

## **Cub Scout Pack 32 Leaders Meeting December 15, 2009**

### **Minutes**

**Present:** Andrew Beck, Jim Cally, Brian Claus, Yvonne George, Sharon Inglin, Mark Kenyon, Anthony Lorenzoni, Terry Underwood, Joan Young

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes of the 10/20/09 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:** Treasurer was not present; no report was given.

Jim will be submitting receipts from the October pack meeting to Terry Rice for reimbursement. Anthony has receipts from various events totaling \$127.58 to submit for reimbursement. Andy has several new checks to give to Terry R. for deposit.

**News from Roundtable:** Rechartering for our pack was submitted. Two applications came back needing signatures.

Information was received regarding fund raising. Forms need to be completed and submitted to council on all fund raising activities planned by the pack. The solicitation of cash donations is not allowed by council.

Anthony reported that correspondence was received regarding the possible closing of our council's camps, Kittatinny Mt. Scout Reservation and Yard Creek Scout Reservation. Council reports the number of scouts using the camps has diminished and there are several costly capital improvements that are needed at KMSR, forcing them to close the camps. Several leaders have heard that the selling of KMSR is underway and that council already has a buyer for the property. All wonder why council is going through the show of asking for opinions when they've decided to proceed with the sale. YCSR is a leased property. Although they don't plan on closing-down Yard Creek, it will no longer operate as a full time summer camp. Our pack will have to investigate other options for summer camps, possibly as soon as summer 2010. Jim recommended drafting a letter to express our dissatisfaction with how council is servicing its membership.

Anthony reported the district pinewood derby is scheduled to be held April 10, 2010 at Hunterdon Central Regional HS. Rules were sent to everyone. They will be posted on the website for our leaders.

Upcoming council activities include Yukon Trail on March 13, and Fly-a-Kite Day at Round Valley Youth Center on March 21, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Training Update:** Jim Mansfield is not present; no report was presented.

**Achievements & Awards Update:** Joan purchased 56 various awards, badges and pins from Flemington Dept. Store. All will be ready for distribution at the December pack meeting. She will sort them and put them in baggies with the scout name on the bag and have them for leaders to present. She would like to see the distribution of awards done at each monthly pack meeting.

Terry asked if there are certain awards we think are best saved for Blue & Gold or the Crossover Picnic. All agreed The Arrow of Light should be only given at the Crossover Picnic. The Bobcat was discussed and it was decided that Bobcat should be given immediately after earning since it is required before continuing with other awards. Terry believes patches should be saved for the B&G and Crossover only.

Joan stressed that all requests for awards must go through her. She is keeping track of what every scout has earned. She will purchase all awards, pins, beltloops, etc. Joan will email every leader monthly with the deadline for awards to be presented at the pack meetings.

Discussion continued on the possible purchase of PackMaster software to help track awards and achievements. Andy informed Joan that there are tools available on the council website that would accomplish tracking and that he would help her get set-up to use the council site. She can evaluate it and then decide. Joan said she didn't feel she has the expertise necessary to be able to evaluate the tools available. She would be willing to try it because she needs something to help streamline the processes, but still would prefer to try PackMaster because it was highly recommended by many people she spoke with in scouting. We go into the process knowing that it will take time to adjust to the new procedures. Leaders will have to be willing to use the software to input data for their scouts. Mark asked how leaders interface with the program. Joan reported it is web-based; as long as leaders can access the internet, they'll be able to log-in to enter data. Joan will go ahead and obtain the PackMaster software.

Joan also has the receipt for awards purchased at Flemington Department Store. It was decided at an earlier meeting that the pack will pay for only certain badges/awards. If we intended to stick with this policy, there needs to be a system to track which items are being paid for by the pack and which need to be reimbursed by parents. At this time Joan should submit the receipt for reimbursement and the leaders will decide at a later time how to handle the break-down.

**Blue & Gold Dinner:** Joan Wielenta joined the meeting to discuss the Blue & Gold dinner. Sharon reported that she has reserved the Flemington Elks Lodge on February 20, 5:00-8:30 p.m. for the B&G Dinner. The theme will be "Scouting Around The World—100 Years of Boy Scouts." The dinner will be a modified potluck; the Elks will provide several entrée items (macaroni & cheese, chicken fingers and baked ziti) and families will be asked to sign-up to bring an ethnic dish (sides, salads, desserts) along with a note card telling what it is and the tradition behind it.

The Elk Lodge will charge us \$7 per person. Sharon suggested Pack 32 pay for all scouts and we charge \$10 per person for everyone else. The additional \$3 will offset the cost of extras such as decorations, paper products, and entertainment costs. After a discussion it was agreed that the pack will pay the \$7 cost of dinner for each scout and will cover the cost of the extras. Family members will pay \$7 per person for the dinner.

Discussion was held on best method to send the invitation, method of sign-up, and date to send. The invitation will be sent by email and Andy will put a sign-up sheet on the pack's website. He felt the website sign-up works better than mysignup.com and we also avoid advertising used on mysignup. The invitation should go out after the holidays, around Jan. 5. Cindy Bednar will be in charge of collecting money. Andy suggested using PayPal as a method of payment. It will make it possible to complete your registration totally online.

The B&G committee has hired "Eyes of the World," a show using live animals, as entertainment for the evening. The program is 45 minutes and cost is \$250.

Robin Wedeking is working on the program. Robin will need to have accurate lists of scout names for each den. The B&G committee will ask Jerry Truppelli to do the printing for us.

The following is the proposed agenda for the evening:

- 5:00 pm Arrive
- 5:15 pm Opening Ceremony; Invocation (we need to invite pastor from Lambertville Presbyterian Church)
- 5:45 pm Dinner Buffet
- 6:30 pm Entertainment (Eyes of the World)
- 7:15 pm Awards & Desserts
- 8:30 pm Closing Ceremony

We anticipate the distribution of awards will go much more quickly since they are now being presented at monthly pack meetings. Each scout should be recognized for their achievements by having it announced how many awards and/or achievements they have earned. Anthony mentioned that we might have Klondike awards to hand-out and possibly Pinewood Derby awards, too.

Joan Weilenta asked if we will have a "Friends of Scouting" presentation again this year. She mentioned that last year's presentation made some families uncomfortable because of the length of the presentation and also the way donations were collected. This year we should ask to have the presentation be more concise and upbeat and no counting of money collected at the dinner table.

Jim Cally will invite the pastor from Lambertville Presbyterian Church to the Blue & Gold dinner.

Sharon needs a \$500 deposit for the Elks Lodge as soon as possible. Request was approved.

The B&G Committee members are Cindy Bednar, Marianne Carter, Sharon Inglin, Joan Wielenta, and Robin Wedeking.

**December Pack Meeting:** Stations will be set-up to demonstrate some of the physics of pinewood derby cars. The boys will also be presented with their derby cars at the pack meeting. Andy reported that there will be four stations to test weight, momentum, friction and gravity. The break-out groups for each station shouldn't be too large and should not mix the different packs. Sharon recommended a station where the boys can draw pictures for the Blue & Gold

dinner. There should be a leader at each station. Andy reported each station should only take approximately 5 minutes. Sharon asked to have the drawing station have more time.

**Pinewood Derby – January 23:** The Pinewood Derby for Pack 32 is scheduled for Jan. 23, 2010. Pit night will be the night before. We will not be able to start setting-up until 6:00 pm because of the YMCA aftercare program. Pit night will run from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Because it is starting later, we will not sell pizza at pit night.

The derby will run the same hours as last year. Andy will check on start and end times used last year, but we believe it was 10 am to 2 pm. The same line-up will be used, starting with Tigers, in rank order, finishing with the family cars and special races.

Food will be the same as last year: Pizza, hot dogs, soup, chips, soda, juice, water and doughnuts and bagels in the a.m. We need to solicit volunteers to work the food table and help with the race. We also need parents to donate baked goods for food table (but no doughnuts). We can also sell our supply of trail mix at the derby. We will need to buy condiments and paper goods, including Styrofoam cups for soup & coffee supplies.

Trophies will be the same as last year. Anthony will again take care of getting the trophies and medallions. Trophies should be awarded the day of the event. The special categories will have to be voted-on and tallied on the day of the derby.

Andy proposed having an “illegal” category in the special races, meaning cars could break any rules except for measurement rules (width, length, weight) which might prevent them from running on the track correctly.

Anthony reported that he has been in contact with Kingwood Twp. Pack regarding Pinewood Derby. He has been advising them and invited them to come see our derby. He also offered them the use of our track. We have a spare wooden track that Kingwood might want. If we gave the wooden track away, we could move our storage items back to the free unit.

Anthony motioned to investigate donating the wooden track. Motion was seconded by Andy and approved by all.

### **New Business**

Jim Cally reminded everyone of the West Amwell Twp. Reorganization to be held at 1:00 pm on January 1, 2010. The scouts have been invited to participate in the flag ceremony. All scouts are invited. Scouts need to wear their Class A uniforms for the ceremony. Jim has purchased a mug and patch to present to the township and will also get a plaque and a framed photo of the pack to be displayed in the township display case.

District Pinewood Derby: Anthony asked anyone with new ideas for the District Derby to email them to him. He would like to do a patch and t-shirts this year. He asked Sharon if Kevin would again help us with a logo design. He would like design to incorporate the 100 years of Scouting and this being the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pahaquarra Council Pinewood Derby. Anthony would like us to do the food on our own this year.

Globetrotters: Sharon has a flyer regarding the Harlem Globetrotters at the Sun National Center in Trenton on March 13, but is concerned that it is the same day as the Yukon Trail. It was agreed that if Sharon would like to coordinate this event, it should be made available to the scouts.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.