

**STATE OF NEVADA
NEVADA COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
BOY SCOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
PATCH SUBCOMMITTEE**

Minutes of Meeting

March 7, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

Office of the Attorney General
5420 Kietzke Lane, Suite 202
Reno, Nevada 89511

Committee Members Present

Mike Sprinkle

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

Wendy Ronovech
Judy Henderson
Valerie Cooney
Kathy Grost

Committee Members Absent

None

Public Present Via Teleconference

Eric Maass

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

Kareen Prentice, Domestic Violence Ombudsman
Henna Rasul, Deputy Attorney General
Lorraine Webber, Assistant to the NCPDV

1. * **Call to order, roll call of members, establish quorum.**

Mike Sprinkle called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

2. * Review and approval of minutes from January 18, 2011 meeting.

Valerie Cooney made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Wendy Ronovech seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

3. *Review and discussion and possible action regarding proposed Boy Scout patch.

Ms. Prentice asked if everyone had a chance to look at the revised curriculum. An alternate activity has been added so that boys who do not attend a merit badge fair are able to earn the patch.

Ms. Ronovech stated that she had met with the CEO of the Boy Scouts in Southern Nevada and that he had some good suggestions for changes to the curriculum. The Committee then moved to item #6 of the agenda to discuss them.

After discussing item #6, the Committee returned to this agenda item. Ms. Cooney made a motion to approve the final version of the patch. Judy Henderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

4. *Discussion and possible action regarding Northstar District merit badge fair.

Ms. Grost reported that the merit badge fair would be March 26th and April 30th at Clayton Middle School. General Masto will be attending the March 26th event and will present around the noon hour. Ms. Cooney asked what to expect on the 30th and if the boys would just show up with their completed activities and receive their patch. Ms. Grost said yes. A Committee member could verify that the activities are complete or they can assign a merit badge counselor to do that. Ms. Cooney asked if there were a plan to present some information on domestic violence or whether the Attorney General would just be making introductory comments. Ms. Grost stated that the format would be similar to the recent merit badge fair for the Pinenut district. Ms. Prentice stated that the Attorney General would like to see a more formal agenda and would work with Kathy to discuss plans for a resource table and more defined timing.

5. *Discussion and possible action regarding budget for Boy Scout patch program.

Ms. Henderson stated that the Rotary in Reno donated \$350.00 for patches. With that money, the Committee can buy 376 patches. The manufacturer requires the money to be paid up-front and she is just waiting on the check.

Ms. Prentice asked Ms. Henderson if she knew where the Committee could send a letter to thank the Rotary for their donation. Ms. Henderson stated she would get it from Sue Meuschke.

Ms. Prentice said that she had discussed funding the patch for Southern Nevada with the Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force. The SNDVTF will be putting it on a future agenda for discussion. Their next meeting is scheduled for April 14th.

Mr. Sprinkle asked Ms. Ronovech if she knew how the Boy Scout Expo was designed. Did the boys return at a later date to receive the patches they earned? Ms. Ronovech said that in her discussion with Mr. Calendine, it sounded as if the troop leaders typically purchase the patches. She thought that if the patch could be funded, then that was an extra incentive for the troop leaders to really work with the boys to earn it. Although she did not expect to need patches available at the Expo, she thought it would be nice to have some for display. Although she wasn't sure, it is her impression that the troop leaders would be responsible for getting the patches to the boys.

Mr. Sprinkle asked Ms. Ronovech if she was willing to join the planning committee that was discussed earlier while the Committee discussed item #6. Ms. Ronovech said that she would be willing to attend some of the round table meetings to market the program.

Ms. Cooney suggested that maybe the cost of printing the materials could be rolled into the request for funding from the SNDVTF. Ms. Prentice said that she thought that was a good idea and would reach out to Elynne Greene and Wendy Wilkinson. She stated that they did assist with materials for the Girl Scout patch program.

6. *Update, discussion and possible action regarding Boy Scout patch launch in Southern Nevada (Wendy Ronovech).

Ms. Ronovech stated that her meeting with Shane Calendine went extremely well. He invited the Committee to attend the Boy Scout Expo scheduled for Friday, April 29, 2011. (Subsequent to the meeting, the Committee learned the actual date is April 30, 2011). A booth at the Expo will be provided. Mr. Calendine suggested 30 minute training sessions. As for the curriculum, Mr. Calendine suggested that for the first requirement, an additional activity of visiting a domestic violence program might be added. For requirement #2, he suggested designing a poster that can be hung in the lobby of the Boy Scout office or at a meeting place of Boy Scouts. He further suggested that some of the activities might get a better response if there was an option of working on them as a group rather than by individual boys.

Ms. Prentice said she thought that the changes she made addressed activity #1, and that she would add his other suggestions.

Ms. Ronovech said that she would need to let Mr. Calendine know if they wanted to participate in the Expo by April 1st. She added that Lt. Lundquist went with her to the meeting and that his office is involved with the Explorer program. The three of them discussed including some kind of Explorer presentation at the Committee's booth. Mr. Calendine thought that the boys would be more apt to visit the booth to get that information.

Mr. Sprinkle suggested holding off on this discussion until the Education Committee meeting scheduled for March 22nd. A discussion of the Explorer program is on the agenda for that meeting.

Ms. Prentice stated that the Committee should absolutely go forward with plans to have a booth at the Expo and if Lt. Lundquist wants to be there to talk about the Explorer program at LVMPD, then that is fine.

Ms. Ronovech reported that Mr. Calendine had also made a suggestion to adjust the curriculum so that all levels of boy scouts can participate. The younger boys would need to complete fewer activities than the older boys. Ms. Prentice stated that doing that had been discussed when the patch was originally developed and that she thought it was a good suggestion. Ms. Ronovech added that Mr. Calendine suggested having patches with different colored borders for each level and that the older boys could, perhaps, earn a pin in addition to a patch by making presentations to the younger boys. She said that Mr. Calendine invited the Committee to have a representative on the 2012 planning committee so that the domestic violence patch project can be presented to troop leaders as a possible activity for their troops to work on.

The Committee then discussed what would be needed for the Expo. Ms. Prentice asked how many packets would need to be printed for the event. Ms. Grost stated that last year over 1000 people attended the Expo, but she was not sure how many of them would be picking up materials. Ms. Ronovech said that she would be able to attend the Expo. Ms. Prentice said that she would travel to Las Vegas to attend as well. The Committee discussed asking some of the Las Vegas area Council members if they would be available to attend.

The Committee then discussed the possibility of having 30 minute presentations at the booth. Ms. Ronovech stated that she will touch base with Mr. Calendine to confirm the details. Ms. Prentice stated that she would like to know how many 30 minute presentations would need to be covered. She was fine with having the Explorer program at the same booth but would want professionals discussing domestic violence topics. Ms. Ronovech thought they could fit in nine 30 minute sessions.

Ms. Cooney made a motion to authorize Ms. Prentice to make additions and modifications to the existing activities list, specifically items #1, #2, and #5, and to add a paragraph stating that the activities can be done either as a group or by individuals. Ms. Ronovech seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

7. *Schedule future meetings and agenda items.

The next meeting was scheduled for April 18, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. Agenda items will include a report on the first part of the Northstar event and the Southern Nevada launch.

8. *Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

9. *Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.