**Pack 133 Special Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday July 11, 2018 at 7:30pm – 2nd floor conference room at Hilltop House

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| ***ATTENDEES*** |
| x Committee Chair – Tom Shaw | x Cubmaster – Lawrence Morris | x Charter Rep – Chris Smith |
| x Secretary – Danielle Doyle | x Treasurer – Anthony Garofalo | x Advanc. Chair – Rob Eberhart |
| ❒ Publicity Chair – Brian Jendryka x Outdoor Act. Chair – Ben Owensx Webmaster – Corey Holquist | ❒ Training Chair – Adam Maurerx FOS Chair – L. Morris | ❒ Membership Chair – James Ng x Recruiting Chair – L. Morris |
| ❒ Den 8, AOL – A Maurer❒ Den 6, Bear – David Riley | x Den 10, AOL – Carangelo/Tarpleyx Den 9, Bear – Nina Shaw/Luke Walsh | x Den 4, Webelos – Eric Arena❒ Den 7, Wolf – Joe Caravano |
| x Den 5, Tiger – Lauren Garofalo | ❒ Tr 1 – Jeff Jamer | x Tr 150 – Lauri Stroup |
| ❒ Rocketry Chair – Jim Stroup | x Den 5, Tiger Elizabeth Owens |  |

**Special Meeting**  – Tom Shaw, Committee Chair

* Discuss BSA decision to allow girls into scouting
	+ Tom, Lawrence and Chris met with Pastor Bob at Hilltop Church about the issue. He asked what the families in the pack thought about having girls in scouting? It was decided to send out a survey to all pack families.
	+ Below email with survey results send by Tom Shaw on June 16th

*Hey folks,*

*Thank you to all that participated in the recent Pack 133 survey.   The purpose of the survey was to gain insight into how our Pack 133 families feel about BSA’s decision to allow girls to join the Cub Scout program.   The move is optional and Packs can remain an all boy unit if desired.*

*Survey results:*

* *69 individual emails were sent out and 40 individuals responded.*
* *75% (30 respondents) voted to stay a boy only Pack for the 2018/2019 year, while 25% (10) were open to allowing girls join.*
* *The final SurveyMonkey results can be obtained through the link below:*

[*https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-D698R8RCL/*](https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-D698R8RCL/)

*Any decision to change the Pack’s status must be approved by our Charter Organization, Hilltop Presbyterian Church.  The topic will be introduced to the Hilltop Church Board at a meeting next week and your response will be an important part of that discussion.  The Pack Committee will continue to examine the issue in follow-up meetings.*

*Note that if the Pack elects to maintain its current status, we would still conduct family participation in activities, such as camping, with siblings (and sisters) as we’ve always done.   Nothing changes with the longstanding focus on family involvement in Pack 133.*

* + After the survey it was decided to revisit the May decision. Chris Smith brought the results to the Hilltop Presbyterian Session.
		- The Session appreciated the opportunity to provide input. While the topic was not voted upon, a significant majority supported the decision to remain an all-boy pack. Many commented based on their experience as parents of boy scouts and/ or girl scouts, or their own participation in scouting. While the group acknowledged that girls could benefit, they encouraged us to continue the current successful approach. Many saw an opportunity for Girl Scouts to assess and strengthen their offering to address any unmet needs.
		- Pastor Bob is prepared to follow the recommendation of the Pack Committee. He appreciated the results of the survey and the guidance provided by the Session members present. He encouraged us to consider how we would respond if a family objected strongly to the pack’s decision. He also noted the opportunity to revisit the decision in future years if the needs who said they have full faith and confidence in the leaders and the pack and they are just there to advise the pack. They will endorse whatever the committee decision is. Below are the notes from Chris Smith on that meeting.
* The committee after an hour discussion decided to reverse the decision from the May meeting and remain an all boy Cub Scout pack this coming 2018/19 year. It was also noted we will keep an eye on it this year and what is happening with other packs in the area and revisit the issue if the need arises.