**Troop 130 Committee Meeting**

**December 7, 2017**

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Treasurer’s Report:

* Assets are increasing due to payments coming in for Philmont and the October fundraiser.
* The Northern Tier balance is still negative due to one family still making payments.
* Summer camp has a negative balance due to deposits paid for the next 2 years.
* Trip balances - $73 surplus left over from Split Rock trip, King Richard’s Faire trip was a loss of $329.79. No charge for cabin since we are now part of Mayflower Council, where the property is maintained.
* It was approved that Scout Accounts be considered non-interest deposits with troop and that balances belong to scout families.

Advancement:

* The troop worked on advancement on Buck Hill trip. Cyber Chip requirements need to be met. Communication was sent to parents detailing the requirements with the emphasis that scouts need to focus on cyber chip before they can advance.
* Evan Jacobsen finished his Eagle requirements on time. Board of review is coming up before holiday. There is the potential to have as many as five Eagle Scouts at once for Court of Honor.

Past Trips and Activities:

* Shooting Sports Weekend – We are celebrating the one-year anniversary with Rod and Gun Club as sponsor organization. It was discussed that we would give them a report of what the troop has been doing, highlighting the benefits of their sponsorship.
* Veterans Day Parade – Great turnout.
* Webelos Overnight – Low turnout by the Webelos (drawing from a small pool of candidates), with four kids showing up, two of which were from out of town. The scouts performed the best campfire program seen by Mr. Hill. They did a great job promoting the troop.
* Buck Hill Trip – Geocaching and compass skills were worked on with the aid of cell phones. The decision to allow scouts to bring cell phones was not a great success due to the distraction it caused throughout the weekend. In the future, if cell phones are used for an activity, they should be collected afterwards until the trip is over.
* Holiday Parade – Evening parade worked well for light-up backpacks.

Upcoming Trips and Activities:

* Holiday Party, December 12 – troop holiday party email sent out.
* WAVM Beacon Telethon – Help is needed to assist in the pancake breakfast on Sunday.
* Freeze-Out – 1/6 – 1/7. Nobscot Scout Reservation, Peabody site (1 ½ lean-tos across from the parking lot). Permission slips going out.
* Swim/Pizza (Regis College/Papa Gino’s) – Not certain on the exact date. Will need to check with Justine to make sure it isn’t moving.
* Banquet February 4th – Caroline Stearns to coordinate.
* Tent trip on 6/22 – Still determining whether it will be at Attitash or Jiminy Peak.

Quartermaster: Fire extinguishers are checked out and dates are fine.

Other Business:

* Website updates – Dues tracking online. Emails to notify parents after the holidays. Attendance has been tracked for the current scout year. Starting January, plans to track advancement. People need to update profiles in Scoutbook.
* Philmont – We got our first choice of dates: Departing 7/27, arriving at Philmont on 7/31, leaving Philmont on 8/12, and arriving home on 8/13. A total of 37 people have said they want to go. We currently have enough adults. We are registered as a Venture Crew, with crews of 12 – 8 scouts and 4 adults.
	+ We need to look into securing bus and dormitory options in advance.
	+ Payment reminders to be sent out through Scoutbook
	+ One family is currently looking for a scholarship. We need to make sure all scholarship candidates are identified by the first part of the year so we can plan fundraising needs.
	+ Plans were discussed to set up a parent meeting before the banquet in February now that we know we are going to Philmont. Fundraising planning needs to begin. It was suggested that the troop establish a fundraising coordinator role.
* Trip Transportation/Logistics – We discussed the possibility regarding getting a new trailer. We are having difficulty finding parents with trucks who are willing or able to tow the troop trailer. There is concern over the lack of supplemental brakes on the trailer. We need more volunteers to make trips possible.
* Proposal was made to have a cleanup day at the Rod and Gun Club prior to Fishing Derby in the spring. Plans were made to contact the club to find out possible dates.

Next meeting January 4