Tom Bosse, coordinator of the Family Campout event, updated the committee on the events details and what to expect on the outing. Discussion on the bicycle transportation ensued, Jenness family is to pull the trailer and Robin announced that they cycles would be loaded on Tuesday night and the caravan would be leaving the church on Friday night at 5:00pm. Bosse then went through the itinerary once all the families reached the campsite for the troop. He restated that this event was considered a FAMILY campout and that the Troop would not be responsible for any scout's welfare. He discussed the trail which would be traveled and what to expect on the short trail. He gave information on the transportation of the bicycles back to camp once the short trail was finished. Laura Culotta discussed the long trail, which several boys wanted to do for the cycling merit badge. She discussed the pros and cons of the trail and what to expect. Discussion ensued as to how

this event would count toward the cycling merit badge. Bosse then resumed the details of the cost of the camp.

Spring Camporee – Dr. Primka, coordinator for the Camporee, discussed the details of the trip. He announced that no quartermaster had been chosen at this time. He also pointed out that there wasn't a water source at this event. He stated that most patrols would have to supply their individual water supply. Primka stated that only 2 vehicles would be allowed within the campsite due to area. If there were more than 2, parking was provided and must walk into camp from parking areas. He also restated that the ADULT attendance was poor. Not many adults had signed up to attend this event, and more were desperately needed. Primka stated that Mark Misner would be the scoutmaster in attendance as well. But he also stated a concern for signing up 2 adults per trip BEFORE we schedule trips on the calendar. That way we would not have to beg for adult participation. Two adults, especially leaders, would already be assigned to the event...and more parental adults would be nice. Discussion then led to the patrols flags. Michelle Anderson commented on the flag preparation and the scoring of flag design. Wolfe stated that maybe we should emphasize greater preparation for the Camporees within the troop. No preparation/promotion beyond the usual event promotion had been done within the troop and maybe the leadership should add to the calendar camporee preparation. Discussion then ensued as to how many scouts were attending, their ages, mixing the scouts together because they were not prepared. Keough commented that age mixing should not happen. Anderson said it was not done at such events. Keough further discussed having a signup sheet the following night so that the adult leadership could get a grasp on the total number of attendees and ages...etc. All agreed...none opposed.

#### **Merit Badges:**

1. Cobras/Primka: Start working on cooking badge with Lear. Lear commented on discussion of food safety being the topic for next week. Also discussed that new parts were needed for the gas stoves in the trailer. Discussion lead to old stoves being replaced and some were being borrowed for the family campout. The Cobras would be working on their patrol flag before doing any further cooking...this would help Jenness to get new parts for stoves.
2. Buffalo/Taylor/Martin: Taylor to be leading the leatherworking badge and Martin to follow with the citizenship in the community badge
3. Phoenix/Smith: First Aid (Primka/Stoner) + Cycling (Culotta) finishing Citizenship badge
4. American Eagles/Bosse/Shedden - Camping (Bosse/Jenness): started Camping with First Aid badge review...Gander Mountain field trip in two weeks.
5. Flaming Wolverines/Cafferty/Taylor/Buckman/Embry- Personal Management (Nair) –still working on progress
6. Roadrunners/Panthers: providing support to new patrol and younger scouts as needed

#### **New Business:**

WinterPlace, WV Ski Trip 2011 – Robin Jenness, coordinator of this event, discussed the need to secure the lodge room for the 2011 trip NOW. The troop must put down a deposit, she had already spoken with the lodge at the resort for the troop to reserve. This trip is temporarily planned for January 8, 2011. A deposit must be made in June 2010 in order for the troop to secure the main lodge room, which is at the resort. Discussion ensued about the cost of the resort room and if the troop wanted to go back to WinterPlace. Jenness commented that this year's trip was the biggest turnout they had in several years. The only negative was that at WinterPlace, our trip is during the end of their season. The snow amount might not exceed or even meet this year's record snow there. Jenness commented that would

be a risk the troop would have to consider when making deposits six months in advance. She stated that breakfast was included with the lodge room and it would cost roughly \$100 - \$150 per person. Primka stated that some negative comments were stated from other adult leadership within the committee. Some did not like WinterPlace, especially the cost of the trip. Marley made a motion to accept Jenness' report and recommendations, Burgess seconded the motion. All approved, none opposed.

Decals for the troop trailer – Joe Wolfe lead discussion on the cost of the decaling of the trailer. Comments were made by Taylor regarding the durability of vinyl lettering. Discussion led as to what type of lettering and should each Eagle Scout's name be placed on trailer again. Discussion ensued regarding what was done with the former trailer. Wolfe commented that a member of the troop painted the information on the trailer for a set amount. Primka made the motion that Wolfe find out a total cost, the breakdown and the options BEFORE the committee made a decision on this matter, Taylor seconded...all approved...none opposed.

OA Activities vs. Troop Activities – Questions were brought before the committee in regards to which activity was most important and how to determine which event to attend regarding a high ranking OA scout. It was stated by leadership that participation was vital for the OA scout within OA...but that troop activity should not be compromised. Keough discussed that a scout should not be penalized for going to OA activities instead of the troop function. That maybe the committee should take into consideration the OA calendars of main events when developing the troop calendar so that OA scouts do not have to make that tough decision between events. The OA scout should not have to choose between the two. L. Misner made the comment that even though it was tough, we should not allow OA scouts to do ONLY OA activities. Advanced notice should be given from the OA scout if he cannot attend an event sponsored by the troop. That troop activities should be considered number one.

Charter Organization Issues- Wolfe— asked if there had been any issues with the church that he needed to discussed with the church representatives. He asked Brian Nunley, church rep, if he had any issues that the troop needed to address from the church. He said none.

### **Miscellaneous New Business:**

Brian Ferrell – Wolfe – reported that he had no new emails or information from Brenda regarding the committee's decision regarding Brian's merit badge advancement and summer camp issues. He told the committee that he would keep the committee abreast of any emails or discussion that came up in the future regarding this issue.

Email listings - Wolfe asked if anyone wanted to be off the email list or needed to change the email list....please let him know.

New Eagle Scout Ceremony Schedule – Dr. Primka requested that an Eagle ceremony be scheduled for Rob Ritchie and Ted Primka on June 22, 2010. Chris McCabe's Eagle ceremony was announced to be scheduled for June 12 at 4:00 pm. Discussion led to McCabe's being right after summer camp and that attendance may be low due to that event. Promotion would be important for McCabe's ceremony. Mr. Wolfe was asked to add the ceremonies to the troop calendar.

Angel Burgess, our new Adult Training Coordinator, commented on still needing several adult leaders to do the online youth leadership training course. She handed out new cards for those already taken course.

Wolfe commented that we have insurance on trailer...

Wolfe commented on extra Eagle stuff (pins, etc.) would be given to Mr. Stoner since he is handling the Eagle projects and promotions.

LaQuita Misner commented that Joey Barnett's book, scout book, was given to the WRONG scout and would each patrol adult leader ask within the patrols if anyone had picked it up by accident. She stated this was Mr. Barnett's second book lost...and the cost...

**Scoutmaster Report:**

Dr. Keough restated the committee's meeting agenda points. He also commented on the troop activities being number one with each scout but flexibility was the key to remaining an active troop. He commented on the positive role our troop was having.

There being no further business, Lisa Grimes made the motion to adjourn and Angel Burgess seconded...meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Melanie Cannon-Marley, Secretary