**Troop 130 Committee Meeting**

**March 1, 2018**

Kristen Reyzer John Sullivan Ken DeMars Dave Jones

Julie Roith Bob Hill Gary Thorburn Paul Boothroyd

Adam Crossland Greg Berry Willie Crocker Peter Early

Treasurer’s Report:

* Gary distributed balance sheet. Not much to report. Big recent expenses: Chartering expense. It only takes one good fundraiser to fund the troop for a year.
* Money for Philmont is coming is slowly, especially from those who have only given the initial deposit. 13 have sent nothing.
* The trip subsidy fund of 1,036 is slowly creeping downward. Bob noted that it will be going down significantly for the May trip, but we usually take a hit in May.
* Scholarship fund: We have $3,300 in total scholarships, and there is a separate high adventure fund. Bob shared that the Elks want to provide a summer camp scholarship. A mailing should be going out in the next week or so, and after that we'll have a better idea of how much we will need for this summer’s camp.

Advancement:

* Quite a few kids advanced at the banquet. Now, the focus will be on Tenderfoot & Second Class until new Webelos group comes in. We have one scout aging out this month, and he has 4 merit badges left to do.

Past Trips and Activities:

* The Swim & Pizza event went well at Regis, no real issues.
* The Troop banquet had a good turnout, and we got out of there in good time.
* On the snow tubing trip, everybody liked the accommodations..

Upcoming Trips and Activities:

* Cabin Camping Trip, Hidden Valley, Gilmanton Ironworks, NH, March 9-11 - Going to be a disappointing turn out for March trip which is unfortunate because it has the nicest accommodations and they cost extra money.
* Webelos Cross-over - Four scouts will be crossing over. The Cub Scout Pack meeting will be on March 23rd, and they will be with us following Tuesday Troop meeting.
* Electronics and Bottle Drive, March 24 - The Bottle Drive is moving along well; the recycling and bottle companies are booked.
* Lean-to Trip, Camp Split Rock, Ashburnham, April 6-8 - We booked both lean-to sites at Split Rock for the trip in April. We might not need both, but they are $75/site, and that's not much compared to cabin rentals. The weather for this trip is a crap-shoot. Last year it snowed.
* Rod & Gun Cleanup, April 28 - The Rod and Gun club official spring clean-up is April 21/22, but Pete will see if they can leave something for the Scouts to do the following weekend.
* Cape Cod Trip, Camp Greenough, May 4-6 - There will not be a Bike Trip on the Whale Watch trip this year. Perhaps a Ropes course?
* Relay for Life, June 2 - There's general disappointment that there will be no overnight camping for Relay for Life.

Quartermaster: nothing to report.

Scoutbook, Greg Berry:

* Information is being updated in a timely fashion. We can us Scout book to track Philmont payments. Greg will speak with Kristen about that. The Town website link now forwards to our new website.
* Bob asked if we could work with Yuhsia and Justine to do permission slips for trips with Scoutbook. Unfortunately, it's not as friendly for report generation as Troopmaster was. Is there any way we can set up stock reports? Greg said that, yes, they can be set up, saved and run, and exported to Excel.
* We have 6 new adults set up as merit badge counselors. We have duplicate coverage in some merit badges. Greg Carvin will be covering the environmental science badge. The council is behind schedule, but they should approve the new counselors. Ken will be doing training for the new adults at next meeting.

Philmont:

* Pay your money. Fundraising and planning go hand-in-hand. Over next couple of months, we'll rough out a touring plan.
* John continues to lead adult physical fitness training every Saturday morning. There are a handful of the scouts signed up that Bob has serious concerns about their fitness for it. He will meet them and their parents to have a serious conversation about this problem. We have to be convinced that they will be ready before it is time to buy airline tickets.
* We will get the touring itinerary resolved this summer, and then start looking at airfare prices.

Other Business:

* District Realignment: we are in Purple, and we have new district rep.
* Summer Camp: David Jones and Eliot Madow are coming. Ideally, we should have a younger parent who is not going to Philmont come along to break him in. Justine and Chrissy have both talked about going. It's going to be a little bit of a wildcard with the new camp director, the council merger and the new Executive.
* We have a new fundraising opportunity: collecting and returning bottles and cans from events at the Rod and Gun Club. The Club is now funneling their returnables to us. We may also get returnables from pavilion rentals during the Summer. We could spring for a plastic Rubbermaid shed to store them in between trips to the return center. Peter advises we'd have to be careful because lots of different things would get dumped in there besides cans and bottles. Bob: how do we keep them secure between events? We may need to have an August event for bottle sorting and redemption to account for build-up of returnables.

Next meeting April 12