**Troop 130 Committee Meeting**

**October 8, 2015**

Gary Jones Ken DeMars Paul Scheiner Mark Brennan

Kevin Schomacker Kristen Reyzer Julie Roith Patty Crossland

Bob Hill Bruce Arntzen

Advancement:

* Sam and Jakob are still waiting on letters from Council.
* Push to get as many Scouts as possible to 2nd Class before the rules change. Some of the requirements that need to be completed are map & compass, orienteering hike, and plant / animal identification.

Past trips:

* Family Night – good turnout, all Scouts seemed to have a family member present
* Electronics Recycling – the spot in the back of the lot seemed to actually work better, there was less confusion with directing vehicles.
* Lean-to Trip, Camp Sayre, Milton, MA – Council has rebranded the camp as New England Base Camp and is marketing toward outside troops who want to tour Boston. They are running programs every Saturday, which may be something to look at down the road. Issues included a lantern that got dropped and broke, deer ticks, and running out of propane. A better method of marking propane bottles might be needed. The group had a good hike and visit to the weather observatory. Bob feels the trip is worth keeping in the rotation but possibly moving to October instead of November, as the volume of fallen leaves on the trail created some slipping hazards.
* Veterans’ Day Parade – The troop had a good turnout with over 20 Scouts, who all walked over as a group to the ceremony. It made a big impact arriving together, and the Scouts had good participation in the ceremony.

Upcoming Trips and Activities:

* Webelos Overnight, Camp Resolute – Joel Stenhouse has invited 10 Scouts to run the event for the 8 Webelos and their adult partners.
* Buck Hill, Pascoag, RI – The cabin is booked, the troop will be staying in the Castle. The adults do the dinner meal in a banquet style with costumes, and Monty Python and the Holy Grail will be shown for movie night. Orange blaze is needed for the daytime outdoor activities as it is hunting season.
* The troop will be providing a pancake breakfast Sunday morning of the WAVM telethon.
* Freeze-Out, Camp Resolute – Everything is all set, the group will just pick a camping spot when they arrive. If there’s snow there is a good sledding hill.
* The Elks have been booked for the January banquet.
* John Sullivan is checking out the possibilities for a longer day hike and camping along the Mid State Trail for older Scouts on the April Treasure Valley trip

Quartermaster:

* The trailer still needs a new home. Ideas are to ask the Elks, lease a storage space, ask about the police lot or the church lot, or the old Great Road Dodge lot which advertised indoor storage. Paul would like feedback on these ideas by the January meeting.

New Business:

* Membership Standards: George Yates approached the church about our decision and was told that they had already voted to accept a gay pastor so there was no issue with our decision and no need to meet with them.
* Northern Tier 2017: Lottery opens at the end of February. Need to determine interest and pay deposit. This trip requires a full crew to work – an 8 member crew plus an interpreter means 3 canoes of 3 people, needed for the portages. Bob suggested a waiting list and backfill if needed.

Next meeting 1/7/16 (no December meeting)