**Pack 133 Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday January 13, 2016 at 7:30pm – 2nd floor conference room at Hilltop House

***ATTENDEES***

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| 🗹 Committee Chair – Jason Nolan | 🗹 Cubmaster – Jack Kiefer | ❒ Charter Rep – Bill Lowe |
| 🗹 Secretary – Gina Flores | 🗹 Treasurer – Lauri Stroup | 🗹 Publicity Chair – Tom Shaw |
| 🗹 Advanc. Chair – Tim McChesney | ❒ Den 1 – Chris Smith | ❒ Den 2 – Laurel Reilly |
| ❒ Den 3 – M Moore/A Dickens | 🗹 Den 4 – Eric Arena | ❒ Den 5 – Karen Keifer |
| 🗹 Den 8 – Adam Maurer | 🗹 Den 11 – Bill Gannon | ❒ Tr 150 – Laura Gill |
| ❒ Tr 1 – Jeff Jamer  🗹 Pinewood Derby – A. Zaybekian | ❒ Webmaster – Scott Cirillo | ❒ B&G Coord – Wendy Parrinello |

***BUDGET / TREASURER UPDATE***

Lauri reported that total assets of $14,468.69 and there is $739.29 in the Scout Shop

***CHAIR REPORTS***

Advancement – Tim McChesney

* January advancements – Tim reported that there will be advancements at the next meeting and he is awaiting reports from the Leaders

Outdoor Activity – Mike Moore

* Winter Hike – Urban Hike in Morristown
  + Sunday February 21, time TBD
  + The question of a possible snow date was brought up – to be discussed at February Committee meeting.
* Winter Camping – January 23rd/24th at Winnebego Scout Reservation, Rockaway
  + We are currently at 21 for Friday and 21 for Saturday
  + Suggestions for agenda for the day included a hike depending on the weather
  + Committee discussed who will be arriving at Winnebago early Friday night. The Friday night group will need a point person to check in with the Ranger
* Spring Camping – Saturday May 14th at Lewis Morris Park
  + Date is confirmed with the park
  + Park transferred our fee from the cancelled Fall campout
  + Need suggestions for agenda for the day

Public Relations – Tom Shaw

* Tom distributed the “popcorn selling” article – great job Tom!
* Six scouts from our Pack were in the Council’s top 100! What a fantasic job by our Scouts

Friends of Scouting – Andi Dickens

* Jason reported that there will be a representative from Council to do a brief presentation at Pack meeting
* Our goal is $2,000 and we have collected $75.00

***OLD BUSINESS***

Webelos to Scout Transition

* Bill Gannon – Names have been forwarded to Jack for the arrows

Service Projects:

* Bear Den 1 “Gently used Uniform drive” for a needy pack in the council – Chris Smith
  + Jason has been in touch with a pack in Dover that is anxious to get this started
* Conservation minded service project to be planned for Spring
  + Possibly with Hilltop Presbyterian

Spring Trip:

* Gina presented a few more options to the committee in addition to the options presented by Gina and Laurel at the last committee meeting
* Options included: Crystal Cave, Franklin Museum, West Point, and Cooperstown (Baseball Hall of Fame)
* Committee discussed drive time, options for transportation, level of interest and cost per person
* Committee voted and Cooperstown was chosen by majority
* Gina and Laurel to secure April 30th for overnight at the Baseball Hall of Fame

Scout Sunday / Scout Week / Scout Sabbath:

* St. Joseph’s Catholic Church – Sunday, February 7th at the noon mass
  + Laurel Reilly is coordinating
* St. Mark’s Episcopal Church – Sunday, February 7th
  + Adam Maurer is coordinating
* Hilltop Presbyterian Church – date to be determined
  + Jason Nolan is coordinating
* Asked for other families to reach out to their own congregations
* Could be in conjunction with Faith Medals
* Ideas for other activities - Pastor Bob of the First Presbyterian Church of Mendham stopped by the meeting and offered to participate in Scout Day at the church on February 21st service at 10:00. He also offered to put items pertaining to Scouts in the church’s monthly bulletin. His email is: heyhepp@me.com

Black River’s Best and Black River District Award of Merit:

* Last year’s pack committee nominated Laurel Reilly for Black River’s Best Award
* Deadline for nomination submission is March 1st, 2016
* Provide recommendations by January committee meeting

***Future Pack meetings***

January Pack Meeting (Trustworthy – The Great Race):

* In conjunction with Pinewood Derby Impoundment
* Hand out Pinewood Derby Cars

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| Date: Friday January 29 | Setup: Den 1, 2, 3 |
| Location: Hilltop House | Gathering: Den 5 |
| Time: Gather 7:15pm, begin at 7:30pm sharp | Flags: Den 18 |
| Scout Law: Trustworthy | Skit / Song / Cheer: Den 1 |
| Adventure: The Great Race | Program: Den 1, 2, 3 |
|  | Clean-up: Den 1., 2, 3 |
|  | No role: Den 4 |

February Pack Meeting (Friendly – Friends Near and Far):

* Baseball theme – Adam and Gina to reach out to local baseball clubs to inquire about a presentation
* **Note : February Pack meeting has been changed to February 19th**

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| Date: Friday February 19 | Setup: Den 5 |
| Location: Hilltop House | Gathering: Den 4 |
| Time: Gather 7:15pm, begin at 7:30pm sharp | Flags: Den 2 |
| Scout Law: Trustworthy | Skit / Song / Cheer: Den 8 |
| Adventure: The Great Race | Program: Den 1 |
|  | Clean-up: Den 11 |
|  | No role: Den 3 |

***NEW BUSINESS***

Blue & Gold – Budget is $2,000

* Wendy Parrinello has offered to help coordinate – thank you Wendy!
  + Looking into Brain Wash Game
    - Interactive game show for all ages
    - $1,150 for 1 ½ hours
    - Possible dates: Thursday February 11, Friday April 8, Friday April 15 or Friday April 22
    - Committee voted and April 8th was selected as the date for Blue & Gold
  + Location options: MTMS, Hilltop Elementary, Brookside
  + Decorations: could each den take responsibility for some type of decoration, at least table center pieces or den totem
    - We have plenty of table clothes
  + Catering: Looking into ice cream from Morristown creamery versus truck versus Cliff’s

Scoutbook – requires vote

* Although not part of original budget, we should look into this BSA owned software
  + Extremely cost effective at $1 per scout per year with unlimited adult access
* Easy to use and effective
  + Track Advancements – from Tiger through Eagle Scout
  + Upload Photos and Videos – of special events and to be used for publicity and recruitment
  + Send messages to leaders and parents – maybe phase out google apps; follows BSA’s youth protection guidelines
  + Plan events and track activities – a replacement for evite and calendar
  + Accessible to all – as scouts grow and begin to be allowed to use technology more, they can track their own advancement progress, making them more excited to complete each rank
* Free for an individual scout (or parent) to track their own advancement
  + Log in to [www.scoutbook.com](http://www.scoutbook.com) and signup.
* Soon to come:
  + Mobile app
  + Advancement reporting to council
  + Recharter reporting to council
* Committee voted by majority in favor of implementing Scoutbook

Denner Leadership Role

* Den 1 – Chris Smith and Nina Shaw have decided to use this method
* A “Denner” is a member of the den who is either elected or appointed to be an official “helper” for the den
* Please be sure to pick up a Denner cord to pin to his left shoulder and wrap under his arm

Pack Programming

* Jason needs suggestions for pack programs for March (summer camp) April and May pack meetings

Journey to Excellence

* Jason reported that our Pack should receive Gold (highest) status for JTE – great job Jason!

***UPCOMING PACK SPONSORED EVENTS***

AOL Crossover – Jack Kiefer

* Saturday March 19 at Wheeler Ceremonial Fire Pit
* Inclement weather: Winnebego Dining Hall

Pinewood Derby – Tom Shaw/Armen Zaybekian

* January 29/30 at the Township Middle school
* Troop 1 has a camping trip that weekend and will not be able to participate. Jason will reach out to Troop 150 to assist with derby registration.
* Tom confirmed at the Mendham Township Mayor will be present
* Armen confirmed the following:
* Patches – Tim
* Screen – Jason
* Printer – Armen has printer
* P.A. system - Jack

***UPCOMING COUNCIL OR OTHER EVENTS***

February Roundtable

* Date: Tuesday February 2; 7:45pm – 9:30pm
* Location: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2013 Eyland Ave, Succasunna
* Theme/Skill: Learn about ceremonies, songs, skits, games, cheers and craft surrounding the Boy Scout Law

Cub Scout Elective Extravaganza

* Date: Saturday April 9th
* Location: Camp Winnebego
* Theme/Skill: work on elective belt loops

***2015 – 2016 Calendar***

* Committee reviewed the calendar for this year’s Pack and Committee meetings. Dates have already been confirmed with First Presbyterian Church. Committee meetings are at 7:30 PM and Pack meetings are at 7:15PM.

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| **Month** | **Committee Meeting** | **Pack Meeting** | **Scout Law** | | | **Adventure** |
| September | 9/16 | 9/11 | Clean | | | Cubservation |
| October | 10/14 | 10/23 | Brave | | | Super Cub |
| November | 11/11 | 11/13\* | Helpful | | | Helpful |
| December | 12/9 | 12/11 | Reverent | | | Winter Wonderland |
| January | 1/13 | 1/29 | Trustworthy | | | The Great Race |
| February | 2/10 | 2/19 | Friendly | | | Friends Near and Far |
| March | 3/9 | 3/11 | Thrifty | | | Cubstruction |
| April | 4/13 | 4/8 | Cheerful | | | Strike up the Band |
| May | 5/11 | 5/13 | Kind | | | My Animal Friends |
| June | 6/8 | 6/10\*\*\* | Obedient | | | It's a Hit |
| July | TBD | N/A | Loyal | | | Scout Salute |
| August | TBD | N/A | Courteous | | | S'More Cub Scout Fun |
| \* November pack meeting at the Boro firehouse | | | | |  |  | | |  |
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| \*\*\* June pack meeting is Rank Advancement - Location and program to be determined | | | | | | | | | |

Volunteers – there are still a lot of open positions

* The following are a list of volunteer positions that are still open (among others) in order of most urgently needed:
  + Pack meeting program Chair
    - This position will be responsible to write out an agenda for Pack Meetings and coordinate the night’s events and activities. If necessary, suggest to the committee ideas for the “Entertainment” portion of the meeting. Coordinate with the Entertainment in terms of pricing/availability/etc and materials they may need. This position should plan on attending all the pack meetings, so two people could consider sharing this role.
  + Health & Safety Chair
    - Responsible for maintaining all medical records of the pack and making sure all info is current. CONFIDENTIALITY A MUST! Work with the Pack Chair, Leaders, and Training Coordinator to make sure all adults have taken the needed training. Makes sure the Pack has a well-stocked First Aid kit at all Pack Wide Events. (doesn’t need to attend, just make sure the kit is there)
  + Popcorn Kernal and committee
    - Need additional parent volunteers to assist Lynn with distribution once the popcorn arrives
  + Membership/Recruiting Chair
    - Works very closely with the Pack Committee and Committee Chair to help advertise and recruit new members into Pack 133. Helps form dens with scouts and leaders. Processes all paperwork through the proper channels. Should also be involved with rechartering.
  + Webmaster – Scott’s son has decided to leave the pack. Scott is willing to continue as Webmaster until a replacement is found
    - Responsible for maintaining Pack 133’s website and keeping it updated with current information
  + Summer Activities Chair
    - This position will lead the coordination of summer activities and recruiting parent volunteers to help coordinate individual events. Summer activities may include but are not limited to July 4th parade, summer baseball game, summer hikes and/or campouts, Labor Day parade, etc. Our goal is for all scouts, dens and the pack to be eligible for the National Summertime Pack Award and individual Scouter Awards
  + Conservation Chair
    - Environmental conservation is a large part of the scouting movement. We like to provide a conservation service project to a civic location located within our town.  Coordinator would provide location options, dates and coordinate the scouts and any tools that may be needed.