

**Troop 286 Committee Meeting  
Monday, March 3, 2013, 7:30 PM**

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Chair's Report

- Membership Chair

Scoutmaster's Report

Eagle Status Report

- Dibble - BOR
- Parker
- Congi

Finance Report

- Treasurer
- Bottle Return

Quartermaster's Report

Program Report

- Deep-Fried Iron Scout, Mar.
- OA Election, Mar.
- NYC, Apr.
- Zombie Apocalypse, May
- OA Section Conclave
- Claimjumper

Training

- NYLT – White Buffalo 2014
- Trained Leaders
- Powderhorn 2014

Other Committee Member Reports

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- By-Laws: Electronics Policy

NEW BUSINESS

- Boards of Review Schedule

CONCLUSION

### **Committee Boards of Review Schedule**

March 10, 2014 – John Schmidt, Polly Archibald, Linda Sternin

April 7, 2014 – John Schmidt, Lisa Gilmartin, Jim Battastella

May 12, 2014 – John Schmidt, Mike Brylinski, Christine McGinniss

June 9, 2014 –

## **Unit Membership Chairman Principal Responsibilities**

*Meet with the unit leaders and committee monthly to discuss membership goals and retention.*

*Conduct recruitment/Scouting promotion events per year to ensure unit growth using the peer-to-peer recruitment method.*

*Distribute membership fliers to schools and churches in the unit's area.*

Conduct Scouting rallies and boy talks in schools, leveraging council support when needed.

Attend the district's membership chair training sessions, which will focus on best practices.

Have your unit be involved in the required amount of Adopt-a-School service or community service projects needed for Scouting's Journey to Excellence score.

*Ensure that new youth and adult applications along with funds are completed and turned into the council service center within a week after receipt of the applications.*

Work with the unit committee to ensure the unit reaches Scouting's Journey to Excellence gold status in membership.

*Update the unit's BeAScout pin and follow up with leads.*

*Have your unit participate in a fall and spring recruitment plan.*

Work with the district transition chair to encourage youth to transition to the age-appropriate program as they grow older.

Have an annual customer satisfaction survey done with current Scout families.

## **Council Membership/Relationship Chairman**

Direct the work of the membership/relationships committee. Use monthly membership reports and Journey to Excellence council, district, and unit reports to identify priorities.

Recruit, train, and motivate Scouters to serve on the committee and help it to carry out its functions effectively.

Promote membership and unit growth in Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, and Venturing through the membership cycle, coordinating youth recruiting and new-unit organization. Plan and help districts carry out roundups, new-unit campaigns, and the other elements of the membership cycle.

Develop more effective communication with chartered organizations.

Cultivate community organizations, groups, and associations that might become chartered organizations or support the Scouting program in other ways.

Support the religious emblems program of chartered organizations.

Stimulate the use of the program by special youth populations (i.e., low-income, disabled, and ethnic young people, or those in sparsely populated rural areas).

Prepare short-, intermediate-, and long-range membership and unit objectives.

Give leadership to events such as relationships conferences or fireside chats with heads of chartered organizations.

Promote membership growth in all markets.

## Troop 286 Electronics Policy – 2/27/2014

Electronics are computers, phones, games and music devices.

**Adults** (Age 18 and over) are allowed unlimited use of electronics at meetings, activities and campouts providing they do not disturb others. However, adults are advised to use discretion and limit the amount of time that electronics are used.

**Scouts** (under age 18) are allowed limited use of electronics.

Electronics are allowed in cars on the way to and from meetings, activities and campouts providing they do not disturb others.

Electronics are allowed to help with program planning at the PLC and in execution of program by the teacher.

Electronics are not allowed at meetings once the meeting begins (Opening) until it ends (Closing). During the gathering period they can be used. JASM, SPL, ASPL, Eagle Scouts not involved in program execution can use electronics. (They will stay out of program involvement if given this opportunity.)

Electronics are not allowed at activities once the activity begins until it ends. They can be used to call parents to be picked up from the activity.

Electronics can be used on campouts after during *non-program time* "Down Time" after meals and in the evening as long as there is no program going on and providing they do not disturb others. While scouts can opt not to participate in a program this will not be considered *non-program time*. Electronics cannot be used during meals. Audio devices can be used to play music while you are sleeping as long as an ear piece is used and the volume does not disturb others.

A device will include the unit itself as well as any accessories such as ear pieces.

When an adult asks a scout to put away an electronic device, it goes away. There is no discussion about whether it is non-program time. If the scout wants to discuss the situation with the adult it is done after the item is properly put away. As mentioned below, if there is not compliance with this the first time a scout is requested to put away an item the use of electronic devices for all scouts may be suspended for the remainder of the activity.

### Exceptions:

Scouts can be given an exception to the above rules with leaders permissions. Example, a Life scout may be planning is Eagle Project at a meeting and need to look up something on his phone or contact someone.

### Punishment:

Anyone violating these rules will be given one warning to put it away. If the device is seen again, the scout will have their device confiscated by troop leadership until the meeting or activity is completed, at which time it will be returned. The electronics use policy will be suspended for all scouts for the remainder of the event (this is intended to have scouts police themselves). If it is a repeat offense, the scout's parents will be notified and the troop committee will take disciplinary action.