**Troop 130 Committee Meeting**

**February 10, 2022**

Crissy Mitchell Ken Demars Paul Boothroyd Patty Crossland

John Sullivan John Newey Garry Jackson Prabakaran Subramanian

Doug Cloutier

**Treasurer’s Report: Mike Holm**

Crissy provided the update from Mike Holm as he could not make it to the meeting:

* Balance in account is the same from last month
* 5 registrations received so far for summer camp. Crissy will send reminder for summer camp registration by 3/15 to receive early bird discount
* Northern Tier High Adventure in Summer 2023 will be discussed at the banquet. Trip will be planned for 2nd week of August 2023 for 10 days. Scouts to notify of their intent by end of April. Must be 13 years old. Each patrol will have 8 members that includes at least 2 adults (we usually send 3 adults) and interpreter. One of the adults going on the trip to lead and coordinate. Advisor’s Planning Guide will be sent to parents.

**Advancement: Ken Demars**

* Court of honor on Feb 13, 2022. We will recognize 10 rank advancements and 40 merit badges
* Most scouts are in first class and above and hence planning of advancements will be based on needs of individual scouts
* New eagle required merit badge “Citizenship and Society” is mandatory beginning July 2022. Luke and Charlie to take note and plan their advancement. No book used for this badge. We need more counselors to be able to lead this.
* Summer camp (Camp Resolute) is in the process of finalizing the merit badges they are going to offer. There is a new program director and camp director, so they are a bit behind schedule.
* Patrick has submitted his proposal to Ken. Will need to submit to BSA.
* 4 Cub Scouts to come over in March

**Past Activities / Events: Crissy Mitchell**

* Jan 22 - Tubing trip at Nashoba Valley was a fun trip with 9 scouts and 4 adults. Not much time to go up and down due to crowds. We hope to go back to Butternut next year.
* Feb 4 - 6 - Camp Resolute Freeze out / SERE activity was a challenging trip due to adverse weather conditions. Very cold. Propane froze and many cannisters had little fuel. Resolute provided green wood and much of wood at site was wet. However, the troop handled it well. 5 scouts and 3 adults participated in Freeze out and 4 scouts and 2 adults participated in SERE activity. 1 Webelos (Francis) joined us.

**Upcoming Trips: Crissy Mitchell**

* Feb 13 – Troop Banquet - 45 people have registered to attend, with 50 planned.
* Mar 20 – Atkinson Pool & Papa Gino’s Swimming and Pizza outing. John is working with Lynn from Atkinson pool. Estimated cost is $215 for the pool with 4 lanes ($40/lane) and diving well ($55).
* Here are the ideas discussed for the April and May: hiking trips to Wildlife Refuge, Stow Town Woods, Nobscot with night hike to Tippling Rock, Fishing trip at Crowe Island camping trip, Cape trip? Uncertainty regarding carpooling options
* Apr 30 - Bottle drive (April and October will be schedule for bottle drive). No June bottle drive/food drive this year. Maybe do a food drive in October.
* Jun 3 - 4 - Relay for life. Kim Lalli asked if there may be parents who wanted to form a team
* Jul 17- 23 - Summer camp - 5 registration received so far. Register by Mar 15 to take advantage of early bird offer
* Aug 14 - 19 - NYLT – Heard from 3 of the 8 scouts invited. Must register by Mar 15 to take advantage of early bird offer

**Quartermaster Update: Doug Cloutier**

* New trailer pulled well in snow on the recent freeze out trip to Camp Resolute. Spare tire attached to the new trailer. Need kickstands for back of trailer. New shelving and tie-downs to be put in to carry a set of tents, 3 sets of kitchen equipment and a couple of rain flies for trips. This will obviate the need to put the tents and equipment back in the old trailer after every trip.
* Propane needs to be filled after every trip. We need to educate the scouts on what to look for regarding assessing the fullness of propane tanks.

**Miscellaneous Business**

* State has announced the lifting of the mask mandate. Troop to determine if we continue to require masks. We will send a survey to check the opinion of the troop once BSA makes decision. Mask is mandatory for the Banquet on Feb 13, 2022
* Discussed Cub Scout charter topic. Elks has refused to recharter Pack 130. Dave Jones looking into discussing with the Rod and Gun club to charter them. Meeting space is an issue with town and schools beginning to charge for facilities. Other options include Sanctuary, the mill, John Cramer and Geoff Nelson options.

Next Troop Committee meeting March 3