**Pack 133 Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday May 27, 2015 at 7:30pm

2nd floor conference room at Hilltop House

***ATTENDANCE***

Jason Nolan - Committee Co-Chair  
Tim McChesney - Committee Co-Chair

Tom Shaw – Assistant Cub Master  
Laurel Reilly - Den 2 Leader

Jim Gillespie - Den 9 Leader

Mike Moore - Den 3 Leader

Laurie Stroup – Treasurer

Gina Flores – Secretary

Jason introduced Tom Shaw as the Pack’s new Assistant Cub Master – Welcome Tom!

***BUDGET / TREASURER UPDATE***

Laurie reported that the Pack has $1,060.12 in checking and $3,435.85 in savings for a total of $4495.97

Tom asked when our fiscal year begins and Laurie reported September 1

Tim received a $150.00 donation from the Pastime Club and purchased $142.00 worth of new Scout handbooks for Leaders. The Pack will wait until September to see what the membership numbers are before purchasing books for the Scouts.

***OLD BUSINESS***

Rank Advancement

* Coordinator: Peter Fourie
* Location: Mudhole – permit needs to be obtained - Jason to communicate with Peter
* Date: Friday, June 5th at 6:30pm

Recruitment for 2015 - 2016

* A volunteer is needed to lead the recruitment committee
* The Pack currently has (2) paid applications
* The Pack will be sending out flyers to the parents of all kindergarten boys in the township, borough and St. Joseph Schools prior to the end of the school year. Boys are eligible to become new scouts the day after the last day of school.
  + Road signs, signs in scout’s yards (need volunteers to put them in their personal front yards)
  + Newspapers: Observer Tribune, Star Ledger, etc.
  + Any other suggestions for recruitment are welcome. Please send suggestions to Jason.

Cub Scout Program Changes

* In person deep dive presentations:
  + Date: Monday June 1, 6pm – 7:15pm
  + Location: at the Tradeshow of Scouting, Birchwood Manor, 111 North Jefferson Rd, Whippany
    - Jason and Laurel are confirmed as attending
* Recorded webinar sessions, updated advancement requirements and other important information: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/programupdates.aspx>
* Sign up for the e-newsletter to get updated information: <http://scouting.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5w2Qu31iyHuAZql>
* Get all of the Cub Scout Advancement Requirements for all ranks here: <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/program_update/pdf/Appended%20Requirements.pdf>
* For program changes in a nutshell: <http://cubopportunities.ppbsa.org/pdf/Cub2015Nutshell.pdf>
* New program books available May 1st in the scout shop

Advancement

* Chairperson: Tim McChesney
* No update at this time

Friends of Scouting

* Our goal for 2015 is $1,948; FOS closed at $2,439 (125% of goal)
* Thank you Tim for the great job getting the last minute donations!

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
* All volunteers should begin thinking about their replacement at least 9 months to a year prior to leaving
* Lynn Rossi will be the Pack’s 2015/2016 Popcorn Kernal – thank you Lynn!

Roundtables

* More parents/leaders to attend round tables, which are held first Tuesday of each month at Redeemer Church in Succasunna

Journey to Excellence Update

* Chair Person: Tim McChesney
* No update at this time

Training

* Leader Position Specific – all den leaders should complete their leader specific position training
* Youth Protection Training – check expiration and renew if needed

Pack Picnic

* Coordinator: Jennifer Vongas
* Date: Sunday, August 30th
* Proposed location: Lewis Morris Park, Doe Meadow
  + Permit has not been obtained and due to cost of permit, alternate locations were discussed by the Committee. Suggestions for alternate location included: Brookside Beach and Borough Park. Jason will communicate suggestions to Jennifer Vongas.
* Committee discussed the needed and cost of entertainment. Consensus was that cost would be kept to a minimum.
  + Possible program entertainment:
    - Reptile Man
    - Smokey the Bear
    - Games and activities
    - Please email Jason with other program ideas for games and entertainment
* Food and Beverage:
  + Proposal:
    - Pack 133 supplies, soft drinks, hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls, plates, plastic ware, condiments
    - Families each bring a side dish and/or dessert
      * Estimated cost is $8 per person
* The Committee had a discussion about estimated attendance but was inconclusive. A budget will be set at the budget meeting over the summer.

***NEW BUSINESS***

Tradeshow of Scouting

* Date: Monday June 1st, 5:45pm – 9pm
* Jason and Laurel are confirmed as attending
* Location: Birchwood Manor, Whippany
* Rows of tables with vendors to provide ideas for scouting activities
* Break-out sessions – Cub Scout Program Changes, Camp Master Popcorn, New Parent Orientation and Recruiting; Best Practices
* Plenty of door prizes
* More information at: <http://programs.ppbsa.org/activities/tradeshow/>

Somerset Patriots Scout Days

* Coordinator: Scott Cirillo
* Event has been booked for Saturday, July 11th at 7:05pm
* Location: Somerset Patriots near Bridgewater
* What do you get:
  + Tickets will be between $12-$13 per person depending on seats available
  + All scouts get to go on the field for a parade before and during the national anthem
  + Patches available for $1.50
  + RSVP by June 1st
  + Gina to contact Scott Cirillo and discuss the option of sending an Evite out to the Pack regarding this event.
  + All scouts should wear their class A uniforms
  + <http://www.somersetpatriots.com/scout-events>

Soccer Team Sponsorship

* The Pack sponsored a T-ball team through the Mendham Little League this past year. Jason feels that it was quite beneficial and would like to expand our recruitment efforts by sponsoring a soccer team.
  + Jason discussed cost and benefits:
    - Bronze level sponsorship
      * Cost: $250.00
      * Benefits: One team is identified by sponsor name on team banner and recognition on League website.
* The Committee discussed benefits (sponsor will not be on team shirts), cost, and timeliness of the soccer season (mid to late September). Committee did not vote in favor of proceeding with sponsorship.

New Cub Scout Adventure Program

* The Pack discussed the possibility of a volunteer coordinator to set up and manage new literature, books and in-servicing of the new program. Committee discussed how the new information will be disseminated and communicated to Den Leaders. While at the Tradeshow, Laurel will attempt to acquire dates that the Council could have someone come in to in-service those interested.

Summer hike and/or summer camping

* Committee discussed possible locations for summer camping. Tim to investigate Sandy Hook as a possible location.

Summer Budget and Program Planning Meetings

* A summer budget and program planning meeting(s) will be scheduled over the summer
* Suggested date: July 8th

July 4th Parade

* The Pack needs a coordinator for this event.

***UPCOMING EVENTS***

Future pack meetings

* The Rank Advancement ceremony is the last Pack meeting of the 2014/2015 year. Regularly scheduled Pack Meetings for the 2015/2016 year will begin September2015

***UPCOMING PACK SPONSORED EVENTS***

Rank Advancement Ceremony – Friday, June 5th at 6:30pm

***UPCOMING COUNCIL OR OTHER EVENTS***

Summer STEM Institute

* Contact Jason for more information about summer day camps with a STEM theme

2014 – 2015 Calendar

* Updated on website

