Charter Organization:
Greater Santa Clarita Valley Optimists

Scoutmaster: Nina Rettke

WLACC Troop 499
Troop Committee
June 5, 2007
Meeting Minutes

Senior Patrol Leader:
Max Johnson

Asst. Sr. Patrol Leader
Misha Rettke

Bold underlined items represent formal Committee actions; ***bold italicized*** items highlight Committee requests for future action.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	POSITIONS	PRESENT
Rettke, Nina	Scoutmaster, Patrol Advisor-Raven Patrol, Wilderness Name Creator	√
Belmont, Michael	ASM, Charter Representative, Leader Training Coordinator	
Chikato, Jennifer	ASM, Committee Chair, Merchandise Chair	
Downing, Terry	ASM, IT Support/Website, Patrol Advisor—Flaming Arrows	√
Germann, Heidi	Awards Chair	√
Johnson, Elizabeth	Camping Chair	√
Johnson, Steve	ASM, Patrol/Outings Chair, Asst. Patrol Advisor-Panthers	
Jukka, Vickie	Popcorn Chair	√
Murillo, Rudy	Patrol Advisor—Dragons	√
Ricco, Gary	ASM, Board of Review Chair, Patrol Advisor-Panthers	
Ruppert, Mark	ASM, Troop Chaplain, Patrol Advisor-Wolverines	√
Ruppert, Judy	Awards Chair Asst	
Sato, Eric	Treasurer	√
Chikato, Jim	ASM, Asst. Patrol Advisor-Panther Patrol	
Hope, Ben	ASM, Asst. Patrol Advisor-Wolverines	
Murillo, Maria	ASM, Asst. Patrol Advisor—Dragons	√
Ramirez, Richard	ASM, Asst. Patrol Advisor—Flaming Arrows	
Vacant	Secretary	
		Deidre Hope
		Jonathan Kim

AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS	DISCUSSION/ACTION TAKEN
Mark opened the meeting at 7:10p with the Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath and Scout Law and Nina Led the group in the Outdoor Code.	
Patrol Leader Council Report: ▸ Patrol Activity – Ravens, Panthers, Dragons, Wolverines, Flaming Arrows, Cobras (Advisor Reports) ▸ Wilderness Names Presentations – Scout feedback ▸ Board of Review Coordinator position – Delay concerns ▸ Update on Matt's Eagle project. ▸ Ravens – Now the Troop Venture Patrol ▸ New Troop positions: o Medic - Robert Gammariello o Spirit Meister- Zack Smith ▸ July Troop meeting: SEARCH & RESCUE – coordinated by Zack Smith and Sasha Rettke ▸ Troop Quartermaster Presentation/ Recommendations (N. Ramirez) ▸ Troop First Aid Kit budget for Troop Medic (R. Gammariello)	Nina noted the following outcomes from the most recent PLC: The scouts discussed wilderness name presentations at the PLC and supported continuing the presentations in the same manner as they have been handled. Terry confirmed that the scouts interviewed during recent boards of review said the same thing. The Ravens voted to be a high adventure patrol focusing all future patrol activities on venturing type activities. This does not make them a BSA Venturing Crew. **The Committee approved the purchase of the patrol boxes recommended by Rich Ramirez and supported purchasing them in time for summer camp.** **The Committee approved the purchase of supplies to create a Troop First Aid Kit.**
Treasurer's Report: ▸ Call for Receipts/Reimbursement	Eric reported a cash balance of $8,800. Mark reported that Troop 609 indicated the Troop would be getting a refund due to savings generated as a result of the increased number of scouts who attended. He will report back on the amount at next Committee meeting.

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Fundraising: ▸ Camp Maluhia "Dinner Out" Fundraiser schedule and explanation of Scout Funds form. (Elizabeth)(Judy)(Maria)(Nina)	**The Committee confirmed Maui for the 2008 camp.** Elizabeth and Maria handed out flyers and outlined the planned fundraising activities. ***Each Patrol advisor was tasked with getting the information to their scouts.*** ***Mark and Eric were tasked with determining a fund allocation strategy for individual scout accounts.***
Special Events & Recognition: • Religious Emblems for Marc and Jeffrey • National Youth Leadership Training July 8-13	• Marc Murillo and Jeff Waterman earned their religious emblems and will be honored at the Court of Honor with their patches. • Max Johnson and Misha Rettke will be attending the NYLT at Camp Josepho in July.
Troop Events – Planning: • Court of Honor – June 19, 2007 ▸ Hart Park reservation and Tour Permit **(Steve Johnson)** ▸ Fire Permit obtained by Zach Downing – Troop Fireman **(Terry)** ▸ Advancement and Blue Card submissions **(Heidi)** ▸ Appreciation Plaque for outgoing Scoutmaster Jim **(Heidi)** ▸ Belmonts' Farewell – cake & farewell song at June COH **(Nina)** • Camp Chawanakee: June 24 – 30, 2007 • White Water – August 3 – 5, 2007 • Backpack Outings	***Mark was asked to determine if Jim would be attending the Court of Honor for Scoutmaster award/gratitude planning.*** ***Mark was asked to send a picture from the August lobster bake to Vicky for preparation of the Belmont going way cake.*** ***Elizabeth will reconcile camp payments to ensure any refunds that can be obtained are properly allocated to participating leaders.*** The tour permits have been obtained for summer camp. Elizabeth reminded the Committee of outstanding med forms and ***Terry will coordinate drivers for camp.*** The final white water payment is due June 18th. No update on backpack outings.
Troop Event – Recaps: • Mt Baden Powell Camp & Hike • Memorial Day Flag Placement	Mark commented that both events were successful and that he will have the Baden-Powell HAT patches in time for the June Court of Honor. The scouts were impressive in that they took on the mausoleum after having completed all their flags and lunch. Troop scout won three of ten soccer ball prizes.
Other Business: ▸ Board of Review Coordinator ▸ ***Bylaws Update (For Approval)*** ▸ Chartered Organization Representative ▸ Committee Chair position ▸ DEN Chiefs ▸ Minutes of Committee Meetings ▸ Patrol Make Up ▸ Training Chair	• **<u>The Committee agreed to support Terry as the Board of Review coordinator until Gary Ricco was able to become active again.</u>** • **<u>The Committee agreed to change the Bylaws from requiring the specific timing of PLCs to requiring PLCs but with some flexibility in monthly timing.</u>** ***Mark will draft language for approval at the next meeting.*** • Nina will contact the Chartered Organization about sending a rep to future Committee meetings. • Den chiefs will be necessary for PACK 499 when the new school year starts. ***Ben will be asked to provide specific Den needs.*** • **<u>The Committee agreed to support Mark as the Committee Chair when Jennifer was unable to attend.</u>** ***Mark will prepare meeting minutes going forward.***

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	• The Committee discussed the possibility of rearranging patrols at least for first class and higher ranked scouts to allow patrols to better represent the interests of participating scouts. No decisions were made. • **The Committee agreed to support Terry as the Training Chair replacing Michael Belmont.**
District News: ‣ New Scout Shop and District office to open mid August/early September in Newhall!	Nina reported that Newhall is getting a scout shop to be located on the corner of Walnut and 8th streets in Old Newhall. The BSA needs assistance with getting the store up and going. Nina will email more information and handed out volunteer forms for sign up to provide specific resources and skills.
Other Business:	‣ Panther patrol scouts will need to be worked into other activities as Jim and Gary take a hiatus as patrol advisors. ‣ Terry summarized his attendance at the recent Scout Expo, specifically noting the following: • The Scout Expo occurs every year during the first week of June in Santa Anita. • Troop 499 should consider a demo at next year's Expo. Terry noted that the demo must be completed 100% by scouts as points are deducted for leader/parent involvement. Troops are charged $10 for a booth. • Some notable vendor involvement included Gregory Backpacks and Adventure 16. Both had some great giveaways including coupons and backpacking guides that Terry shared with the Committee. ‣ Mark will follow-up on the status of shorts and neckerchief supplies for the new scout patrol.
Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at approximately 9p.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P. Ruppert
Assistant Scoutmaster