

Cub Scout Pack 32 Leaders Meeting September 15, 2009

Minutes

Present: Beth Bauer, Andrew Beck, Yvonne George, Mark Kenyon, Sharon Inglin, Anthony Lorenzoni, Ed McCaffrey, Terry Rice

Meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m.

Minutes of the 9/4/09 meeting had previously been distributed by email. Sharon made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted and Anthony seconded. Motion was approved by all present.

Treasurer's Report: Terry distributed a Treasurer's Report showing a current bank account balance of \$2,126.89. Andy asked if future reports could include more detail, such as break-downs for both Income and Expenses. Terry said that would not be a problem.

An item under "Outflows" on the Cash Flow portion of the treasurer's report is listed as "Expense-Event." This number includes several events including the Crossover Picnic and Pinewood Derby. In the future all large events should be separated.

- Sharon submitted a bill to be paid in the amount of \$11.96 for poster-board used during the East Amwell Harvest Fest.
- Anthony submitted a bill to be paid in the amount of \$185.50 for the Dunk Tank used during the Harvest Fest.
- Mark submitted a bill to be paid in the amount of \$351.18 for items purchased for the Crossover Picnic.

A motion to approve payment of all bills was made by Andy, seconded by Sharon and approved by all.

Terry asked if there is a "projected revenue?" Anthony calculated dues revenue to be approximately \$3575 based on an estimated number of 55 scouts multiplied by \$65. No numbers for projected revenue from fundraising at this time.

A discussion was held regarding the current storage unit and possible alternatives including renting shed space from Anthony. Cost of current storage is \$480 annually. Nothing was decided at this time.

Popcorn Sales: Show and Sell popcorn order is due this Friday, September 18. The pack is still in need of a Popcorn Chair. Anthony has received information from Maryanne Underwood on last year's popcorn Show and Sells, but it does not include units sold. Anthony and Andy will try to review all the data and get an order placed by Friday. Anthony also said he would be available to assist with the pick-up on October 3.

****ACTION ITEM:** All leaders will email to Beth their contact list with their “Top 5” best possible people to ask to be the Popcorn Chair.

Last year’s most profitable Show and Sell location was at the historic house tour. Beth volunteered to organize the Show and Sell for the house tour again this year. The tour will be on Sunday, October 18. She will also sell bottled water. Discussion was held on other drinks that could be sold during the house tour Show and Sell including cider, coffee, etc. It was decided to stick to just water as anything in a cup may present a spillage problem in the historic houses. It was decided to have cookies available for sale at the Historic House tour. Sharon and Mark volunteered to bake cookies for this sale.

Extensive discussion ensued regarding possible sites for our Show and Sells. Anthony reported that we probably would not be able to do a Show and Sell at Shady Brook Farms this year because of a conflict for them. Possible other locations that will be investigated will be Stony Brook, Rutgers, and Sweet Valley. Last year at CVS we were competing with football pan-handlers. Quick-Chek was discussed as a possible alternative to CVS. Beth will ask at Lambertville Station if we can sell on their portion of the sidewalk. Terry mentioned a craft show that will be taking place at the South County Fairgrounds the weekend of 10/17 & 18.

****ACTION ITEMS:** Anthony will call Roger Everitt, 4-H President about obtaining a table during the craft show. Anthony will also call Shady Brook Farms and Quik-Chek. Sharon will call Sweet Valley. Beth will call Lambertville Station.

Tentative Schedule for Show and Sells:

October 10	Sweet Valley or Shady Brook Farms Lambertville Station or Bank of America in Lambertville
October 17 & 18	Craft Fair at South County Fairgrounds
October 18	Lambertville Historic House Tour
October 25	Quick-Chek

Recruiting Drives

Beth spoke to Lambertville School’s superintendent and was told that we would not be granted permission to set-up a table at their Back to School night. She has produced a flyer to be distributed to Lambertville School students via backpack mail. She also did some research into the possible number of boys eligible to join scouts and came up with about 8 potential scouts.

Beth mentioned that the Presbyterian Church in Lambertville does an “open skate” every Friday night during the winter, usually starting in November. This would be a great opportunity to recruit in Lambertville.

Jim Cally is prepared to man the recruiting table at Back to School night at West Amwell School on Sept. 16. Anthony and Andy will man the table at East Amwell’s K-4 Back to School night on 9/24. Sharon and Yvonne will man the recruiting table at South County Soccer Picture night on 9/22.

Other Recruiting Ideas: Andy would like to do an Open House in the spring. As a draw he would like to have the derby track set-up or possibly do a rocket launch at that time. Anthony presented the idea of opening up the Pinewood Derby to the public for a fee.

Pack Meeting Changes

Andy experiences several problems when scheduling rooms for pack and den meetings. We originally planned to move pack meetings at East Amwell from the cafeteria to the gymnasium. Andy was told by the school that there are games in the gymnasium on Friday nights and there is a half-hour turn-around on the room. Other members present noted that often games go long. It was decided to keep the meetings in the cafeteria at East Amwell.

Several dates for Tiger den meetings are on nights when the school is closed. The September 28th meeting will move to Tuesday, the 29th. April's meeting will move from Monday the 26th to Tuesday the 27th. Also May's meeting on the 24th will move to Tuesday the 25th.

Other Items

A discussion was held regarding flags. The pack flag is unusable. A new one needs to be designed and made. Andy reported running into the former treasurer from Pack 65. The treasurer has their old US flag and will give it to Andy for Pack 32 to use. Mark made a motion to update all flags including a new pack flag, purchase of holsters, standardizing pole sizes and to repair or replace the pack banner. Motion was seconded by Andy and approved by all present. Sharon will ask Theresa Helfrich if she would be able to make and/or repair flags and banner for us.

The first pack meeting will be on September 19, 3:00 p.m. at Melick's Farm in Oldwick, NJ for apple picking. Andy will post the event on the website.

Discussion was held concerning whether to have a flag retirement ceremony at the bonfire this year. Beth said that there is a collection box for retired flags in Lambertville. She will call the town hall and ask if we can have the flags for a ceremony at the bonfire.

Anthony had previously asked the organizers of the Teetertown Civil War reenactment for permission to allow Pack 32 to camp there on the Friday night before the event. He received a response that we will not be allowed to camp.

New Business

Anthony presented for discussion the idea of selling Christmas trees as a fundraising event. Beth asked why we need to have an additional fund raiser. Anthony answered that the more funds we have, the better program we can offer the boys. Anthony can order the trees from Shady Brook Farms. The possibility of using the baseball field in Lambertville as a location for the sale was suggested. Beth volunteered to check with town hall in Lambertville to see if this is possible and what would need to be done. Also discussed was the possibility of donating unsold trees to local needy homes. The idea will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Anthony initiated a discussion on possible ways to improve attendance at pack and den events. The district has started a program where every time a scout attends a district event, their name is entered for a chance to win a prize. Andy noted that this doesn't seem like a good idea for us because a scout that has attended only one event could possibly walk-off with the prize. That would not send the right message to the scouts. Andy suggested something like awarding "Den

Dollars” or “Pack Dollars.” Every time a scout attends an meeting or event, they are awarded points or dollars that they will be able to redeem for something, possibly to be used to cover the cost of either the Blue and Gold dinner or Crossover Picnic. The points or dollars could also be awarded for parent participation.

Mark reported that he was planning to start an attendance incentive program within his den this year. He would like to have a reward at the end of the year for perfect attendance at den meetings. Sharon said that she encourages boys in her den to stay with scouting by telling them to do what they can. She is not interested in having a program to reward perfect attendance, feeling that if she demanded perfect attendance, she would end up losing boys.

Also discussed as part of this was how to get the parents to volunteer. Mark suggested we have a list of events and positions that need to be filled and to try to get everything filled at the beginning of the year. Beth said that she would be glad to help by calling people to personally ask them to fill positions that need to be filled. A lively discussion ensued.

****ACTION ITEM:** **Mark** will generate a list of events and volunteer opportunities that need to be filled during the year, including popcorn Show and Sells. **Beth** will coordinate getting boys signed-up for Show and Sells.

Terry brought it to the attention of all that the discussion had continued for over one hour and that the item should either be voted-on or tabled. The idea is tabled for the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.