

## Parent Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: 8-25-13

Present: Wally Zampella, Andy Gilmour, Sharon Robbins, Erik Autor, Mechelle Coppock, Chris Cozadd, Jeff Englander, Millie Sjoberg, Jason Cothorn, Anne Davis

### 1) Secretary

- a. PCM from 6-2-13 will be emailed for approval and posted to web
- b. Sharon will verify accuracy of email address for scouts and parents at the first fall meeting 9-3-13.

### 2) Treasurer

- a. Wendy on Vacation
- b. Please send Wendy gentle reminders if you are due funds. There may be a delay due to "signer" vacation conflicts
- c. Kathleen ready to turn Scout Bucks over to Wendy (or another volunteer) soon. See below

### 3) Scout/Parent Arrivals and Departures

- a. 7 new scouts as of March 2013
- b. Expect in March 2014: 4 definite, 2 maybe's from Autor's den; 1-2 from Sperry's den; Robbins' den not sure. Plan on 7 total.
- c. Departing scouts: Ian, Seamus, Liam, Thirkill, Corn. Eagle Scouts will likely continue to be involved until away to college next year.

### 4) Committee Positions still open:

- a. Fundraiser
  - i. Wally contacted by GW student – conducted a successful fundraiser on campus and would like to apply skills in non-academic setting. Wally will follow up with student
  - ii. Erik suggested since Ari does fundraising for a living she may be interested
  - iii. Sharon is willing to work with Ari next year (after giving up cub scout popcorn sales)
  - iv. Steve Valley is willing to lead fundraising this year but with a shadow
- b. Scout Bucks Coordinator
  - i. Wally will speak with Wendy to see if she is interested in taking this on
  - ii. Position does not require "showing up"
  - iii. What is Scout Bucks? Scouts who participate in fundraising get a portion of what they raise in credit toward equipment, summer camp, etc. Time participation is also tracked and credit allotted accordingly. Scouts provide coordinator with receipt and are reimbursed up to their credit limit. There are two primary fund raisers: Mulch and Mistletoe metro sales.

- 5) Ski Trip
  - a. Last yrs. trip cancelled, due to expense and 3 nights
  - b. Troop received credit for deposit for this year 1/31/14 Fri & Sat nights 3 ski days
  - c. Need to promote heavily and encourage scouts to commit
  - d. PC voted to subsidize trip this year to bring cost down
  - e. Encourage scouts to use Scout Bucks
  - f. ASM will be assigned to work with committee member
  - g. Millie volunteered to assist another lead parent
- 6) Equipment Repairs and Replacements
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Troop Mtg in September scouts will do equipment lay down
  - b. Patrols will reallocate equipment as needed and develop a list of required replacements
  - c. Wally can order replacements on Amazon, Jim Custer also a possible source of discounts
  - d. James Pala does a great job listing equipment by patrol
- 7) New SPLs
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> troop meeting in September scouts will elect new SPLs and form patrols
  - b. Important to have experienced and new scouts in each patrol
  - c. Jim Custer's experiment proved that boys are more likely to stay in scouting if they enjoy and are friends with their patrol.
  - d. Opportunity for scouts to take on positions of responsibility and practice leadership
- 8) Refreshments
  - a. No refreshments for the 9/3 Troop meeting – will focus on chuck boxes
  - b. Millie offered that anytime refreshments are required just let her or Elizabeth know
- 9) Fall Court of Honor
  - a. 88 badges already earned
- 10) Troopmaster
  - a. Anne reports historical data is not up to date, she will hand out paper copies, have scouts sign for receipt and return to her with any amendments in red ink. Scouts will have responsibility to verify.
  - b. Wally suggested attaching a cover sheet with specific instructions to scouts.
  - c. Anne is available to meet with scouts at her house, their house, or meetings
  - d. We do not need to track hiking and campout nights on Troopmaster. For the camping and hiking merit badges boys track miles and nights in their eagle and scout books. Order of the Arrow requires less miles/nights than 20 so not a concern. The 50 miler badge is typically earned at Philmont (must be done in 5 consecutive days).
  - e. ASM's need to do a better job of checking off scout accomplishments with initial and date
  - f. Scout rank must be entered in Troopmaster or Anne cannot enter BOR or other dates/achievements.
  - g. Erik working on service pins for leaders and scouts. For leaders time is credited from cub scout days, Eric will be soliciting service data from leaders.
- 11) Merit Badges
  - a. Mechelle will organize blue cards with baseball card organizer.

- b. Wally indicated 20 partial badges earned at summer camp. He sent scouts a list of what was outstanding as well as a list of the counselors.
- c. 9/13/13 Emergency Preparedness badge will work with the fire dept during EMT training. Scouts will come dressed to “bleed” and EMT’s will practice on them. This can also count for community service hours.
- d. Mechelle will check that the counselor list is up to date with our newest adult leaders and remove those listed that have moved away. Adult leaders no longer with the troop but in the area may still be interested in serving as a counselor. Spike will post once updated.
- e. Jason using new 2 year cycle, Jeff confirmed it was approved. Will send for posting in weekly announcements and on web.
- f. Personal Fitness badge did not start in spring 2013 as planned, will start this fall during regular Troop meetings. We will be just 1 off and back in sync after this make up.
- g. Four new ASM’s approved: Craig Schuman, Chris Ross, Will DeVan, Paul Ross. 100% trained at summer camp. Wally will invite new ASM’s to next PCM for introductions.

#### 12) Special Recognition

- a. Jason noted that when he asks SPL Gilmour to assist with something SPL Gilmour has already started working on it or accomplished the task of his own accord. Well done.
- b. Jack Ulses, the troop’s first Eagle Scout, was visiting the area recently and met with some fellow scouts. Jack and his family currently are stationed in Vienna, Austria. Jack spent a month at scout camp in Germany and then a short time here. Jack was glad to hear that we have quite a few new boys.

#### 13) Next PCM

- a. Meetings will typically be at 7am the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month during the school year.
- b. September 2013 will be an exception due to the scheduled camp out – PCM meeting will be held 9/22/13.