

## 04/15/14 Minutes from BSA Troop 365 Committee

In attendance: Jerry Roderick, Jeff Sweet, Pat Connolly, Jeff Gilligan, Gary Meyer, Karen Roderick, John Van Gilder, Chris Cook, Keith Stimpert, Bill Alsnauer, Dave Nadolny, John Heywood, Eric Francis, Chris Deis, Tim Hamner & Matt Williams

### 1. Jeff Sweet & Karen Roderick reported in the Mike Hock celebration

- Saturday, June 28th, 2-5pm at Dragonfly Camp at Highbanks Metro Park, 9466 US 23, Lewis Center 43035. Flag ceremony at 3:30m. Light refreshments including shredded meat sandwiches.
- There is seating here and there for about 75, so we will need to bring some chairs and a dining fly
- There are about 90 parking spaces.
- Send pictures to Mr. Sweet of Mr. Hock if you have any.
- Send emails to Mr. Sweet if you want email invites sent for the celebration.
- RSVP to Mr. Sweet.
- Merit badge connection, ask the boys if they want to help as part of the Communication badge
- Help will be needed for set-up and clean-up. Jerry will check with PLC for help from the boys.

### 2. Scoutmaster Jerry Roderick

- Eagle Update
  - Nick Gaston approved
  - Beanie Hallfrisch waiting on Bd of Review
  - Stimpert Ct of Honor 6/8/14 at 2pm
  - Prosser Ct of Honor 6/21 or 6/22
  - David Williams Ct of Honor 6/1/14 at 2pm
- New Scout Julian Meecham
- Leadership Campout went well
  - Older boys want to make sure the younger boys feel welcome
  - International campout idea
  - What does mandatory mean?
    - Possibly linking # of service hours to attending holodome, making holodome an honor campout
  - Boys definitely want to do Turkey Shoot, Holodome

### 3. Orientation

- Date tbd, but we'd like to put it on the calendar for 4/28/14 if Paul Dorothy is available. Dave Nadolny calling Paul to see if he is (Paul is confirmed and will do a parent orientation on 4/28/14).
- We'd like to make sure it includes that dues are due when joining and that the fees that the fruit & greenery sale fund are due if not enough is sold by each boy.

### 4. Outdoor Update

- Bus driver training is moving forward, although nobody is complete yet
- We will need to further discuss a set amount for those we pay to drive

- Bill Alsnauer is handling/making sure the following are handled: the medical, insurance, bus inspections.
  - Insurance raised to \$2M liability due to the minor cost for the added insurance
  - Medical/person raised to \$10,000 per
  - \$500 deductible on the bus
- Bill says Justice Kennedy wants the boys to take a trip to the Supreme Court

#### 5. Indoor - Jeff Gilligan

- Reserving the Flats or Lazelle Park for the Rocket Shoot May 5 (or 12th as a rain date).
  - Might want Tim Hamner & Jacob Francis to organize a rocket building seminar for the 28th meeting (and do a parent orientation at the same time. Paul Dorothy is confirmed to run orientation that night)
- Looking for a room for one of the two chess meetings

#### 6. Other

- Aviation is 4/26, we need an adult to be on site and Gary Meyer volunteered to do this.
  - Anyone interested needs to do a pretest, which needs graded before that morning session
- Oceanography went well with 7 scouts showing up.
- Pat Connolly will be running two sessions of a Chess merit badge clinic. The first location for May 1 is undetermined, but will be to learn the reqs and demonstrate skills. The second will be May 15, 6-9pm, at the Old Worthington library for the Chess tournament. Signup, dates and times tba at the next meeting (4/21)
  - Pat will write up the clinic for Matt Williams to post to the blog
  - Pat might need more clocks
- Keith Stimpert mentioned that the church could use boys for mulching on 5/17. This was discussed at PLC and due to a conflict, thought it best to just pass on this one.
  - 15 boys signed up to help on 4/20 at 6:45am at the church, making omelet's for Easter breakfast.
- Bill Alsnauer mentioned that we should continue to be aware that Boards of Review should make the boys feel comfortable discussing their Boy Scout experience. Boards of Review are not for retesting a boy on their requirements, although doing things like the boy scout oath or talking about how they have lived one of the items in the law is certainly on target.
- Tim Hamner reported that the merit badge clinic went well with about half of the 40 boys earning a badge that day or on follow-up and the remaining boys finished many requirements as well.
- For Boards of Review, we'd like to be cognizant to have a Troop Committee member on it, then ASMs (not their patrol ASM), then parents.
- Tim Hamner would like to phase in the online troop webhost for all sign-ups. Maybe start with some campouts with the intent to eventually do away with paper signups at meetings.

- A tech committee should meet to discuss linking troop webhost calendar to google. Chris Deis, Eric Francis & Tim Hamner

#### 7. Finances - Bill Alsnauer

- There is a concern that the extent of the past due billings is too high and continuing to get larger at an exponential pace. There are currently \$3,000 in past due bills from 25 boys (8 of whom are new). The majority of the debt is for dues and fees. \$3,000 represents about 15% of the year's operating budget.

##### Solutions:

- Maybe send out dues bills for the next year a little earlier to prevent paying for boys that end up dropping (although this doesn't appear to be a large problem)
- New parent program to include a note that they need to be active in the fruit/greenery fundraiser to cover fees and to become an active part of the troop. Sales in excess of those needed to pay fees can be used for campouts, etc...
- At the Parent Orientation & at Court of Honor, we should encourage deposits into the boy's escrow account, to curtail potential last minute payments for campouts at drop-off.
- When webhost is implemented for signups, it can automatically send out regular reminders of unpaid amounts
- Bills Alsnauer asked for and was given the OK to send out letters as needed that all fees/dues need paid or a payment schedule in place or no future campouts/advancements/signups are allowed by that scout.
  - Boys may not sign up for campouts, etc... unless they are paid in full, or are on a payment plan
  - These policies are all in place with the knowledge that we do have some funding for boys that cannot afford various activities.