

Pack 133 Committee Meeting

May 5, 2014, 7:00pm

In attendance:

Tim McChesney

Jason Nolan

John Sipple

Laurel Reilly

Rebecca Braun

Gina Flores

Andi Dickens

INTRODUCTIONS:

Welcomed Gina Flores, new Pack Secretary

EVENTS:

Spring Family Camp Out, May 17-18th, Lewis Morris Park

Status: Reserved

Report from John Sipple: Currently has 26 attendees confirmed for the camp out. Attendees include four or five ranks and a few boy scouts. Using campsite A and B only. Plan is for families to arrive at their leisure on Saturday; they can spend the night or just stay for evening activities. John will set up a tailgate tent for shelter in case it rains. Tim will also bring his tailgate tent.

Items needed: S'mores items, glow sticks, firewood, and water. Families are to bring their own food, water and snacks.

Following discussion, it seems there will be ample fire wood available. Tim will bring firewood as well.

Tom will bring glow sticks.

Toby will bring food items for s'mores.

Discussed allergies and a strict no food sharing policy for the camp out.

John is developing a primitive fire starting contest: Flint and steel or bow and drill – timed test.

Tim will obtain prizes for fire contest.

Rank Advancement Ceremony, May 30th, Brookside Beach

Status: Need to obtain facilities permit and a Coordinator

If raining will use the Brookside Club. Tim to confirm with Lisa and obtain permit.

Laurel discussed possibility of video or slide show.

Items to bring: bug spray and chairs. Attendees should wear long pants

Rain Gutter Regatta

Status: Planning for September 2014

Tom reported Lewis Morris Park regatta in 2012 was well attended. Tim reported that Lisa is storing the boats and there are plenty. Tom and Rebecca advocated to perhaps try to make it happen this year. Tim suggested planning it in September as a recruiting effort. Group agreed. Rebecca volunteered to coordinate. Event to be put on calendar for next year.

Spring Conservation Project, May 31st, Brookside Community Center

Status: Confirmed

Time is not set. Tim suggested 9:00am – 4:00 pm. Efforts include power washing chairs. Tim to request a 'to do' list from Brookside Club, Lisa Van der Beak.

BUDGET UPDATE:

Jack Kiefer, Interim Treasurer, not in attendance. Tim will obtain update.

Discussed the need for Treasurer candidates and time commitment involved.

Discussed benefits of Troop Track – an on-line program to run troop financials, emails, rechartering, etc. Once the pack has a Treasurer, Jack has volunteered to coordinate getting the software setup. Tim will take this over this effort temporarily.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) training.

Jason is going this weekend. Tim could not attend the training but will in the future.

Coordinator for new leaders:

Tom suggested having a Coordinator to assist in reviewing the year so that new leaders can build out their year successfully. Committee discussed leader training. Tim and Jason suggested that leaders attend the Round Tables. Leaders require the entire summer to build the calendar. New leaders need to know what works and what doesn't.

Trade Show of Scouting: June 2nd, Birchwood Manor, Whippany, 5:45pm-9:00pm
Walk-in format – information tables are set up and you can take classes.
Laurel reported that she attended a Tiger training there. Committee will encourage leaders to attend. Goal is to minimize scout drop out. Tim reported that pack started year with 110 ended 75 which included boys crossing over.

2014-2015 calendar:

Status: Jason and Tim to work on calendar after advancement ceremony.
Goal is to have it finalized by July 4th. Pack meetings to change to second or third Friday of the month to minimize conflict with holidays and assist with more effective planning.

Spring Hike recap:

This year's hike was well attended and the scouts had fun. Last year's Spring Hike about 15 families attended.

Volunteers:

There are currently many open positions. All volunteers should begin thinking about their replacement at least 9 months to a year prior to leaving their assignment. Tim reported that there were signups for Tiger scouts but no volunteer den leaders. Tim put together a volunteer list on the Jooners website. Jason and Tim to review list and update/combine jobs. The Pack needs volunteers for many positions. Need to cross train successors.

Roundtables: Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at Redeemer Church in Succasunna. Jason and Tim have been attending. They report that the meetings have been fun and very informative. It's all about cub scouting - getting ideas, learning about events and STEM education. Roundtables are held once a month September through May. John commented that it was very beneficial. Committee to encourage leaders to attend some Roundtables next year.

Future Committee meetings to be held at 7:30pm. Teleconference meeting will be scheduled for July and August.

Summer scout activities include: Marching in the Fourth of July parade and Labor Day parade.

Next Committee Meeting: TBA (June '14)