

Boy Scout Troop 197

Troop Committee Minutes

January 7, 2008

The meeting was held at St. Philip's at 7:00 PM. Attending: John Becker, Mary Beckner, Dan Semetko, Mark Stout, Ken Groue, Philip Cohen, Gina Biekman, Howard Bruce, Lee McWilliams, and John Curry.

The "Troop Committee Challenge" on line was spotty at best. Lee McWilliams and John Curry said yes. See the following link. [http://www.shac.org/Home/Training/On-Line Training/](http://www.shac.org/Home/Training/On-Line%20Training/) for adult campers, take "The Troop Committee Challenge".

Recruitment. I am asking every family in the troop to scour their neighborhood, school, or religious community to invite new recruits to visit our troop.

It is time to Recharter. Every scout and adult owes \$30.00 each to Boy Scout Troop 197 payable to Gina Biekman. Mr. Groue will be doing this for both the troop and venturing crew.

Our Dinosaur Valley State Park campout was a huge success with 12 scouts and 10 adults attending. The weather was excellent.

Tyler T.'s Eagle Project is set for January 19, 2008. We will attempt to have Scout Sunday on Feb. 3 instead of Feb. 10. Mark Stout will coordinate with the Pack on this date change.

We have reset the Court of Honor for March 27, 2008.

An Eagle Ceremony will be held Feb. 16, 2008 for Matthew B., Joshua D., Eric S. and possibly Tyler T. from 2:00 -6:00 PM at St. Paul's Methodist Church's Fondren Hall, 5501 S. Main Street.

The Venturing Crew is going to Big Bend, Friday, March 14-Wednesday, March 19. We are investigating to see if we will make it a troop function as well.

Our dates for Camp Constantine are June 22-28, 2008. Our Philmont dates are July 29-August 10, 2008.

For the summer of 2009, we plan on going to Destin Florida and taking a four day cruise on a sailing schooner with space for 20 people.

Our next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 11, 2008.