

Safe Scouting Committee Meeting
July 28th, 2009
Gamehaven Scout Reservation 5:45 – 6:45

Attendance: Tom Bergquist, Paul Jordan, Mike Lee, Marlowe Bennet, Tom Barry

Action Items:

1. Steve Carlin will setup the final install of the Tornado Siren
2. Tom Barry will make sure a copy of the Council's insurance plan is placed on-line
3. Steve Altchuler will remind the committee what the requirements are for pole depth
4. Steve Carlin will bring the issue of pole depth to the Properties Committee and report back to the Safe Scouting Committee on ways to check pole depth
5. Tom Bergquist will look into plastic mattresses from the Mayo Clinic
6. Steve Carlin will investigate what the cost of a plastic covering would cost for our current mattresses
7. Steve Carlin should contact neighboring councils and inquire about plastic mattresses
8. Steve Carlin should put together an inventory of the Boom Shack
9. Mike Lee will e-mail Tom Barry more information on adjusting the council insurance based on the recent inventory of the office and camp
10. Tom Barry will address Bob on adjusting the council insurance

Report and Discussion:

1. Tom Barry brought up old business
 - a. Tornado Siren – Currently have all the pieces in place, now just waiting for Lou Behrens to help put all the pieces together
 - b. Accident and Sickness – Insurance is in place as of April 1st, 2009.
 - i. Mike Lee suggested we place a copy of the policy on the council's website
 - c. Trading Post Fridges – Ray Goranson informed Tom that even the trading post fridges need to have temp charts posted and kept up to date.
 - d. Poles in camp – currently at a standstill, all leads on who can inspect poles have ended
 - i. Paul inquired what the requirements for pole depth are
 - ii. Paul asked whether any purchasing records existed that would indicate the length of the poles throughout camp
 - iii. Marlowe commented that this issue needs to be seriously addressed for the safety of campers
 1. Marlowe also suggested the Properties Committee investigate further and report back to the Safe Scouting committee
2. Camp Visitation
 - a. Mattresses – Camp visitation noted the mattresses used by campers were made of cloth material making them susceptible to water, mold and bodily fluids. Suggested we switch to a plastic mattress.

- i. Tom Barry mentioned how the cost would be substantial (\$55/mattress X 170 mattresses = \$9350)
 - ii. Tom Barry inquired whether the Mayo Clinic may have any plastic mattress they are cycling out
 - 1. Tom Bergquist said he would look into it.
 - iii. Paul asked if a plastic mattress cover would work and what those costs would be as a short term solution.
 - iv. Marlowe suggested Steve Carlin contact neighboring councils and ask about plastic mattresses
 - b. Fireguards – not all campsites had a complete fireguard posted
 - i. Marlowe suggested having a bulletin board in each campsite
 - 1. Good project for the Chiefs who rent camp
 - c. Boom Shack – Team suggested the Boom Shack should be ventilated
 - i. Paul asked what the visitation team smelled. Smell could be due to many factors: over pressurized tanks, empty tanks, heat, and containers with open lids. Suggested we have an inventory list of all items stored in boom shack.
 - 1. Inspection after the meeting indicated that many containers were open and the smell could be reduced / eliminated by simply covering them.
 - d. Emergency Call List updates – Team noticed that not all signs in camp were up to date with the latest numbers or were not posted in key areas
 - i. Tom mentioned that the emergency contact numbers for Olmsted Medical Center no longer work, those numbers need to be updated for 2010.
 - ii. It was suggested that staff members who carry cell phones (as assigned by the Camp Director) should have all the emergency numbers programmed into their cell phones in addition to being posted throughout camp
- 3. Insurance
 - a. Mike Lee mentioned that our insurance needs to be adjusted based on the latest inventory of equipment at both the office and camp. He was unsure whether this decision was up to Bob (Scout Executive) or the Executive Board.
 - b. It was also suggested that all commercial businesses (even those volunteering their services at camp) give proof of insurance.
- 4. Tour Permits
 - a. Marlowe stated that more units than ever have been turning in Tour Permits for their trips this summer. He said even Cub Scout Packs attending summer camp have been turning in tour permits.

Upcoming Meetings and Dates:

Post Camp Inspection – September 26th @ 9:00 AM – Gamehaven Scout Reservation
 Committee Meeting – October 13th @ 5:30 PM – Council Service Center