**Pack 133 Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday March 9, 2016 at 7:30pm – 2nd floor conference room at Hilltop House

***INVITED 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 | ❒ Charter Rep – Chris Smith ❒ Outdoor Chair – Mike Moore | 🗹 Training Chair – Adam Maurer❒ FOS Chair – Andi Dickens |

❒ Den 2 – Laurel Reilly

🗹 Den 4 – Eric Arena

❒ Den 5 – Karen Keifer

🗹 Den 11 – Bill Gannon

❒ Tr 150 – Laura Gill

❒ Tr 1 – Jeff Jamer

❒ Webmaster – Open

***BUDGET / TREASURER UPDATE***

* Treasurer – Scout Shop balance as of March 7 - $530.50.
* Tom noted that the Pack achieved revenues substantially above the budgeted goal, coming in almost $4,000 over budget
* Current cash balances in Checking, Savings and Scout Shop is $13,911
* Tom suggested that the Pack Committee reimburse adult volunteers for expenses related to training in the current year given the better than expected financial results
* Actual training costs incurred are estimated to be about $900, budgeted costs are $600 so this would require an increase of approx. $300
* The committee agreed to contemplate the suggestion and vote on the matter at the next committee meeting which was moved to April 6th. All Den leaders are encouraged to attend this meeting as the committee will be discussing budget planning for the next year.

***CHAIR REPORTS***

Journey to Excellence

* We have received Gold Status for Journey to Excellence and will be handing out patches that all scouts and leaders can add to their uniforms. Great job Jason!

Advancement – Tim McChesney

* April advancements – Tim reported that there will be some advancements at the next meeting.

Outdoor Activity – Mike Moore

* Spring Camping – Saturday May 14th at Lewis Morris Park
	+ This is confirmed with the park
	+ Park transferred our fee from the cancelled Fall campout
	+ Jack to take the lead on coordinating an agenda for a recruiting event during campout

Public Relations – Tom Shaw

* update

Membership / Recruiting – Tom Shaw

* update

Friends of Scouting – Andi Dickens

* Goal: $2,200
* Total to date: $1,497.00 (68%)
* Deadline: End of the Scout year (June)
* Email reminder to be sent out to all families to include video – Jason to send reminder

***OLD BUSINESS***

Service Projects:

* Wolf Scouts from Den 8 made a proposal for a flag drive to the committee as part of one of their requirements for their Council Fire Adventure Belt Loop. Proposal was approved.
* Bear Den 1 “Gently used Uniform drive” for a pack in the council that is in need – Jill Kendrick
* Eric brought up that perhaps the Pack should consider offering uniforms for our current and incoming scouts as well as scouts from outside the Pack
* Jack will make an announcement at the next Pack meeting
* Conservation minded service project to be planned for Spring
	+ Possibly with Hilltop Presbyterian
* Lauri shared another option for a spring service project
* The Environmental Commissions of Mendham Borough and Township are hosting the first annual 3 River Festival celebrating that the Mendhams are the source of the Passiac, Raritan and Whippany Rivers
* On Saturday, April 16, 2016
* 9:00 – Activities for all

10:00 - Stream clean-ups: Mountain View Pond, Patriots Path, Coombs Hollow Natural Area and Schiff Natural Lands Trust

Planting of trees with Dave Sharkey, MB Shade Tree Commissioner

11:30 – Rubber Ducky race down the India Brook River

12:00 closing

* Register at: www.RaritanHeadwaters.org/StreamCleanUp

Spring Trip:

* Gina updated the committee on the spring trip status

Blue & Gold – Budget is $2,000

* Wendy Parrinello is coordinating
	+ Proposal of Brain Wash Game
		- Interactive game show for all ages
		- Negotiated down to $860 for 1 hours
		- New date: Friday April 8
	+ Location options: MTMS, Hilltop Elementary, Brookside, TBD
	+ Pack has a verbal hold of venue at Mountain View Middle School and cost will be $90.00
	+ 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: Ice Cream truck similar to Fishing Derby. Possibly use kitchen freezers indoors.
	+ Committee requested a quote for cost of ice cream truck

***NEW BUSINESS***

Scoutbook

* Leaders, please log in and accept your position. You have been give Admin rights over your den to update requirements for rank advancement. You do not necessarily have to go backwards, but going forward please use to tracking advancement. You can even report achievements to Advancement Committee
* Please encourage parents to log in and review their son’s achievements and awards to confirm accuracy.
* Pack Admins are Jack, Tim, Jason, Tom, Adam, Lauri
* Jason has uploaded all parent email addresses, all current scout ranks and several events rounding out the rest of the year
* Please provide feedback to Jason

Spring Fling Donation

* Committee unanimously voted to repeat our participation in the Spring Fling with a 1 year Membership and scout shop discount card. Investment last year was two baskets for about $80 each. Last year we did Spring Fling and Township Ladies Lunch.

Baseball Opening Day

* We again have the opportunity to be part of the color guard
* April 9th, 8:30am – 10am
* The pack would like 2 – 3 cub scouts along with Mendham Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts and Chester Cubs, Boy and Girl Scouts.
* All boys and girls that are involved in scouting that are in baseball uniform will be recognized during the opening
* Tent for recruitment purposes, possibly joined with Chester Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts. Jason will be manning the tent but asked for others to join
* The Pack will not be doing a membership/scout shop basket for raffle
* It was suggested and agreed that we provide a free Class B t-shirt to anyone prospective scout that turns in a completed application.

Summer Camp Open House

* See flyer for more details
	+ Camp Coley – April 16 from 2pm – 6pm
	+ Camp Wheeler – April 24 from 10am – 2pm

Summer Camp Spreadsheet

* Den leaders please let Jason Nolan know who from your den will be attending camp
* Any Bear or Webelos dens interested in WELOTECA or Webelos Resident Camp

Lions Program

* Patriot’s Path Council has been approved to begin a Lions Cub Scout Program
* Geared towards Kindergarten boys
* Uniform is a T-shirt and cap
* Advancements similar to other ranks
* More information during a class at Tradeshow of Scouting

***UPCOMING PACK SPONSORED EVENTS***

* **Spring Family Campout**

Our annual spring family campout will be on Saturday May 14 at the Lewis Morris group campsite off of Tempe Wick Road. If involved in sporting activities, come early to setup your tent and then come back later for all the fun and excitement. We are working on some recruiting activities to take place during the day. If anyone is interested in helping out, please reach out to Jason Nolan or Tom Shaw.

* **Recruitment**

Baseball opening day, campout, flyers in backpacks, council run activities,

***UPCOMING COUNCIL OR OTHER EVENTS***

May Roundtable

* Date: Tuesday May 3; 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

TradeShow of Scouting

* June 6th 5:45pm till 9pm
* Birchwood Manor in Whippany
* Exhibits, vendors, classes and door prizes

Webelos Woods

* September 16 – registration open now

***2015 – 2016 Calendar***

May Pack Meeting (Kind – Animal Friends):

* The Seeing Eye
	+ Hilltop
	+ May 13 at 7:30pm
* 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 | 1/8 | 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 |  |  |  |
| \*\* April pack meeting is Blue/Gold - Location and program to be determined |  |
| \*\*\* June pack meeting is Rank Advancement - Location and program to be determined |

Next committee meeting – Wednesday March 10 at 7:30pm at Hilltop House

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 –
		- 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.