

# Troop 130 Committee Meeting

November 2, 2023

## Attendance

John Newey	Doug Cloutier	Emily DelConte
Paul Boothroyd	John Sullivan	David Schwind
Adam Crossland	Dan Pearce	Patty Crossland
Beth Hamilton	Ken DeMars	Valerie Mathison
Julie Roith		

## Treasurer's Report

Mike Holm was not present.

## Advancement Report

Ken – not much to report since the Court of Honor. Will Cramer has a proposal for his Eagle Scout in and is supposed to be talking to Council soon to get permission. We are behind schedule with getting Scouts below 1<sup>st</sup> class there. Some will need Swimming, which will be hard to do unless we have a Swim trip. John says we may be back at Regis for that trip.

No merit badge classes planned right now. We should consider some Eagle-required merit badges, but does it make sense to start one before the holidays? Need Citizenship badges, possibly Family Life or Cit. in the Nation should be one that we could get in before the end of the year.

Patty may teach Citizenship in the World after the holidays.

Colt needs Communication.

Ken will run a report to see whether we need more needing Cit in the Nation or Cit in the World.

Patty – want to do another ILST? Over Christmas Break or February vacation? The consensus is that February would be best.

## Past Events Debrief

10/7-9 – Mass Jam

- 13 scouts, 8 adults. Our Troop behaved with distinction, and we received many compliments on their good behavior. David S.: We probably could have brought our gear trailer even though we were told not to. Many other troops brought their trailers.

10/17 - Court of Honor

- G Troop all made Scout
- Other award stats, Ken? Not on hand, but we can get from him later.

10/21 - Webelos Adventure Meet

- 6 scouts, 4 adults at Camp Resolute
- Our folks taught First Aid, Flags, Tents
- Pouring rain all day, so all events were indoors.
- The Scouts did a good job, and we handled a pretty good number of Cubs.

#### 10/24 - Halloween Party

- Great costumes, much fun had by all. Had a guest from Germany. Chris Thorp mentioned that in the past, we had both games and costume awards.
- Many more people came in costume than in previous years.
- Haunted house next year? Put it on the Scouts.

#### 10/26 - Downtown Trick or Treating

- 5 adults, a few scouts
- Handed out around 1,100 pieces of candy. Downtown was mobbed.

#### 10/28 – Bottle & Can & Electronics Recycling

- 21 scouts, 16 adults
- The initial report is that the money was better than the past couple events, but not our best. We believe the income may be around \$5,000. Don't yet know about money from bottles and cans.
- Pickups were very busy.

### Planning Upcoming trips and activities

Veteran's Day Parade, we will meet behind the town building at 11. Friday the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Webelos Overnight is on 11/17-19 this month. Permission slips went out on 11/1. Need them back by Tuesday meeting.

December: Nobscot is booked. Peeper cabin (Pond View). Should make it back in time for Christmas Parade

January 7th: 1-2. Penciled in at Regis College. Two lifeguards. \$250. We will have the whole pool. Then Papa Gino's in Sudbury.

Freeze-out: Rod and Gun Club in January.

March and later: nothing planned yet. Facing problems with booking that far out. Moses Scout Reservation. March will be a trip to Nobscot with the Webelos who have just crossed over.

April: Camp Sayer?

May: We should do a bike trip on the Cape this Spring. Provincetown; bike rentals. Do whale watch in Plymouth on the way home. David S. proposed an alternate plan based on a similar trip that he ran for Troop 65.

June trip: No idea what to do for the June trip. John investigating alternatives to June 2023 trip. A trip to Salem MA is a possibility. The Old Coast Guard base is now a Scout camping area.

Climbing gym trip like Troop 65 does?

Haven't been to Treasure Valley in a long time. No Camp Spilt Rock in a while, either, but their online reservation system may be available again.

We need to have some adults-only trips to potential Summer Camp destinations. Mike has been working on investigating summer camp possibilities. Chris Thorp suggested J.N. Webster (CT). Troop 1 Stow had a good experience there. The food is good there, apparently. JNW said that they will visit during a meeting. Could Mike get someone to come to our next Committee Meeting?

Ken: we should not focus too much on the number of Eagle-required merits badges offered. Find a place that has a good overall program with events for everyone.

David S.: should we set a goal date to decide? Usually done by Banquet Sunday in February.

### Quartermaster Update

Stocked up with propane.

John Sullivan: Company that makes Eureka tents are selling off that business. Operating until the end of 2024. If we want to get more tents, replacement poles the sooner we get them the better. Got about a year.

How many usable tents? 10 brown, handful of greens that need to be sorted out again. We lose 2-3 green ones per year. The brown tents are from 2019, they are doing well. Got everything back from Mass Jam.

Patty: any interest in investing in more before they go away?

David S offered alternatives. Will revisit that research. We get discounts on Alps from Hiker Direct.

We need to refresh and replace ground cloths.

David S.: Any interest in buying new cook kits? Will bring on to the next committee meeting for all to examine.

We need griddles and (metal) spatulas.

Scouts should do an inventory on the utensil kits. Perhaps on the November trip?

At the December meeting we can talk about approving some expenditures for these items. Definitely need ground cloths.

Need new bungy balls for the dining fly? Current ones are shot. We may have some in the spare parts.

### Misc Business

**Apparel.** Dan is waiting for finalized pricing before ordering next round. Hoping to be able to hand out order sheets at Tuesday meeting. Doing it online like last year was very confusing, so we are doing paper order forms now.

New offerings? Blanket is coming back. Polo shirts are coming back. Otherwise, standard fare.

Hoping for delivery before Christmas. Need to order by 11/20.

**Slices for Scouting** is on Tuesday. We should get some \$25 gift cards for scouts who invite guests who later sign up. Starbucks, McDonalds, Dave and Busters? Give Scout a choice of what they would like, so we don't need to buy them ahead of time.

Flyers going out in backpack Friday at Fowler.

**Rechartering?** Patty got an email about it. She will give it to Ken, who will do the rechartering. Usually due by 11/15.