

Troop 997 Committee/Parent Meeting Agenda  
June 5, 2025

Attendees: Kasey King, Jeff Veenstra, Todd Anthony, Ron Krull, Jennifer Roth, Doug Webster, Scott Madden, Jackie Waechter, Jason Hughes, Brad Dickenson, Michelle Dunajcik, Cheryl McCrary

Motion to convene meeting: Doug motioned; Jeff seconded.

Last Meeting Minutes: Brad motioned to accept; Jeff seconded.

Old Business: N/A

Scoutmaster Reports:

Cheryl McCrary – We had our regular troop on June 12 and PLC was held on June 15. Our SPL was not prepared with meeting plans, so we created them on the spot. Our SPL was not prepared to discuss program planning or summer camp t-shirt designs. The May campout was the 16 through the 18th at Warren Levis (Rotary campsite). We delayed our departure time due to down power lines in the area. We also changed our meeting location to Twin Chimneys Elementary because the access to Ostmann was closed. Our program for Saturday included the climbing wall, slack lines and team building activities at team building activities. We used the chapel for our Scouts Own. And back at the campsite, we had a flag retirement ceremony & campfire. We had a regular troop meeting on June 19th. And on May 25th, we attended the Memorial Day Good Turn at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. We did not meet on Monday, May 26, due to the Memorial Day holiday. We held a regular troop meeting on June 2. At PLC after the troop meeting, our SPL Max stepped down to ASPL. And Harry stepped up be the SPL until the next youth leadership election. Summer camp t-shirt design has been approved by SPL Harry. The troop will order 1 t-shirt for each youth & adult attending summer camp. Additional t-shirts will be available for on-line purchase. I will be staffing McNair Day Camp again this year. If adults or youth are interested in helping out, let me know.

Program planning

Treehouse & Adirondack lottery registration is open until June 10. I have to sign us up for a code. And then the code is sent out via email to the registration contact between June 11th and 17th. The registration contact will need to reserve our spot immediately. The reservation system opens to everyone on July 1 (and we lose our first-choice position). Ostmann Elementary school reservations are on Monday, June 16, starting at 8 am. Draft of program calendar to hand out

Life to Eagle - Ron Krull – Josh Vollmer is down to 36 days remaining and has been working non-stop the past week or so to get his plan developed. He is hoping to have workdays this coming Sunday and weeknights next week. He has not yet responded to my set of questions from last night. If he can complete his storage shelving next week before he leaves for High Adventure, he will only have 3 weeks to complete his report section and have his troop reviews before the troop leaves for Summer Camp (and Josh turns 18 while the troop is at Summer Camp). Jack Waechter has requested a troop proposal review this coming Monday night. I am working to find available adults to meet with him. Max and Brody continue to work on their proposals. Seth and Harry have recently become Life Scouts. I have shared the “welcome” info with then and Seth has replied that he is interested in getting started sooner than later. I met with Vedu and his father this past Monday night before the troop meeting to review all of the steps required to become an Eagle Scout. I also provided him with a timeline tool for him to set goals/targets for the various steps to become an Eagle Scout. There has been a disappointing trend in the past few proposals that I have been asked to review. In those proposals, there has been the bare minimum to get by contained in the proposals. These scouts have said that these proposals had been reviewed with their mentor, but most sections in the workbook contained a sentence or two at the most, if they even used complete sentences at all. Troop 997 has had a long reputation of sending prepared scouts to the district reviews. I expect that the troop reviews would require the scouts to add more information before securing signatures from the Committee Chair and the Scoutmaster. However, I don't think that it is fair to “waste” the troop adult's time in reviews where the scouts aren't really prepared.

But maybe that's what it takes to get through to the scouts. The more detail that they can put into their proposal workbook, the less likely that they are going to be "grilled" to show that they understand the scope of their project. If anyone thinks I'm setting expectations too high, I'll gladly hand off LTE ASM to someone else.

NYLT – We have one youth attending pack and paddle week 1.

New Scouts – Jason Hughes – We will be asking the new scouts and parents what they don't understand about the Troop. Trying to tackle any issues they may have. One example is the grub master duties. We have three new scouts for the June campout where we need to work on fire building.

Order of the Arrow – Doug Webster – The Boone Trails Chapter meeting was held on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. We had one participant, Mr. Webster attend. Fall Reunion is September 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> at S Bar F. Section Conclave is at Beaumont from September 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>.

Activity Report: Brad Dickinson – We have 10 youth and 4 adults for the June campout which will have nature items for the activity. The first-year scouts will have their own activities to finish up. August 1<sup>st</sup> weekend will be canoeing.

#### **June - Nature**

- June 2 6:30 Summit Bechtel Gear Shakedown  
7:15 Troop meeting @YMCA - Grub \$12 due for June campout
- June 5 7:15 Committee meeting @ YMCA
- June 6-8 Troop Campout & Pere Marquette State Park - 6:00 Meet at Ostmann, 6:30 Depart Ostmann
- June 9 7:15 Troop meeting @ YMCA
- June 14 **Summit Bechtel Crews Depart**
- June 16 6:00 PLC @ YMCA  
7:15 Troop meeting @ YMCA
- June 21 **Summit Bechtel Crews Return**
- June 23 7:15 Troop meeting @ YMCA
- June 30 7:15 Pre Summer Camp meeting @ YMCA - **Scouts AND a parent should attend**

#### **July - Cycling**

- July 7 7:15 Troop meeting @ YMCA
- July 10 7:15 PLC @ YMCA
- July 13 **1:00 Arrive at Summer camp**
- July 14 **No Troop Meeting @ summer camp**
- July 17 **6:00 Family Night at Famous Eagle Camp**
- July 19 **Return from Summer camp**
- July 20 No troop meeting in accordance with the program calendar
- July 28 7:15 Troop meeting @ YMCA

Advancement: Jeff Veenstra – The next COH is August 24<sup>th</sup> at Quail Ridge. We will start announcing on July 28<sup>th</sup> that the cutoff will be two weeks before. There is a merit badge transformation with AI & Cyber Security merit badges coming out later this year.

Adult Training: Todd Anthony – We are working on getting our special training updated. We had six people attend IOLS training in May. YPT is changing over to Safeguarding Youth training. It will be an initial 90 minute course the first year and then a 15 minute renewal course every year. New Safeguarding Youth Training announcement <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/> Safeguarding Youth training must be taken every year. If a volunteer's Safeguarding Youth training is not current at the time of annual registration renewal, the volunteer will not be re-registered.

Committee Chair: Kasey King – We will not hold a committee meeting in July, and I’m going to have to alter our schedule for the August meeting because I will be out of town, stay tuned for a new date in August. I have requested the YMCA conference room for our Committee and PLC meetings for the next scout year. We will submit a facility request with Ostmann Monday June 16<sup>th</sup>, I need help to handle this process as I am out of town this year. I need to get an Ostmann Calendar to check our meeting dates.

Equipment Report: Jeremy Pionke – We are looking for a new quarter master for next March. Jeremy’s son will be aging out of the troop at that time. Please see Mrs. McCrary if you are interested.

Membership: Robert Contreras – N/A

Medical: Robert Contreras – The medical binder has been purged and is in a new binder. We need to get scout and adults attending summer camp to submit their updated medical forms A-C.

Treasurer Report: Scott Madden – We have begun receiving Philmont payments. The Philmont payment schedule is set to start on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Summit is ready to hand out money for pictures, patches, food and vans. We will need money from the adults who are attending summer camp. Our general fund is stable month over month. We will hold our next budget meeting in early September.

<b>Troop 997 Treasurer Report</b>	
<b>June 1, 2025</b>	
Beginning Balance:	\$26,283.11
Ending Balance:	\$26,241.11
Account Breakdown:	
Troop 997 General Fund:	\$9,752.40
Scout's Accounts:	\$7,946.27
Sea Base 2023	\$0.00
Northern Tier 2024	\$0.00
Philmont 2026	\$5,260.00
Summit 2025	\$2,858.56
Shiloh 2025	\$168.88
Summer Camp 2025	\$255.00
Canoe Float Trip	\$0.00
Total Breakdown	\$26,241.11
Scout Dues in Arrears:	(\$59.50)
Comments	
Will need to pay:	
Scott Madden	
Treasurer of Troop 997	

Fundraising: Erin Madden – We had eight or nine scouts sell 72 camp cards with \$432 going to scout accounts. We have had four or five scouts sell a total of 26 Imos cards for \$260 which all will go to scout accounts. Shakespeare’s Pizza fundraiser started on Monday night.

Service/Good Turn: Memorial Day – Doug Webster – On May 25<sup>th</sup> ten adults and twelve youth went to Jefferson Barricks for our annual good turn. We had a great time and earned two hours of service.

Ostmann Elementary Good Turn – Todd Anthony – we will be weeding the flower bed that Ostmann is dedicating to a student who lost his life to cancer earlier this year. The school will provide weed barrier and the mulch. This will be held the morning of August 9<sup>th</sup> with the time to be determined at a later date.

Summit Bechtel 2025: Jeremy Pionke – We held a gear shakedown last night Monday night. We are working on adult training with Mr. Martin for him to be a kayaking merit badge counselor.

Philmont 2026: Ron Krull – Great discussion and “show and tell” was held at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> gear meeting. Also shared Philmont’s height/weight policy, Health Form Requirements and tentative prep outing schedule. I also have the troop tentative calendar for 2025-2026 and will be starting to mesh the two together in the next month or so.

Summer-Camp 2025: Michelle Dunajcik – Our scouts did get into the classes they requested. We need to get sign ups for family night sent out.

New Business: We need a Sea Base high adventure coordinator for 2027. We also need a Medical Binder coordinator for the health forms.

End of Committee Meeting motion: Michelle motioned; Doug seconded.