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1. Scoutmaster words /welcome
Mr. Phil welcomed everyone back with excitement, introduced the PLC and gave a summary of the exciting year planned for the scouts.
2. Year in review
The scouts were polled on their favorite event from the last year. Caving and Beach Weekend were tied for favorites.
3. The PLC was introduced and awards from summer camp were presented.
The troop earned the clean camp award, honor troop and honor patrols.
4. Hocker Family
The troop was thanked for their support of the Hocker family and a letter from Mrs. Hocker was read aloud. Special thanks to Kim McCray for managing a meal train which the troop was able to manage for a month with donations collected.
5. Review calendar
Upcoming events were reviewed (see troopawesome.com/important-info/)
6. RSVP requirements
All trip reservations must be locked in 2 Thursdays prior to the event. If a scout/family does not rsvp a spot cannot be guaranteed. This is new this year to allow improvements to the quartermaster gear issuing process and meal planning that is now fully a scout responsibility.
7. New leadership requirements
New leadership positions requirements for the PLC were reviewed which will be published in the troop handbook on September 8th 2025. These will evolve but they are the expectations and requirements for improving the troop which are to be managed by our senior scouts.
8. Treasurer budget report
Full report detailed on expenses. See committee members/meeting minutes for more details.
9. Dues increases
The troop is currently operating at a deficit. Fees/dues increases will not be considered until all attempts to reduce the budget are explored. The food fee for camping trips may be increased by \$5.00 per scout if the budget is not balanced by the first of the year.
10. Meeting timing and Board of Reviews
Meetings will run from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm every Thursday. The first half hour will be a game for the scouts as normal; however, all Scoutmaster conferences and BORs will be scheduled during that half hour game time for up to 2 weeks ahead of time. A scheduling system will be available by the next meeting for scouts who are looking to rank advance.
11. Joint pilot program/returning eagles, college reserve
Female leadership is required for all events while we remain in the joint troop pilot program. Female coverage is confirmed through December then additional female leadership is required for events to be successful as older scouts/families age out. We hope we can fill this requirement with returning eagle scouts and long time volunteers. If

that doesn't happen we will let all parents know 30 days ahead of time if the leadership requirements are not met. If not filled 2 weeks out trips will be cancelled.

12. District initiatives/popcorn,

We are exploring an optional online popcorn sales initiative with the district. May ask families to share a link on social media.

13. Special Mr. Stuart announcement

Mr. Stuart honored the troop by presenting a Governor's citation for the work done plating flags at veterans cemeteries.

All families were encouraged to join the next committee meeting. The meeting was closed with a note from our new chaplains aides.