**Pack 133 Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday September 16, 2015 at 7:30pm – 2nd floor conference room at Hilltop House

***ATTENDENCE***

Jason Nolan - Committee Chair  
Tim McChesney – Advancement Chair

Lauri Stroup – Treasurer

Jack Kiefer – Cub Master

Tom Shaw – Assistant Cub Master

Chris Smith – Den 1 Leader

Laurel Reilly - Den 2 Leader

Eric Arena – Den 4 Leader

Bill Gannon – Den 11 Leader

Gina Flores – Secretary

***BUDGET / TREASURER UPDATE***

Lauri reported that the Pack has combined funds of approximately $4,100 in checking and savings.

***OLD BUSINESS***

Recruitment for 2015 - 2016

* + We have a fairly full Tiger Den at currently 8 boys. If we can get 3 or 4 more we can split into two dens. There are currently 6 Borough, 1 Chester and 1 Township boy in Den 4.
  + Two 5th grade boys they will be joining Bill’s Den 11.
  + We urgently need a Recruitment Chair/Committee - especially at this time of year when we need to push recruitment at the end and beginning of the school year.
  + We would like to send out email flyers to the boys in both the township and boor schools. We have been unsuccessful in our attempts to convince with the two principals at Hilltop and St. Joes, to allow either printed flyers to be given to students or for someone to come in to speak with the boys during a school day. Jason also thought that maybe we could do something at either or both back to school nights, but he has not been able to reach out to ask.
  + Other ways of recruiting:
    - Road signs, signs in scout’s yards (need volunteers to put them in their personal front yards) – several members volunteered to put signs on their front yard. Jason will obtain signs.
    - Newspapers: Observer Tribune, Star Ledger, etc.
    - Scouts can earn a recruiter patch for bringing in new scouts.
    - Other suggestions, send them to Jason
    - Committee recruitment suggestions included the boys wearing their Den Class B t-shirts to school on designated days, passing out flyers at the Township and St. Joe’s Back to School Night events, and a booth at the 8th grade fair. Tom to ask St. Joe’s and Chris to ask the Township elementary school if flyers can be distributed at Back to School Night events.

Cub Scout Program Changes

* + Committee discussed questions about the new Scout program.
  + For more information about the new adventure program:
    - 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>

Advancement

* Tim McChesney Update
  + Adventure loops – there are 7 per rank. Wolfs, Tigers and Bears have their own sets of loops. Tim will make spread sheets for each den and will purchase loops and pins.
  + The Pack will begin recognizing scouts for their loop achievements.
  + Tim reported that old belt loops can still be worn.
  + Bill suggested that we track “Ready Man” program achievements for the arrows.

Friends of Scouting

* Chairperson: Tim McChesney reported that he will not be able to do Friends of Scouting this year and the Pack will need to find a new volunteer for this position.

Volunteers – there are still a lot of open positions

* Key positions that are open and need to be filled ASAP. Jason would like each den leader to come back with a name for at least one position by the next committee meeting:
  + Assistant Cub Masters, especially of younger scouts
  + Volunteer Chair
  + Pack meeting program Chair
  + ReCharter Chair – Laurel Reilly kindly volunteered for this position – thank you Laurel!
  + Recruiting Chair
  + Health & Safety Chair
  + Training Chair
  + Friends of Scouting campaign Chair
  + Membership Chair
  + Blue & Gold Chair
  + Conservation Chair
  + Summer Activities Chair
  + Popcorn Kernal and committee for 2015/2016 – Lynn Rossi

Roundtables

* More parents/leaders to attend round tables, which are held the first Tuesday of each month at Redeemer Church in Succasunna. Jason spoke about the benefits of attending the Roundtables.

Journey to Excellence Update

* Chair Person: Jason Nolan
* Update: Jason will be looking at this along with recharter. We hope to at least achieve Bronze this year.

Training

* Leader Position Specific – all den leaders should complete their leader specific position training
* Youth Protection Training – all YPT must have a 1/1/16 expiration or later and it is good for 2 years

***NEW BUSINESS***

Membership registration

* Jason proposed a new form for registration that will allow for easy completion and input.
* Lauri suggested a box where parent can decline an extra copy of “Boys Life” if the household is receiving more than one copy. Jason will add the box. Families will still be responsible for paying the full registration fee for each scout.
* Membership dues are $100 this year.
* Health records need to be updated yearly on each scout and paperwork needs to be taken to each overnight outing by a designated person.

Webelos meetings with Scout Troops

* Bill is coordinating meetings with Boy Scout Troop 150 (November 20th) and Troop 1 (November 7th) for the AOL Candidates. The meetings will better allow our scouts to make a decision about which Troops they will join after Crossover.

Pack Meeting Roles

* Jason proposed new Pack meeting roles and program. The plan for meetings was well received and beginning next month we will start the new program.
* Pack meetings are going to split into roles, each den will be responsible for one role per meeting:
  + Setup
  + Gathering Activity
  + Flag ceremonies
  + Skit / Cheer / Song / Run-on
  + Program
  + Clean-up
  + Non-role den

***Future Pack meetings***

October Pack Meeting

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| Date: Friday October 23 | Setup: Den 8 |
| Location: Hilltop House | Gathering: Den 1 |
| Time: Gather 7:15pm, begin at 7:30pm sharp | Flags: Den 11 |
| Scout Law: Brave | Skit / Song / Cheer: Den 3 |
| Adventure: Super Cub | Program: Den 5 |
|  | Clean-up: Den 4 |
|  | No role: Den 2 |

***UPCOMING PACK SPONSORED EVENTS***

Fall Family Campout

* Date: Saturday, October 3rd
* Location: Lewis Morris Group Campsite, off of Tempe Wick Road
* Theme/Skill: Was not decided but Laurel proposed cooking skills for the Bears. Jack suggested making Silver Turtles.

Fall Hike – Bill Gannon and Adam Maurer

* Date: Sunday, October 18th @ 1:00
* Location: Jockey Hollow
* Theme/Skill: Older scout longer hike and shorter younger scout hike

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AOL Crossover

* Historically the event has taken place in February. In order, to have the event outside this year, the Committee is proposing March 19th.

Pinewood Derby

* The Committee is proposing February 20th at the Township Elementary school.

***UPCOMING COUNCIL OR OTHER EVENTS***

Liberty Jamboree

* Date: Saturday October 3rd
* Location: Liberty State Park
  + Cub Scouts are invited to attend and view exhibits as day visitors
  + Cub Scouts, as day visitors will not be allowed to participate in many of the activities but may enjoy some of the exhibits
  + Overnight accommodations may be made in Liberty Science Center
  + See Jason for more details

New Cub Scout Program Leader Specific Training

* Date: Tuesday October 6th; 7pm – 9:30pm
* Location: Council Shop
* Theme/Skill: If you did not attend the training at Hilltop over the summer, please consider taking this. FREE

University of Scouting

* Date: Saturday December 5th
* Location: Randolph Middle School
* Theme/Skill: choose your classes to learn more about the scouting program and training. Childcare and youth scout program available

Spring Cub Camporee sponsored by Black River District

* Date: Friday May 20 – Sunday May 22nd
* Location: Camp Allumuchy
* Theme/Skill: TBD

Cub Scout Elective Extravaganza

* Date: Saturday April 9th
* Location: Camp Winnebego
* Theme/Skill: work on elective belt loops

***2015 – 2016 Calendar***

* Committee reviewed the calendar for this year’s Pack and Committee meetings. Dates have already been confirmed with First Presbyterian Church. Committee meetings are at 7:30 PM and Pack meetings are at 7:15PM.

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| **Month** | **Committee Meeting** | **Pack Meeting** | **Scout Law** | **Adventure** |
| September | 9/16 | 9/11 | Clean | Cubservation |
| October | 10/14 | 10/23 | Brave | Super Cub |
| November | 11/11 | 11/13\* | Helpful | Helpful |
| December | 12/9 | 12/11 | Reverent | Winter Wonderland |
| January | 1/13 | 1/8 | Trustworthy | The Great Race |
| February | 2/10 | 2/5\*\* | Friendly | Friends Near and Far |
| March | 3/9 | 3/11 | Thrifty | Cubstruction |
| April | 4/13 | 4/8 | Cheerful | Strike up the Band |
| May | 5/11 | 5/13 | Kind | My Animal Friends |
| June | 6/8 | 6/10\*\*\* | Obedient | It's a Hit |
| July | TBD | N/A | Loyal | Scout Salute |
| August | TBD | N/A | Courteous | S'More Cub Scout Fun |

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| \* November pack meeting at the Boro Firehouse |  |  |  |
| \*\* February pack meeting is Blue/Gold - Location and program to be determined | | |  |
| \*\*\* June pack meeting is Rank Advancement - Location and program to be determined | | | |

Next committee meeting – Wednesday October 14 at 7:30pm at Hilltop House

