

Troop 849
Troop Committee Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2017

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40 Minute limit on Eagle Path Process Proposed Changes discussion

Start 7:41 p.m.

End 8:35 p.m.

Alan made Eagle Project Approval Process Chart

Alan showed Lance and Rick process.

Identified challenge on going forward to District for approval.

Concern that once the project goes to the district, that the project is all good to go.

Scoutmaster signs it. The committee signs off on it. The district signs

The process is that all the approval occurs during the proposal process.

Eric's project took four months for the concept approval part.

Beneficiary and Scoutmaster have to sign the final signoff.

Hugo has seen projects that contradict District guidance.

District Process changed to now ask the Scout at the start for all the approval signatures from the proposal period.

Troop need to consider implementing two phases:

1. Project Concept
1. Project Execution

Scoutmaster, Committee Chair and Eagle Chair should be able to make the decision without input from all of the committee.

Hugo's practice is to not signoff on Eagle project if the Scout is lost until the Scout gets it together. The implementation has not been perfect. Rich and Hugo have not been able to fast track all Scouts as perfectly as intended.

Scout has project

Then to Scoutmaster

Then to Rich – 4 questions

Put proposal and plan together

Is concept acceptable?

Go to beneficiary to see if the project is acceptable. Get signatures.

Rich should not be blindsided with unknown Eagle project ideas.

Committee supports project. Quick turnaround.

Troop issues have caused backlogs and issues and District delay.

Rich's expertise is to tell Scouts how to succeed.

BSA guidance says you can mention an hour requirement.

District has guidance that the hours should take around 200 hours.

Debate over the number of hours required and if it can be mentioned.

“Hours” is a red herring - the important part is LEADERSHIP

Proposal for Rich’s detailed review to occur after the project is approved and after the district review.

Winston Quarterbach is the District Eagle Project approver. The rule is that nothing can occur until the project is approved by the District.

Motion- Who approves the proposal, plan, project?

1. Proposal is what the district approves
2. Plan is the detailed stuff
3. Project is what gets executed

Bad track record of getting kids to Eagle early. All of the Eagles end up right at the end.

Dave was signing off on proposals.
What is suggested now?

Elements of what is required (Five different things):
Potential for Leadership
Benefit to the beneficiary

Lance- the most important things to decide who approves the plan? (So the Scout can go to District).

Vahey- recommendation to not change what we are doing. We should not approve proposals without a viable plan. Consider having an 80/20 rule. At least 80 percent of the proposal should be developed to get proposal approval.

Dick- recommendation- don’t give Scouts the Eagle project chart- too complex. Recommends the process continues to start with Rich. Then Scoutmaster review. Compose a proposal and get it to District. Agrees we are doing too many things before we allow the Scout get signed off at the district.

Rich- agrees with Hugo that there was an unofficial agreement to move up approval to get it into the District. Everyone agrees that nobody supports allowing a Scout to present a proposal without a viable plan. Concern that if we move the signature process up too far then we are at risk of feeling pressure to compromise what we would normally require.

Lilligren concern- his son was asked by everyone how old he was. Sends wrong message.

Rock Climbing

12 Scouts

2 cub Scouts

The young family (grandfather, son and son-in-law, and 2 grandsons)

Leaders: Alan, Schnuckel, Youngs, Siegel, Patel, Rick Smith, Bieber, and Steven Lambert)

Recertification Meeting

Dr. Dick has records of recertification for rock climbing instructors.

The food was amazing. Thank you Mr. Franz for going gourmet.

Next Rock Climbing Event

May 5, 2017

Tahquitz Camping Trip

4 Scouts

2 adults

Great weather

Lots of people

No water up there

Hiked in a gallon each

Home Town Fair Funds Raised

\$8700 revenue this year

Up from last year.

The treasurer does not track the number of patties cooked. Rick says its about 2000 burgers sold estimated

Scouts suggestions: condiments outside, sauce competition, and signature burger option.

Treasurer Report

Kayak had a \$1200 profit. Food groups did not turn in receipts.

Suggestion- to have Scouts collect receipts or have an adult leader serves as a trip treasurer to collect money and receipts.

Account has check out that shows a \$500 or \$450 discrepancy. Lilligren is handling it and will have it reconciled.

Philmont expense on the Treasurer Report is from 2016.

Inventory Purge and Donation

Need to purge old tents/equipment

Approved the purchase of several new tents four years ago. Lilligren recommends giving extra gear to troop in Whittier.

Two groups could benefit: those that have the experience or don't know how to do it and those who need have financial limitations.

Bike Trip

Scheduled for Sunday, November 12

Citizenship in the Community bike trip

Parks, fire station
Patrol competition.
Patrols with the most miles get most point
Scout line up at Polliwog Park to report results.
BBQ with parents at park after event.
Scouts must be at safety event prior to event. There is a bike inspection. There will be designated Sepulveda crossing.
There may be 1 or 2 silent adults/safety checks.
Also, places where Scouts could go to lunch as a Patrol.
Recommendation to give safety check parents a neon safety vests.

Veteran's Day

November 10, 2017 observed November 11, 2017
Parks and Rec are the POC to coordinate for Veterans Day
ACTION: Hugo will connect with Sherry

November Eagle Projects

1. Eric Lilligrin's project prep-work is the same day as the Bike Ride. Sunday, November 12, 2017 is the weeding project. November 18 and 19 is the main project for heavy planting. Prep work
2. Spencer Siegel- Henniger Flats (issue with nearby fires. Lance is verifying access)

December Eagle Projects

3. Steven Lambert
4. Cullan Barber (beneficiary is having 2 eagle projects same day and said Cullan has a limit on how many people can go to the site. Shelves will be built offsite.)
ACTION: Alan will send another email to Frank.
Special ID requirements to enter beneficiary location

INDIAN REGALIA

Feather headdress was returned broken
Missing the stockings and other regalia
ACTION: Alan will send out note to try and locate the missing pieces
ACTION: The new OA members who want to work on their Indian lore merit badge, can work on making new regalia.
The outfit needs to be replaced.
ACTION: Jaden and Aliyah have agreed to fix headdress with feathers
ACTION: Alan is going to look into replacing the outfit

Next OA Meeting

November 11, 2017
Rohil and Albert will be attending the OA Meeting

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Every 3rd Thursday

Shotgun

December 16, 2017

Santa Clarita

Rick is running it.

Planning Meeting

We need to reserve Chilao

Weekend of Scout skills

In-between Mt. Wilson and Little Jimmy area.

Nice open flat area.

Blindfold Scouts, drop them off, and hope they come back

Alan has proposed calendar- Hugo is ready to send to Thorpe.

ACTION- Vahey will look and see if Chilao is still reservable.

New Parent Assistance

Adult committee needs new parent involvement

Alan is going to contact Scott Belum and Perry.

Committee will work more on getting new parents to committee meetings.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

November 30, 2017

Plan to work on finalizing next year's calendar

Location: Dr. Siegel's on Agnes Avenue.

Request for attendees to bring drinks.

Which night is the Scout holiday fun night? December 12, 2017.

Troop Technology Policy

In development

Spencer put a nice proposal together.

Alan will run it by the committee.

Example: No ear buds while rock climbing.

Cyber Chip

Was discussed with Scouts

We did a bad job with the follow-up (oceanography, videography and cyber chip)

No one completed the project.

Philmont Waitlist

Two extra Scouts and one adult have expressed interest in Philmont

There are a few extra Scouts that want to go again.

The minimum size is seven.

We have 14 who are interested.

Rick is planning on developing a second crew.

Need a few more trained adults.

Rick is teaching Wilderness First Aid this weekend.
Come 2018, we are going to be really short on backpack trained adult leader.
The North trek has been selected.

SCOUTBOOK

ACTION: Vahey is having issues with viewing Scout's full names. Alan will fix.

Adult Backpack Leadership Training

Troop 849 leaders wrote the book for the backpack training.
Lilligren complements the leaders involved.