

Safe Scouting Committee Meeting  
July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Gamehaven Scout Reservation, 5:30 – 6:30

**Attendance:** Tom Bergquist, Ray Goranson, Mike Lee, Marlowe Bennett, Bob Bock, Steve Carlin, Tom Barry

**Action Items:**

- Steve Carlin will have the siren inspected and report back any problems
- Bob Bock will contact the National Engineering department to inquire about shelter plans and assistance
- Committee will suggest ideas for the risk management funding proposal
- Tom Bergquist and Tom Barry will write up the risk management funding proposal

**Report and Discussion:**

1. Siren
  - a. Steve Carlin reported that the siren is fully operational. We have to ability to play multiple warning sounds as well as taps and reveille.
  - b. The siren was demonstrated for the committee to hear
  - c. **UPDATE:** the siren began to falter in late July. It would begin play taps or reveille and then begin to stutter or stop half way through. Currently the computer will not turn on. Winkel Electric will be out to inspect the siren on 8/11/10.
    - i. Backup emergency alert systems were in place but never needed
2. Shelters
  - a. The weather for the 2010 season was discussed including how often we went to shelters. Shelter capacity was also discussed.
  - b. The committee discussed the Yaggy Colby proposal for developing a plan to build three different shelters throughout camp at a cost of no more than \$8450.
    - i. These plans would be needed before we could apply for any federal grants to offset the cost of shelters.
    - ii. The cost was considered to be too much by the committee at the current time.
  - c. Bob Bock mentioned that the National Office has an engineering department whose role is to assist in projects like building of shelters at camp. Their services were already paid for through the fees the council pays national each year.
3. Flood Insurance
  - a. Mike Lee mentioned the council currently does not have any flood insurance on the council office.
  - b. A brief history of the flood in the late 70's was discussed and how the council office was flooded.

- c. Since the flood prevention programs were initiated the office has not been flooded. In August of 2007 two 100 year storms hit Southern Minnesota, despite heavy rainfall the office was fine. The office is currently considered to be in a low risk flood area.
  - d. Further discussion about whether or not the council should invest in flood insurance was tabled until the Executive Board makes a decision on the new office proposal.
- 4. Youth Protection
  - a. The committee was notified of the new changes from National in regards to Youth Protections training.
    - i. All new adult registrations will require a certificate verifying the completion of youth protection training BEFORE they can be registered.
    - ii. Effective at the next round of rechartering (January, February and March for Gamehaven) all registered leaders will need to have youth protection training completed or they will be dropped from the recharter.
- 5. 2010 / 2011 Risk Management Project
  - a. The National Office will give out funding for \$500, \$750 or \$1000 to help fund council risk management projects
  - b. For the 2010 calendar year we applied for funding to fix the tornado siren.
  - c. The only 2011 proposal to date has been to ask for funding to purchase projectors to help with training adult leaders in youth protection as well as other council activities
    - i. Any further suggestions are welcome
  - d. The application deadline is October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 6. Upcoming meetings
  - a. August 28<sup>th</sup>, TBD @ GSR (post-camp inspection)
  - b. October 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 6:30 @ Council Office (quarterly meeting)