

**Pack 133 Committee Meeting
September 16, 2013
Meeting Minutes**

In Attendance

Tricia Elgarten	Bill Gannon	Therese Paragano
Laurel Reilly	Kathy Bryan	Jack Kiefer
Karen Rossilli-Kiefer	Kerby Kociancic	Tim McChesney
Tom Parker	Jim Gillespie	Olivier Balavoine
Steven Goldthwaite	John Sipple	Rebecca Braun
Michelle Fox	Lisa Conte	Lisa Vanderbeek
Ann Marie Vizzini	Christina Zaybekian	Adriana Doherty
Laura Gill (Unit Commissioner)		

Current Balance/Financial Status – Kathy Bryan & Jack Kiefer

- Review of current cash & PayPal balances

Popcorn Sale – Kerby Kociancic

- Largest & only fundraiser
- Leaders will all be taking packets w/ enough sales sheets for each of their scouts
- \$750 in sales earns a scout the council bonus prize (water gun and a \$25 council gift card)
- Sale runs from 9/17 to 10/21
- Popcorn will be delivered approximately 11/16
- Show & Sell on 9/21 – credit will be shared among attending scouts and will go towards their personal sales total
- Per scout goal is \$250
- Can email Kerby any early sales by 9/30 & the scouts will be honored at the October pack meeting
- Den leaders can give their dens added incentives
- Top dens are recognized, but all kids must sell in order for the den to qualify (100% participation)
- Top 10 sellers will once again have the opportunity to throw a whip-cream pie in the face of their favorite leader

Funds – Tricia Elgarten

- Membership fees have been increased this year and match council's increase in fees
- A small portion of the membership fees stay with the pack to support adult leader registrations, etc.

Advancements – Lisa Vanderbeek

- Cub Scouts – belt loops, pins are tracked in our system
- Webelos – Activity Pins – need to be tracked in our system as well as council's tracking system
- Each month the Advancements Chair needs to put everything into council's system, pick up the items at the scout shop & then bag them for dens/scouts
- Advancements emails need to be submitted by the Wednesday preceding the pack meeting; must include den number (not just the patrol name), scout's name, which loops, pins, etc.;
- Bears & Wolves can complete electives after they are done with their rank requirements; these go towards the arrow badges that the scouts can wear on their shirts & towards their arrow of light accomplishments; these also need to be reported and tracked.

Rechartering

- Tigers and upper rank scouts who just joined the pack this fall do NOT need to recharter
- Den leaders will be sent a current roster of their scouts and instructions on how to recharter
- Each scout needs to return a completed medical form and either a check or proof of online payment to their den leader
- Den leaders need to return a completed medical form for themselves along with their dens' medical forms and payments.
- Den leaders will also need to check the Volunteer Sign-Ups on our Jooners page to ensure that each of their families has volunteered for a position. There is something for everyone so please assist our families in finding something they can do. To access the Jooners page: go to the Volunteers page on the pack web-site & click the link for the sign up pages.
- Den leader should also check their account at www.scouting.org and ensure that their Youth Protection training is complete and up-to-date (it needs to be renewed every 2 years). If it is not up-to-date council will automatically drop you as a leader from our roster when we register.

Responsibilities of Den Leaders going forth – Tricia Elgarten

- Advancements – tight deadlines to simplify for advancements chair
- Rechartering – leaders will be required to oversee rechartering for all members of their den to simplify for rechartering chair
- TroopTrack is a new system that we will be using, that will allow leaders to
- Will try roll out to den leaders by September to allow us to run the 2 systems in tandem for the September advancements

Leader Online Training – Tricia Elgarten

- Training each leader needs to complete:
 - Youth Protection (every 2 years)
 - rank level training (only once per rank)
 - Weather Hazard (every 3 years)
- BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation):
 - need to have a BALOO trained leader at every overnight and/or outdoor activity
 - Council is offering a training in October @ Camp Wheeler – approx. 4 hours
- First Tuesday of every month council has a roundtable:
 - a variety of troops/packs in the area in Succasunna & go through all the council events;
 - great place to get ideas for activities & outings;
 - break off into rank/pack level groups and exchange ideas of how to do different things;

Den Chiefs – Tricia Elgarten

- Den Chiefs are Boy Scouts that come back to the pack and will work with the cub scouts on den activities
- Typically used by bear, webelos and AOL dens
- Any leaders who would like a den chief for their den should contact Tricia and she will help find one for you from Troop 1 or Troop 150

Volunteers Needed – Tricia Elgarten

- Den leaders need to make sure that all families in the den have volunteered for at least one position
- There are plenty of small positions that a family can help with
- AOLcandidate families should sign up for a fall activity as they will be mainly done with the pack after the February pack meeting (1/31)

- Tom Parker: why not set up a sign up table at the back of the hall for the first pack meeting & have den leaders give a push to their families to sign up for a position
- Lisa Vanderbeek: should give an indication of how much of a time commitment is required by a position

Upcoming Events

- Camporee
 - At Camp Winnebago 2/28-2/29
 - archery, bb, cooking, and more activities being offered
 - we need more participation
 - Laura Gill can help families that need a tent; also provides campfire & S'mores fixings
 - Families need to bring sleeping bag, change of clothes, flash light
 - Deadline to RSVP is 9/18
- October pack meeting - Den 19 leading/Troop 1 scouts are coming
- Conservation Project - Forester Activity Badge Activity - 10/6
 - we clean up at the mud hole
 - Janis Slutsky of the Environmental Commission runs the activities for the Forester Pin for the Webelos and AOL Candidate ranks
- Webelos Woods
 - overnight campout with the boy scouts
 - email will go directly to webelos leaders and AOL candidate leaders
- Fall Hike
 - need a coordinator to pick a hike & schedule it
- Fall Trip
 - need a coordinator and to pick a spot
 - Battleship NJ November?
 - Museum of Natural History
 - Day trip instead of overnight? Fright Night @ Winnebago
- November pack meeting - Den 9 leading – popcorn sales results & pies will be thrown
- December/January/April meeting - need to find entertainment

Next committee meeting - Monday, 11/18