Committee Chair Update – Kim Lonie
After introductions, Kim welcomed the Webelos parents from Pack 841 at Walt Disney. Safety first as she mentioned to check that there are two adults here at COV when dropping off your scout at the meeting. The Troop is looking for merit badge counselors and drivers. Parent involvement is important to keep the Troop going. If you are interested, please contact Kim Lonie or Mike Brown.

Scoutmaster’s Corner – Mike Brown
Camp Herms – January 28 – 30, 2011 Mike Brown is looking for volunteers to help keep the scouts focused on Saturday. Scouts will be working on their first aid and communication merit badge. Also we need help with dinner and the Saturday night campfire.

Health forms: Just a reminder that each scout will need to complete a new health form for the year.

Unit Gear Swap Coordinator – This is a new position and we need a parent to contact the older scouts to swap and donate old gear. There will be a swap that will be held on March 6 at Saint Joan of Arc. Anyone interested, please contact Mr. Brown.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) will be held on Feb. 19-21 & Feb. 25 – 27, June 13 – 18, July 10 -15 and Aug. 8 -15. Scout must be 13 years old and first class. This one week intense training is highly recommended. Please contact Mike Brown if your scout is interested in attending.

Assistant Scout Masters (ASM) - Many of our ASMs have fulfilled their mission and so we need volunteers to replace them. Anyone interested, training is in Feb., March and April. Please contact Mike Brown.

Treasurer’s Report (as of Dec. 31, 2010) – Rick Martin
On file

Upcoming Activities
Skating Merit Badge On Saturday January 22, scouts can start earning their skating merit badge at Dublin Iceland from 1 pm - 4 pm. The Webelos will be joining the group from 2 pm - 4 pm. On Saturday, February 5, scouts can continue or start earning their skating merit badge by attending Golden Skate from 1 pm - 4 pm. Either roller skates or inline skates will work.

Court of Honor (Jan 25) – Troop 84’s next Court of Honor is on Tues. Jan. 25th at 7:30 pm at COV. All Scouts and their parents are invited to attend. Full Class A uniform is required. In addition, Umesh Apte will make a brief presentation on the Friends of Scouting (FOS) and will be taking contributions at that time.

Merit Badge Weekend (Jan 28-30) – Troop 84’s annual merit badge weekend held at Camp Herms which is located atop the El Cerrito Hills and will take place Jan. 28-30th. First year Scouts are encouraged to attend as the focus will be on rank advancement. Please plan for each scout to bring boots. Camp Herms tends to have its fair share of mud.

Cub scout cross overs - The Troop is looking for scouts to volunteer at these Cross Over ceremonies. Cross Overs will happen in Feb and March.

Merit Badges
Personal Fitness (Brown) – Eagle-required. Attend the 6:30 p.m. Orientation meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 18 at COV. The initial testing will be held on Jan. 23 at 3 p.m. Place: TBD
First Aid (Poitras/Lee) – Eagle-required. January
Hiking (Brown) – Ongoing. Open to all Scouts.
Cit in Community (Rettig) – Starting soon. Eagle-required.
Cit in Nation (Brown) – Starting soon. Eagle-required.
Communications (K. Nichols) – Underway. Eagle-required
Scholarship (Houston) - Open to all. Email Mrs. Houston if interested
Reading (Houston) – Open to all. Email Mrs. Houston if interested.
Disabilities (Rettig) – Underway.
Inventing (Kennedy) – January
Skating (Koupal) – January 22 & February 5. See Upcoming activities.

Key Dates for Upcoming Events (www.troop84bsa.org)
Jan 25 Troop 84 Court of Honor (COV)
28-30 Merit Badge Weekend (Camp Herms)
Feb 8 Parent meeting
March 5 Troop 84 Annual Planning Meeting

Announcements / Other News
Parent Meeting – It was decided that we will hold monthly parent meetings unless there isn't any new information and will skip that month.

BSA Youth Protection Training – All adult leaders, merit badge counselors and adults participating in any Scouting-related activities are required to complete the BSA’s Youth Protection Training. It is an online course and takes about one hour to complete. For more details and instructions, go to www.BSA-MDSC.org/training.