

CAMPING AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Orem Service Center

26 August 2009, 7:00 pm

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| 7:00 | Welcome & introductions | | Myrle Astrope |
| | Present: | By Phone: | Staff: |
| | Kathy Worthen | Myrle Astrope | Darryl Alder |
| | Dick Sumsion | Ray Cook | David Merrill |
| | Rene Luthi | Tom Otterstrom | Peter Brown |
| | Dave Cook | Becky Lekko | Burt Harvey |
| | Russ Phillips | David Shelanskey | Mark Veteto |
| | Pualani Graham | Keith Abrahams | Mike Plowman |
| | David Barlow | Sheldon Hetzel | Mark Baldwin |
| | Becky Barlow | Linda Peck | |
- 1- Invocation Rene Luthi
 - 2- Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath & Law Tom Otterstrom
 - 3- Review of minutes Ray Cook

Minutes were sent out previously, but future minutes be sent in .pdf format since some members could not open their files.

There was a question answered on the condemned trees along the 800 North side of the Orem Service Center. There are four mature evergreens in question all between the north west corner of the west parking lot to its north east side. The trees and grass strip will be lost to new road construction, for which the State has compensated the Council about \$25,000. Following the discussion of these two items,

Dave Shelanskey moved for approval of the minutes
Dave Cook seconded
Unanimously approved
 - 4- New Business Darryl Alder
 - A. Darryl passed long invitations to attend the Properties Course at Philmont September 20-26. The cost is \$500 per person, food and lodging is included while at Philmont. Since Darryl is driving up to 5 committee members may travel with him for free. This course is designed for both volunteer and professional. It introduces concepts, tools, and models to properly assess and develop the council's properties and physical assets in support of the program. Two days are focused on planning and analysis, including strategic planning, demographic analysis, project management, and modeling. Two days are focused on execution, including facility design, camp layout, construction delivery methods, and examples of good and poor design. Wednesday has an optional half-day, behind-the-scenes tour of high-adventure base operations. The council will provide transportation for up to five committee members, however the course
 - B. 2009 Summer camp operations report Bruce Alger(not present)
 - Finances: copies were available(see Darryl for July's month end closing figures)
 - C. Merit Badges and Advancement in Camp Pualani and Linda

Council Advancement Committee

Presented a document called Advancement in Summer Camp. Camp Staff may

teach in groups but must test Scouts individually. Merit Badge counselors must be registered adults who have received Merit Badge Counselor training. The council Advancement Committee will help to train all camp Merit Badge Counselors.

Sheldon pointed out that at the Annual Meeting several Chartered Organization Representatives were concerned by poor and underage instruction at camp to the point of not wanting to pay Friends of Scouting. Sheldon wants this message to get to Bruce and the Camp Directors. Dave Shelanskey asked what the intent with this document was, since he has served on two camp staffs where the director took care of Merit Badge Counselor Orientation.

Tom Otterstrom asked about quality of staff hired. Burt reported he tries hard to get good people but in the end hires whoever he can.

Russ pointed out our council's "camp brand" is to come our camps because you will earn more merit badges than in other councils. He wants us to tighten up.

Tom wants to know should is responsible. Sheldon suggested it is this committee.

Peter Brown pointed out that he has been a program director for 8 years in another council. His junior staff taught the material but an adult area director actually passed off the badges.

Dave Shelanskey pointed out that in this council and others he has worked in that there is a need to communicate expectations— then he asked " is our brand merit badge camps?" He pointed out that we do not have reasonable expectations for classroom limitation. He asked that we make stronger expectations from our committee regarding advancement.

Linda and Pualani would like to camps to schedule the training for next summer. Sheldon asked Burt if he would welcome help from the Council Advancement Committee, which he affirmed. Becky Lekko asked the council to offer a quarterly Merit Badge Counselor Orientation in addition to the camp courses.

Burt suggested that 4-5 badges might be the limit a boy could earn well—more with advance preparation. Dick Sumsion's experience is along those lines. Burt pointed out that some boys come prepared and earn many more badges than others.

Kathy Worthen reminded the group the advancement committee would like camps to teach appropriate merit badges. Russ pointed out that TIFIE will new subjects in line with the TIFIE mission: Teaching Individuals and Families Independence through Enterprise .

Pualani reported that her unit earned 160 merit badges at camp this summer. Dave Cook wanted to know why this is a problem—it was something he expected or wanted when he was a Scoutmaster.

Becky Lekko pointed out that our aquatics camp is not aquatics based; in her opinion, frontiersman is too weak a theme with all the aquatics program

possibilities. She and others felt the camp must have an expanded aquatic focus, including motor boating, waterskiing and small boat sailing. Mike Plowman pointed out the fund development committee cannot justify getting boats for Scofield unless they are going to be used. Darryl explained there has been a market shift toward central dining at Scofield more than for aquatics.

After an hour of discussion, the committee agreed they would do what they can to support the Advancement Committee's position. Pualani and Linda agreed to send a copy of the "Advancement in Summer Camp" document with these minutes. (these will have to be forwarded separately since none were sent to staff),

D. Approval of dates for 2010 Summer Camping operations
 Dates in Draft 2010 Camp Information

High Uintah Camp	Maple Dell Scout Camp	TIFIE Scout Camp	Thunder Ridge Scout Camp	Scofield Scout Camp
Slade Young	Belinda Han	Jack Dillon	Burt Harvey	Bob Oswald
	Staff Week	Staff Week	Timberline/Staff Week	Timberline
	June 7-12	June 7-12	June 7-12	Staff Week
	June 14-19	June 14-19	June 14-19	June 14-19
	June 21-26	June 21-26	June 21-26	June 21-26
	June 28 - July 3	June 28 - July 3	June 28-July 3 (LDS Stake Test)	June 28 - July 3
	July 5-7, 8-10 Family Camp	July 5-10	July 7-8; 9-10 Big Thunder	July 6-10 (LDS Stake Test or closed)
July 12-17	July 12-17	July 12-17	July 12-17	July 12-17
July 19-24	July 19-24	July 19-24	July 19-24	July 19-24
	July 26-31	July 26-31	July 26-31	July 26-31
	Aug 2-7	Aug 2-8	Timberline	Aug 2-7
		Aug 9-14 Family Wood Badge		
				Wood Badge
Adventure Park at Buck Hollow	Blue Mt. Camp	Beaver High Adventure Base	Entrada High Adventure Base	Camp Jeremiah Johnson
			May 31-June 5	
June 11-12		Youth Conf	June 7-12	June 8-12
June 18-19	June 14-19	Youth Conf	June 14-19	June 14-19
June 25-26		Youth Conf	June 21-26	June 21-26
		Youth Conf	June 28 - July 3	June 28 - July 2
July 9-10		Youth Conf	July 5-10	July 6-10
July 16-17		Youth Conf	July 12-17	July 12-17
		Youth Conf		July 19-23
July 30-31		Youth Conf		July 26-31
July 6-7		Youth Conf		Aug 2-7

Ray asked us to revisit the dates to all be Monday through Saturday then realized he was looking at the 2009 brochure. He noted we were missing dates for Beaver and Entrada High Adventure Bases and Family Camp (some tentative dates have been provided in the table above, but for High Adventure may

change.) Becky Lekko reported Family Camp wants the 5-10th of July at Maple Dell, which is now listed in the table above.

Sheldon pointed out that many Timberline Scoutmasters need to go to run courses in June since they are going Jamboree. We will need more Timberline locations, which will require greater use of Thunder Ridge and initial use of Buck Hollow. There is also a request to use Maple Dell for Timberline May 31-June 5th.

He also pointed that the market shift toward Stake Encampments. Russ pointed out that to fulfill our contract with the LDS church we need to make the Buck Hollow is property available to stakes. The camp now has water to 10+ camping areas and electricity is at the top of the hill. There is also a roughed in rifle range backstop and we have a grant for \$9500 from NRA to develop that further.

Sheldon suggested we have multiple brands at our camps.

Dave Shelanskey pointed out this committee needs to take true ownership of camping and our outdoor mission. Darryl pointed out staff is prepared to make Beaver HAB, Entrada HAB and Buck Hollow available for LDS stakes. Dave Cook suggested that if we fill up our camps with LDS groups in weeks with low registration, it can only help the bottom line

Dave Cook moved that we always look to fill camps by reaching out to these other markets.

Dave Shelanskey seconded

Unanimously approved

Sheldon suggested we have enough supplies to run Timberlines at Buck Hollow. Dick reported that Alan Bird and committee are ready to use Buck Hollow, but we need a plan so that we can market the property to Stake Presidents directly.

Sheldon suggested we open camps 31 May, which is Memorial Day. Others agreed camp could open then. Utah and Washington County schools will all be out during the first week of June. Becky Lekko pointed out that we could shift all camps one week forward.

There was some concern that our increased camping inventory (220 more units) could be adversely affected by Jamboree. Mike Plowman pointed out that staff and volunteers can surely compensate for the loss of 500 Jamboree boys. Ray pointed out that Philmont is not cutting back for Jamboree. Russ reported that no Jamboree troop has more than 2 youth from a regular troop, so their troops should still go to camp. The group agreed an aggressive summer camp promotion effort could overcome both the challenges of increased inventory and Jamboree.

Burt reporting for Tom Shakespeare suggested week 3 and Big Thunder need some adjustments. He would like to open a week earlier and give two weeks to Big Thunder and Timberline or stake encampment sales.

Mark Baldwin asked that Adventure Park be closed July 23-24 (this is noted in the table above).

The group agreed to have staff decide dates for Entrada and Beaver High Adventure Base, with a primary focus on filling them, either with units or stakes which ever fills first. Kathy suggested we market outside the council. Becky Lekko suggested we promote camps at new leader training.

Becky Lekko suggested we can market both family camp and family wood badge. Ray felt the Maple Dell Family Camp has lost its marketability. Ray will not be Family Camp Director; he will be at Philmont. He wants the camp director, Belinda Han to be Family Camp Director, but this is actually a staff assignment made by the Camping Director. Ray suggested his Family Camp staff could help family wood badge. The group agreed family wood badge needs to be marketed in the camp brochure alongside the TIFIE piece.

Becky Barlow stated the Family Camp and Family Wood Badge have separate missions. Russ reminded us that we cannot accommodate more than 512 for 92 days total in camp. He stated that we cannot afford to be cited for over water usage, so there must be limits on the family wood badge. The dining hall must be completed in order for this family wood badge to operate well.

The Barlows reported that family wood badge could be moved and asked for other dates. These include July 5-10 and August 2-7. This was remanded back to the Council Training Committee for an alternate plan if the dining hall was not completed. The date decision resides with the region and will have to go back to them through the Council Training Committee.

There were suggestions to have LDS and Hispanic Weeks. Russ suggested we have week for other faiths. Eric reported a need for a Hispanic Week at Cub Scout Day Camp. Peter asked if we are going to provide encampment spaces in double knot for registration.

Ray called the motion to approve all dates as listed and amended in Draft 2010 Camp Information Booklet (this appears in the chart above)

Tom O moved for approval

Dave S seconded

E. Approval of fees for 2010 Summer Camping operations

Staff reported that Great Salt Lake Council (GSLC) has reduced camp fees to a standard \$125 for all camps and \$200-225 for High Adventure Bases, which includes food.

Staff suggested we consider a 2009 salary freeze and fee freeze. Becky Lekko thought it a wise message to our donors. Sheldon reported that Timberline cut fees and increased attendance for the 2009 season; they also gave 10% discount for registering 30 days early.

Mark suggested we return the X-ski fees to \$28 with Kathy's support. The group agreed.

Dave Merrill asked about the \$10 campsite fee and \$1 fee for toilets. No one knew for sure and asked for details from the Executive Committee.

Becky felt we should go as low as GSLC.

Ray called for a motion to approve all fees as listed and amended in Draft 2010 Camp Information booklet and to add a \$10 early registration discount.

Becky pointed out that units go to Maple Dell one year and do something fun another year. Ray suggested we need to move the early bird date to April 15th. Ray asked staff to make a comparative study of fees lowering against this year's performance and to report at the next meeting.

Sheldon moved for approval of 2009 fee freeze (adjusted with an early bird of 15 Feb.

This was seconded and approved

- F. Thunder Ridge waterline and road improvements Tom and Stan Shakespeare
Tom asked that \$2500 in maintenance money be used for the new Timberline campsite waterline development and road improvement. He asked Timberline to match this amount. Sheldon asked if we can put the service hours from Timberline as credit. Sheldon suggested he would need a close out report first before we commit and proposed waiting for that close-out.

- G. Maple Dell Dave Cook
Dave C reported that we need \$285k to start the pool and another similar amount to cover the pool. Mike Plowman suggested we are close to getting a donor. Dave also reported progress on the Shower/Toilet House. The Executive Committee has authorized \$80k for remodeling the youth shower. Dave showed several plans all of which remove the existing building. This is stage one of a four part development of four split face block toilet/shower house for the camp.

He moved that we accept the draft plans and move this forward to the Executive Committee

Dick S Seconded

Unanimously approved

Dave Cook shares the his committee's preliminary vision and master plan (see separate attachment)

- H. Report from Camp Promotions committee Mickie Kropf
Youth are working on a promotional video for the Order of the Arrow. This will be a two part effort promoting the OA and camps. She asked that the promotional items from National be purchased now. Staff has already placed this order, but will need marketing information for each camp to be inserted in the packets.

Sheldon reported that using Charts that Talk with commissioner service helped fill camps just by holding the unit accountable for identifying summer camp plans. One on one contact is vital, especially with unit leaders.

Peter reported that each camp now has a short video at their web sites at utahscouts.org/camp. Darryl reported that social networking on YouTube has been very active.

Becky Lekko asked the Council to get Public Service Announcements like GSLC did during last spring break.

Tom Otterstrom and Dave Shelanskey did not have specific marketing plans, but met after the meeting to work on plans.

I. Scofield: two staff cabins approval TJ James not present
(Discussion tabled for one month)

J. Orem office classroom trade offer by Timberline Sheldon Hetzel
Because the Timberline needed an outside entrance to their storage at the Orem Service Center, they have taken the Capitol Reef Room. Timberline offered to build a temporary wall to divide Canyonlands into two classrooms. Two locations were considered within the room, but neither fit into the master plan for the building. Staff suggested that the Cedar Breaks room could be expanded, that Steve Fosters office (the original Capital Reef room) be restored to service or that the old server room across from the Natural Bridges room could be made into a meeting room. The discussion killed the motion to move forward.

8:30 Next meeting September 23, 7pm Orem Service Center
Motion to adjourn

A benediction was offered
Being no further business this concludes the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,



Darryl H. Alder
Director of Support Services

Pending business for next meeting:

K. 2009 Summer camp operations report Bruce Alger(not present)
- Attendance (move to table for one month)
- Satisfaction Survey (move to table for one month)

Cub Scout Day Camps Utah County Eric Maynes
Will report next month on possible additional property. He also wants to discuss the use of professionals as camp directors at next month's meeting.

Wasatch District was not represented to request rifle usage at Mt. Dell so this item was not discussed

Discussion of open fires in camp for 2010 was carried forward to next meeting

Discussion of Duty to God and religious activities in camp for 2010 was carried forward to next meeting

Council Quartermaster role and tentage—Dixie Quartermaster may not be able to repair or maintain tents (30 of 50 tents stored at Thunder Ridge were not repaired before camp; 10- 20 3-man tents for Dixie area missing and may have accidentally integrated into 4-man system for Wood Badge, Timberline and Camp Staffs)

