

## Troop 54 Committee Meeting, 4/28/09.

Called to order at 7:35 by Mr. Mulherin. Present: Mulherin, Boyd, Seitz, Johnson, Kennedy, Sledge, Cook. SM Pruitt, ASM Velez, ASM Hahn, and Chartered Org. Rep. Barnett were also present.

Mr. Mulherin wants to discuss issues only.

**Fuel Charges** were discussed from Nov 11 meeting. Mr. Seitz will provide an analysis for 5 vehicles and 4 passengers per vehicle. The two proposals are:

1. Fixed Rate. Under this proposal, each passenger in a troop vehicle will pay under the following table:
  - a. Under 100 miles round trip – No charge
  - b. 100-250 miles round trip -- \$10/passenger
  - c. 251 – 500 miles round trip -- \$20/passenger
  - d. >500 miles round trip -- \$35/passenger
  - e. Each driver will receive an amount equal to the number of passengers carried to and from the event. Driver pulling the troop trailer will be reimbursed the difference of the amount collected and his or her actual fuel cost.

2. Formula. Each passenger will pay an amount for trips over 100 miles round trip based on the following formula:

M = Total miles round trip to event

V = # of vehicles carrying passengers to event

F = Cost of fuel at Shell station corner of Hampton Hwy and Victory Blvd. 3 weeks prior to event

N = Number of passengers traveling to event

A = Amount due from each passenger (Scout or leader)

$$A = \frac{\left( \left( \frac{M}{20 \text{ mpg}} \right) \times V \right) F}{N}$$

Again, each driver will receive an amount equal to the number of passengers carried to and from the event. Driver pulling the troop trailer will be reimbursed the difference of the amount collected and his or her actual fuel cost.

Analysis: Here's how the two proposals would work.

Assumptions: 5 vehicles, 4 passengers per vehicle (5 people in each vehicle including driver), 360 mile round trip (about the length to Shenandoah National Park and back), Gas \$1.85/gallon.

1. Fixed Rate. Each passenger would pay \$20 for fuel. Each driver will receive \$80 for fuel.
2. Formula. Using the formula, each passenger would pay as shown:

$$A = \frac{\left( \left( \frac{360 \text{ miles}}{20 \text{ mpg}} \right) \times 5 \text{ vehicles} \right) \times \$1.85/\text{gallon}}{20 \text{ passengers}} = \$8.33 \text{ per passenger}$$

This means that each driver would receive \$8.33 x 4 passengers = \$33.30.

**Revised Troop Procedures.** Completed by Mr. Velez and Mr. Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy discussed the new procedures that had been made during the review. Approved by unanimous committee vote. Mr. Mulherin thanked both men for putting them together.

**Website.** Discussion of how we wanted to keep a website up. Mr. Bittel noted that Troop 200's website is hosted by a company for free. Committee voted to move the Troop website to this same hosting. Mr.

Bittel will get the information and initial setup. Mr. Seitz will be the mentor to the Troop scribe, who will be the webmaster for the troop. Mr. Seitz's company will donate 2 years of domain registration to the troop.

### **Quartermaster.**

**Stove.** Mr. Loquasto has generously donated the money to buy a 2 burner stove for the Core patrol. Mr. Boyd has received the money from Mr. Loquasto. Mr. Bittel offered to get the stove and case for the Core patrol.

**Tents.** Mr. Cook reviewed our tent situation. Troop owns 16 2-man tents and 3 backpacking tents. Recommendation to buy 2 additional 2-man tents for the Scouts. Mr. Sledge discussed backpacking tents. He asked for one additional backpacking tent. Discussion of money, Mr. Boyd says we can spend up to \$500 for new tents, including 2 backpacking tents. Mr. Bittel recommended Coleman for value, replacement parts and a discount website. Mr. Mulherin proposed that QMs buy 2 Coleman 2-man tents and 2 high-quality backpacking tents. Approved to spend up to \$500.

**Other issues.** Mr. Sledge will be getting a "bear bag" for the AT trip to replace the one used by Mr. Miller. Mr. Bittel brought up that the boys are now using charcoal more on campouts. Suggested that since we buy propane, that we should buy 10 bags of charcoal. Committee approved.

Mr. Boyd brought up issue with Mr. Barnett that the church is locking the door to the rest of the church, preventing the boys from getting to a water fountain. Mr. Barnett said that church feels that the boys are not being respectful of the other meetings that are going on in church. This is a leader issue as well. Mr. Barnett offered to bring cups for the boys to use with the sinks. Church is going to leave the door locked. Mr. Barnett will mention it to the church and ask that the door be left unlocked but shut.

Mr. Pruitt mentioned that PLC identified that there is no activity for June, as a whitewater trip has been cancelled. Mr. Johnson noted that several boys need service project hours. Mr. Bittel mentioned that the Hampton National Cemetery needed boys for one hour to set up chairs for a Memorial Day event. Mr. Cook mentioned that the Troop Scouts could participate with Pack for Clean the Bay day, June 6.

Mr. Kennedy raised the issue of Matthew Watts breaking the plexiglass at Sandy Bottom Nature Park. Matthew wrote letters to Mr. Kennedy, the Park Rangers and the company that provided the plexiglass. Discussion of any other consequences for Matthew. SM Pruitt will ask Matthew to write a short speech to the Troop apologizing for the issue.

Meeting closed at 8:40 pm.

Submitted,

Mike Seitz

Troop Committee Secretary