**Troop 130 Committee Meeting**

**October 5, 2017**

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Treasurer’s Report:

* Checking account is trending down from last meeting by just under $6,000 due to payments for Northern Tier, summer camp extras, and deposits on upcoming trips.
* Unrestricted Net Assets were reduced by Northern Tier scholarships and camp credits.

Advancement:

* Review boards were conducted this week. Two more sets of boards are planned for next week in preparation for the Court of Honor.
* Evan Jacobsen completed his Eagle project cleanup of Carbone Park and bridge replacement. He has three more merit badges to earn to earn Eagle Scout.
* Justin Hines is meeting with Maynard Youth Soccer to build a kickback wall at Rockland Field for his Eagle project. A tentative date of 11/12 is planned for the project.
* Jake Hills is planning a cemetery Eagle project. Brandon Halig and Ben Sullivan are currently working on Eagle project ideas.

Past Trips and Activities:

* Water Weekend, Camp Split Rock – Not the same experience as Camp Collier. Location was difficult for boating and weather was a bit cool for swimming. The boys had a great time, however.
* Evan Jacobsen’s Eagle project – Great turnout. Built bridge, cut out brush, cleaned out trash. Parking was difficult due to ArtSpace Open Studios on the same date.
* Library book sale help – More books were moved this year than in past. Scouts were there for an hour and a half.

Upcoming Trips and Activities:

* All of the upcoming trips are booked through March 2018.
* October 13-15: King Richard’s Faire tent camping trip, Camp Squanto, Plymouth. Expected to be a good turnout of scouts and adults.
* May trip is only trip that is uncertain at this point. It is planned to be a whale watch/Cape bike trip, but there may be a different activity in place of the bike trip.
* June will probably be an Attitash weekend. Might incorporate hikes in preparation for Philmont trip.
* Christmas Parade - There is talk of moving the Christmas parade from Sunday to Saturday. Maynard Municipality has taken over responsibility for the parade from the Rotary Club. The Saturday date presents conflicts with our yearly calendar going forward.
* Relay for Life – The relay is planned to be a one day event this year in response to falling involvement from both relay teams and spectators. This is viewed as undesirable for the Boy Scouts and the hope is that the one day format is not a permanent solution.

Quartermaster:

* There has been a safety recall on the refillable propane bottle manufacturer. It is unavailable at all retail outlets and online. We will need to purchase regular propane cannisters for the next trip.
* We need fire extinguishers to have on hand for trips. John will get two more.

Other Business:

* Philmont – Total cost per person is estimated at $2,400-$2,500. 12 days/11 nights @ Philmont, 5 days touring beforehand, and 1 day touring afterwards = 18 days total. We will need to nail down commitment from scouts. Elasticity of size with crews on Philmont will make numbers easier to manage than Northern Tier. Per person cost from Northern Tier of $1,600 is less than amounts paid out, so refunds will be distributed. Considered timing of refunds to be coincident with sending out of Philmont letter.
* Electronics Recycling – The company that recycles bottles and cans is reducing the amount paid per can and Pro Shred will charge more for paper shredding. Signs are prepped and ready to go, Beacon and Action Unlimited ads have gone out, and backpack express will go out next week at Green Meadow. Facebook shares from parents and committee members will be critical to getting the word out. We need to look into having a Facebook page or permanent location on the website where information about the electronics recycling can be posted. Request was made to set up sandwich board sign at scout table at Maynard Fest.
* Trip transportation and logistics – Justine has emphasized the need for more parent participation on trips. We have plenty signed up for the upcoming King Richard’s Faire trip, however that is a popular one. Communication to parents about the negligible demands of the trips might help convince more to volunteer.

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