**Pack 133 Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday March 11, 2015 at 7:30pm – 2nd floor conference room at Hilltop House

Attendance: Bill Gannon, Peter Fourie, Jennifer Vongas, Tim McChesney, Adam Maurer, Jason Nolan, Tom Parker, Lauri Stroup, Andi Dickens, Laurel Reilly

Budget/Treasurer Update: Current Balance approximately $5300

Winter Hike

* Andi Dickens & Tim McChesney Coordinating
* 3/28/15 at 2 PM
* Location: Meet at parking lot opposite The Barn at Highlands Ridge Park 100 North Road, **Chester**, **NJ** 07930 (Across from Black River Middle School).
* Highlights: Opportunity to see view of Manhattan from Seward hill and explore wooded trails.

Service Project

* Bill Gannon to coordinate clean up of Mud Hole on April 18th @ 9am – 12pm
  + Will contact Lorraine Felber from the Mendham Borough Environmental Commission
* Hilltop Presbyterian would like cemetery cleaned up before Easter

Cub Scout Program Changes

* Tim McChesney reports that all ranks of scouting will be affected by changes that are intended to make scouting more active and outdoor oriented. Belt loops will be earned at each rank level, some mandatory and other optional.

Volunteers – there are still a lot of open positions

* Key positions that are open and need to be filled asap:
  + Assistant Cub Masters, especially of younger scouts
  + Membership coordinator
  + Publicity coordinator
  + Volunteer coordinator
  + Friends of Scouting campaign coordinator
  + Popcorn Kernal and committee for 2015/2016 – follow up with Lynn Rossi

Roundtables

* Next meeting will be first Tuesday of April at Eisenhower Middle School in Succasunna

Journey to Excellence Update & Den Leader Training

* Tim McChesney reports that in order for our Pack to earn a Journey to Excellence medal more scout leaders need to participate in online training. He emphasized that courses are easy to complete. Specifically, all leaders are required to take Youth Protection Training every 2 years. All leaders should also take the Leader Specific Training for their rank and other courses that interest them and help them advance their knowledge and scout leader skills.

Spring Camping Overnight

* Saturday May 16

Pack Picnic & Recruiting Event

* Jennifer Vongas, Coordinator
* Jennifer to investigate availability of Lewis Morris Park/Sunrise Lake on May 9th at 11 AM – 5 PM
* Need to ensure proper publicity to attract Kindergarten families
* Suggestions for exciting program elements
  + Space Derby
  + Rocket launch
  + Smokey the Bear

Rank Advancement

* Peter Fourie, Coordinator
* Proposed location: Mudhole
* Time/Date: June 5th at 6:30 PM (note change in date)
* Peter to investigate obtaining necessary permissions for the location

Recruitment for 2015 - 2016

* + Looking for a coordinator(s) of all of our recruitment efforts
  + Someone to reach out to the Borough, Township and St. Joseph schools to recruit from the outgoing kindergarten class and the current 1st grade class
  + Open to other ideas of ways to recruit, ie:
    - Combined pack picnic/recruiting event
    - Pop up tent at select baseball weekends in spring and soccer weekends in spring and fall
    - Road signs, signs in scout’s yards
    - Direct mailing to Kindergarten boy families
    - Newspapers: Observer Tribune, Star Ledger, etc
    - Church Bulletins
    - School fundraisers (Laurel to investigate Spring Swing donation)
    - Sponsor t-ball team

Next committee meeting – Wednesday April 15

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Reilly 3/11/15