**Troop 649 Meeting Minutes**

**November 14, 2022**

**Attendees:** Tony, Nik, Becky, Dan, Aimee, Silas, Noelle, Andy, Paul,Mike, Tina

Nik voted to approve the October minutes and Paul seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer – Aimee**

Ending balance is $34,140.02. We are collecting popcorn money today and next week so some of that is included in this total. We are waiting on two sandbag invoices to come in. Aimee has some catching up to do by Thanksgiving with an individual account receipt to everyone (including JLT, Bitterroot, Helena). The renewal for MoneyMinder is $179.00 due 11/16. Noelle made a motion to pay that amount, motion approved.

We had made a second Bitterroot payment in error. Kirsten is sending one check back to us.

Nik made a motion to have food and fuel for JLT paid for by the committee. Noelle seconded and the motion passed.

**Secretary – Tina**

No report.

**Senior Patrol Leader – Robert**

The Instructor Position requirements have been nailed down for the ASPL and SPL. We have scrambled the patrols, so everyone is working with others who are at different age groups. This is going very well. Paul needs to collect the grommets from the flag retirement in June with the Elks Lodge in Bozeman. Bannack was canceled due to lack of adult leaders.

**Scoutmaster – Paul**

Paul is working on the Recharter. Court of Honor is in two weeks from tonight. The Troop Christmas Party is booked on 12/19. JLT was great and we finished ILST for everyone who attended. Kudos to Ganan and Ethan for planning and execution!

**Unit Commissioner – Andy**

No report.

**Cub Scout Coordinator – Noelle**

We had a great turnout at the Cub Scout Halloween Bazaar. Thanks to the 14 scouts from the troop that helped! Noelle has not chatted with the den leaders about cross-over yet.

**Outdoor Activities – Silas**

Silas purchased a hatchet and two axes. Silas has done research on camp trash holders and found one that looks a little more durable. Tony suggested he research the Lawn and Garden department.

**Advancements – Paul**

As far as Paul knows, there are no rank advancements for this month’s Court of Honor. There are a few that need Scoutmaster conferences, but they have not reached out to Paul. Mike suggested that the Committee purchase cupcakes for the Court of Honor since we won’t have any cakes. We will add this to Alicia’s list. 😊

**Fundraising – Paul**

We are getting ready for Cat/Griz this weekend! We have 15 people signed up, which is a full crew. Paul put up signups for Thanksgiving Eve and Christmas Eve bagging (4-hour shifts). Sandbag sales are doing really well! From 06/2021 to 05/2022 we distributed 2,635 sandbags. From 06/2022 to now, we distributed 2,780 sandbags plus an order of 5 pallets outstanding. Rocky Mountain Supply has called about being a distribution point. The manager has not reached out to Paul, despite repeated attempts to connect. We are pretty busy this year and might not be able to take it on this year, but maybe next year. MSU wants us to help with basketball games if we can. Paul thinks we should do a couple of them in the spring to help MSU out.

**Training Coordinator – Nik**

All three modules were completed at JLT. We are around 70% leader trained. Both Paul and Nik have finished their Wood Badge requirements! CONGRATULATIONS!!!

**COR – Paul**

The church has received the check for the windshield.

**Popcorn – Becky**

We are still collecting money for popcorn, have about half of it collected. Sales for prizes end on the 20th and are due to Council to the 21st. Online sales are done on the 28th. Money to Council is due on the 23rd. We have some extra popcorn.

**Troop Rules Revision – Tony**

Tony wrote a few notes that he thought might need updated: Meeting attendance, SPL and PL attendance, Troop functions #4, Campout fees #4b, Change Scoutbook signups. Paul and Tony will get together and redline the rules and get back to the Committee.

**Old Business – Tony**

Aiden had an impromptu meeting to approve his Eagle Scout Project. Paul typed up separate minutes for this meeting. Andy is willing to help with the Annual Planning Conference Calendar.

**New Business – Paul**

Recharter is coming due, and we need Barb, Josh, and a couple of other leaders to do their YPT training. Paul has a current leader roster for review. We will drop those that have moved away, aged out or who haven’t been participating to scouting. There are a couple of leaders who we will drop because they aren’t participating with the troop. Paul will send an email to the scouts letting them know that they will be dropped due to inactivity and encourage them to purchase scout-related items to draw down their account balance.

Paul has two letters from Ben and Evan for the scholarship fund. Mike and Barb will connect up to review the request.

We need to register the Big Creek Cabin for next year or find another location.