**Pack 133 Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday October 3, 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 | ❒ Charter Rep – Chris Smith |
| x Secretary – Danielle Doyle | x Treasurer – Anthony Garofalo | x Advanc. Chair – Rob Eberhart |
| x Publicity Chair – Corey Holquist  x Outdoor Act. Chair – Ben Owens  x Webmaster – Corey Holquist | x Training Chair – Adam Maurer  x FOS Chair – L. Morris | x Membership Chair – James Ng  x Recruiting Chair – L. Morris |
| x Den 8, AOL – A Maurer  x Den 6, Bear – David Riley | ❒ Den 10, AOL – Carangelo/Tarpley  x Den 9, Bear – Nina Shaw/Luke Walsh | ❒ Den 4, Webelos – Eric Arena  ❒ Den 7, Wolf – Joe Caravano |
| ❒ Den 5, Tiger – Elizabeth Owens | ❒ Den 1 – Lauren Garofalo | X Tr 1 Liaison – Tom Shaw |
| ❒ Tr 150 Liaison – Lauri Stroup | X Brian Hill – STEM Coordinator | X Scott Robins |

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm by Committee Chair Tom Shaw

**Approval of meeting minutes**: September 2018. Motion to Approve 1st L. Morris, 2nd R. Eberhart

**Treasurer Update** – Anthony Garofalo, Treasurer

Checking Balance: $4000.86

Savings Balance: $7690.86

Scout Shop Balance: $1205.40

**Popcorn Update** – Susan Eberhart, Popcorn Kernel

* 6 or 8 show and sells are complete
* Currently have sold $5500 at the sales ($4400 popcorn/ remaining donations)
* Purchased $6000 worth of popcorn. Half $ due to council on October 14th.
* It was decided all forms will go to the Den leaders who will input data into a spreadsheet then pass on to Susan.
  + Forms will be due to Den leaders by October 14th
  + Forms due to Susan by October 17th

***ANNOUNCEMENTS - COMMITTEE CHAIR & CUBMASTER***

* Welcome new Committee members
  + Luke Walsh will co-chair PWD
* Webelos Woods, Troop 1 & 150
  + Open to all AOL and Webelos
  + Oct 20-21 - Troop 1 Webelos Woods 11am @ Meadowood Park, Mendham, NJ 07945
  + Nov 17-18 - Troop 150 Webelos Woods 10am @ Winnebago Scout Reservation
* Good Scout Dinner
  + Mendham Township Mayor, Rich Diegnan, selected to receive award.
  + Oct 18 - Good Scout Awards Dinner 6:30pm @ The Chandelier at Flanders Valley, 80 Pleasant Hill Rd, Flanders, NJ
  + $150 ½ page ad will be purchased by Pack 133 in awards program
* Past & upcoming service projects
  + L. Morris to recap summer events and send a note out to Den leaders to provide any service hours completed.
  + D. Doyle to add to Scoutbook
* Parent Feedback from September Pack meeting
  + L. Morris surveyed parents and common thread was discipline at the meeting
    - Trying to keep the boys in check as well letting them have fun – need to find the right balance
    - Idea: possibly each Den has a tarp to sit on as a group (possibly decorate)
    - It was also suggested to ask people to leave the room right after the meeting so the clean-up Den can do their job

***CHAIR REPORTS***

Outdoor Activity – Ben Owens

* Fall Camping
  + Lewis Morris park campsite A area for pack meeting
  + Must bring chairs for pack meeting
  + Full camping details will be sent out via Scoutbook.
* Fall Hike
  + Will be held at Jockey Hollow – More info to come
  + 2mi and 5mi hikes
* West Point
  + 67 attendees
  + Pack 133 will fill up almost 1 section of the stadium
  + Tickets will be available at the October Pack meeting
* Winter Camping
* Confirmed -- Feb 22-24 - Winter Cabin Camping 6pm @ Winnebago Scout Reservation

Training – Adam Maurer

* YPT – Only 2 leaders left to complete
* Trained Leaders – Only 2 leaders left to complete
* University of Scouting & other Training opportunities
  + Dec 01 - University of Scouting 8am @ Randolph Middle School

Recruiting – Lawrence Morris

* 34 application in to join the pack
* 82 current scouts in Scoutbook
* 4 Dens currently have over 10 kids in the den (Tigers, Lions, Webelos and Bears)

Membership – James Ng

* Re-charter coming up. Need to decide membership fee.
* Currently Patriots Path Council charges the Pack $60 per scout and $12 for Boys Life
* Registered Leaders do not pay and are covered by Pack funds (unique to our Pack)

PR Chair & Webmaster – Corey Holquist

* A few items have been published in the Patch and Observer Tribune online
* For the month of September there were 49 hits on the website
* Discussed adding more links on Scoutbook to drive to website.
* Corey will coordinate with Ben Owens to get a page for the Campout and the West Point Trip

Friends of Scouting – Lawrence Morris

* Kickoff meeting happened in September. Lawrence was not able to attend
* Lawrence requested a presentation from Friends of Scouting at the December 7th pack meeting
* FOS goal will be held flat vs YAG

Advancement – Rob Eberhardt

* Rob plans to send out an e-mail to Den leaders asking them to access SB more frequently
* Den Leaders are not always approving adventures in a timely manner. Rob can purchase the awards only after an adventure is approved
* It was discussed that the Pack should develop a consistent policy on completion of adventures and approvals

PWD Chair – Rob Eberhardt

* New Asst PWD Chair to co-chair the event with Rob – Luke Walsh. Thank you, Luke!
* Trying to book Garabrant Center again for PWD Workshop and Mendham Township Middle School for Friday night check-in, and Saturday Derby day
* Jan 26 - Pinewood Derby Workshop 7pm @ Garabrant Center (pending approval)
* Feb 01 - Pinewood Derby Check-in 6:30pm @ Mendham Township Middle School
* Feb 01 - February Pack Meeting 7pm @ Mendham Township Middle School
* Feb 02 - Pinewood Derby 9:30am @ Mendham Township Middle School

**New Business**

* Other proposed by Committee Members
  + Tom asked the Committee if they know of anyone that might be interested in chairing the Blue and Gold Dinner event. Nobody stepped up, but many complemented Lauren Garofalo for the great job that she did last year. Anthony said that Lauren would be open to chairing again if nobody wants to do it. The 2019 B&G will be chaired again by Lauren Garofalo. Thank you, Lauren!
    - Event date March 15th.
    - Location TBD (possibly Mendham Township Middle School due to size of the event)
    - Committee to be formed ASAP
  + Bear Annual Food Drive will take place around Thanksgiving
    - Canned goods and frozen turkeys will be needed
    - All collected items will go the the Chester/ Mendham Food Pantry
* Lawrence informed the group the Toy Drive will take place again in December to help Jersey Battered Women's Service (JBWS)
* New STEM Coordinator announced – Bryan Hill
  + 6 different pathways need to decide what pathway pack wants to take.
  + Quarterly separate STEM meeting -- Will compliment den meetings

**Voting/Discussion items**

* Pack T-Shirts
  + Recapped September meeting (champion tee, $15 each, new logo, each scout gets a free shirt, will only purchase what we need)
  + Vote was unanimous to take money from savings vs operating to fund
  + Order will be placed on Thursday October 4th
* Budget for 2018/2019
  + Anthony Garofalo presented a document on budget challenges and methodology decision
    - Discussed the budget process, challenges and concerns
    - See attached presentation “Budget Methodology Decision”
    - After Anthony spoke he asked Lawrence and Tom to present alternative membership fee scenarios
* New membership fee
  + Lawrence discussed the need to fund the budget from a higher annual Membership Fee, which should allow less reliance on Popcorn sales
  + Tom provided another view and presented the trend in account balances, fundraiser performance, BSA changes to unit, financial practices and other topics including insight from other packs in the area
    - This scenario proposed raising the memb fee to $115
    - See attached presentation “Financial Discussion”
  + After Lawrence and Tom presented, Anthony opened the floor for comments from the committee
  + Many committee members gave their opinions (pros and cons)
  + After much debate it was voted to increase this year’s membership fee to $125 (vs last year’s $100). Motion to approve 1st A. Garofalo/ 2nd D. Doyle
  + Discussions will be started early this year to determine the fees for next year
  + A survey will be sent out to all scout parents to gauge what they want
    - i.e. less popcorn sales/ increase yearly fees, keep status quo, no popcorn/ all in much higher yearly fee
  + It was also discussed that we will still carry forward last year’s incentives that were given to the scouts who had high popcorn sales in 2017/18 year
    - Any scouts that moved up will still get incentives passed on to Troop 1

Meeting was adjourned at 9:57 pm. Motion to adjourn 1st L. Morris/ 2nd R. Eberhardt

Upcoming Committee Meetings:

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| Dates | |  | Event |
| 11/7/18 | Wed |  | Hilltop House, 7:30pm |
| 12/5/18 | Wed |  | Hilltop House, 7:30pm |
| 1/9/19 | Wed |  | Hilltop House, 7:30pm |
| 2/6/19 | Wed |  | Hilltop House, 7:30pm |
| 3/6/19 | Wed |  | Hilltop House, 7:30pm |
| 4/3/19 | Wed |  | Hilltop House, 7:30pm |
| 5/1/19 | Wed |  | Hilltop House, 7:30pm |
| 6/5/19 | Wed |  | Hilltop House, 7:30pm |

**Upcoming Events, next six months** …. From Scoutbook

* Oct 13-14 - Fall Overnight Camping Trip 10am @ Lewis Morris Park
* Oct 13 - October Pack Meeting 6pm @ Lewis Morris Park
* Oct 18 - Good Scout Awards Dinner 6:30pm @ The Chandelier at Flanders Valley, 80 Pleasant Hill Rd, Flanders, NJ
* Oct 20-21 - Troop 1 Webelos Woods 11am @ Meadowood Park, Mendham, NJ 07945
* Nov 03 - Fall Hike 1pm @ Jockey Hollow Visitor Center
* Nov 07 - Committee Meeting 7:30pm @ Hilltop House
* Nov 10 - West Point Football Game 7am @ United States Military Academy, West Point, NY
* Nov 16 - November Pack Meeting 7pm @ TBD
* Nov 17 - Donation to Food Pantry 9am @ Various
* Nov 17-18 - Troop 150 Webelos Woods 10am @ Winnebago Scout Reservation
* Dec 01 - University of Scouting 8am @ Randolph Middle School
* Dec 05 - Committee Meeting 7:30pm @ Hilltop House
* Dec 07 - December Pack Meeting 7pm @ Hilltop House
* Jan 04 - January Pack Meeting 7pm @ Hilltop House
* Jan 09 - Committee Meeting 7:30pm @ Hilltop House
* Jan 13 - Winter Hike 1pm @ TBD
* Jan 26 - Pinewood Derby Workshop 7pm @ TBD
* Feb 01 - Pinewood Derby Check-in 6:30pm @ Mendham Township Middle School
* Feb 01 - February Pack Meeting 7pm @ Mendham Township Middle School
* Feb 02 - Pinewood Derby 9:30am @ Mendham Township Middle School
* Feb 03 - Scout Sunday 8am @ Various
* Feb 06 - Committee Meeting 7:30pm @ Hilltop House
* Feb 09 - Scout Sabbath 8am @ Various
* Feb 22-24 - Winter Cabin Camping 6pm @ Winnebago Scout Reservation
* Mar 06 - Committee Meeting 7:30pm @ Hilltop House
* Mar 15 - Blue & Gold Dinner 7pm @ TBD