**Troop 130 Committee Meeting**

**October 7, 2021**

Crissy Mitchell Ken Demars Paul Boothroyd Prabakaran Subramanian

Patty Crossland John Sullivan Julie Roith Doug Cloutier

Mike Holm Dave Jones David Schwind

**Treasurer’s Report: Mike Holm**

* Mike presented the balance sheet
  + $36,000 in Assets overall - $500 in cash and Middlesex account is $35,500
  + $1,500 Equipment fund
  + $2,000 in Trailer fund
  + $4,700 in Recharter fund
  + $2,200 Scholarship fund - $400 donated from Sea Base funds that were refunded
  + $2,800 High adventure campership
  + $1000 Sea Base fund account – refunds being sent out
  + $2,000 Trip subsidy fund
  + $1,000 Eagle scout expenses estimate
  + $11,200 Unrestricted net, will be $10,500 after rechartering. Discussed building a buffer in Recharter fund and it was decided that it is not required at this time.
* Enough merit badge books are available in the library for lending to scouts.
* Merit badge counselors are to print the sections and are to bring them to the meetings for training.

**Advancement: Ken Demars**

* Nathan completed his project on 9/18 and all merit badges are done. Board of review is scheduled for Oct 27th.
* Matteo is writing up his Eagle project proposal.
* Luke, Patrick, and Charlie need to plan their projects and have them approved by April 2022. Projects should be defined asap so that they can be done once weather is better. Merit badges should be complete by the first of year to stay on schedule.
* Citizenship in the Community (Ken DeMars) and Personal Management (John Cramer, Patty Crossland) merit badges are being taught in upcoming troop meetings.
* Scouts to use opportunities during Court of Honor and overnights for campfire programs for completing Communication merit badge requirements.

**Past Activities / Events: Crissy Mitchell**

* Weekly in person troop meeting started Sep 7th. A good portion of the troop is missing due to sports conflicts.
* Sept 10-12 – Camp Collier trip, Ashburnham, MA - Camp Collier trip was fantastic with 13 scouts participating in it. Activities included frisbee, canoe, swimming.
* Sept 12 - Friends of the Pollinator Meadow at ArtSpace, Maynard, MA - Friends of pollinator meadow presented a certificate of appreciation to Finn for his project to clear brush in the garden at Art Space. 9 scouts and 5 adults attended the event.
* Sept 18 – Nathan Strahs’ Eagle Project, Fowler School, Maynard, MA - 12 scouts and 6 adults participated. There was a wasp problem that prohibited all areas getting cleared.
* Sept 19 - Maynard 150th Parade, Maynard, MA - 11 scouts and 1 girl from Sudbury and 8 adults participated with 2 playing band and 1 handling WAVM.
* Sept 29 – Book moving, Maynard Public Library, Maynard, MA - 9 scouts and 5 adults participated. The organizer is very impressed and appreciative of the coordination between the scouts.
* Oct 2 – Maynard Fest, Maynard, MA - 6 scouts and 4 adults participated. Disappointed in lack of participation at the event by our scouts.

**Upcoming Trips: Crissy Mitchell**

* Oct 8-10 – Nobscot Scout Reservation Trip, Sudbury, MA - 12 scouts and 8 adults signed up. Roster includes one scout and parent that are new to overnights. We will stay at the big rock site and plan to hike to Tippling Rock and Ford’s Folly. Drop off at 6 PM on Friday and pick up at 10 AM on Sunday. Trailer is coming, with Doug Cloutier dropping off and David Schwind picking up.
* Oct 16 - Town Meeting, Mill & Main Maynard, MA - At Least 10 scouts are required. 13 articles will be discussed. Scouts will get service time.
* Oct 30 – Bottle & Can / Electronics Recycling, Mill & Main, Maynard, MA - Matt & Duane to reprint the sign boards.
* Nov 5-7 – Archery/Fishing Overnight, Rod & Gun Club, Maynard, MA - Archery and activities like ultimate frisbee and zombie tag planned. Campfire can be used as an opportunity to complete a communication merit badge requirement. Webelos to come for the day to combine the Webelos 2 overnight with this trip. Possible partial merit badge for Archery.
* Nov 11 - Veterans Day Parade – not scheduled as of now. Marge Iannuzzo retired and they need someone new to take it on. We’ll keep posted.
* No plan yet for December - can consider some hiking activity. There will be a Christmas parade.
* Wreaths Across America Dec 18th - St Bridget cemetery. Looking for scouts to participate.

**Quartermaster Update: Doug Cloutier**

* Trailer survey to be sent to determine how many adults can help tow the trailer (5’x 8’ – 2,000 lb. capacity) for the camping trips.
* All propane bottles are filled up.
* Capacity of 1 person per tent though the latest guideline allows 2 scouts to stay in a tent, head to foot. We will reassess the guidelines in January.
* Committee voted to go forward with purchasing a 5x8 Trailer with a budget of approx. $4,200.

**Miscellaneous Business**

* 130 Troop “40 Years in Scouting” event will be organized in the Pavilion in the Rod and Gun Club. We will invite past scoutmasters, committee chairs, etc. Chris Thorp to take lead on this activity. Plan for May or June.
* Brainstormed some ideas on new places to go for camping trips.
* Patrol structure - Discussed if we need to change the way the patrols are organized so the younger scouts can learn things from older scouts instead of younger scouts being in their own patrol. We need to bring the question to the scouts.
* Recruiting ideas – Fowler backpacks/newsletter, places downtown where kids congregate. We will revisit this topic.

Next Troop Committee meeting November 4