**Troop 130 Committee Meeting**

**December 8, 2016**

Kevin Schomacker Bob Hill Julia Roith Chris Thorp

Paul Scheiner Greg Carver John Sullivan Patty Crossland

Paul Brennan Willie Crocker Ken DeMars Kristen Reyzer

Robert Hale

Treasurer’s Report:

* Gary was unable to attend but sent a balance sheet. He noted that Justine is holding onto $295 for trips being planned, and the Northern Tier balance is high because airline tickets have not yet been purchased and one more payment to Northern Tier is still due. Bob will provide Gary with a list of Scouts who are no longer in the troop for their Scout accounts to be dissolved. Total equity is $19,551.40.

Advancement:

* Troop committee members are needed at meetings in January for boards for rank before the banquet.

Past Trips and Activities:

* Webelos Overnight: Nine Webelos and their parents attended. The Scouts did a great job interacting with the Webelos. One of the Webelos only stayed for an hour. Several other parent/Webelos pairs left before breakfast. Bob estimates only seven of the Webelos will cross over.
* Buck Hill: The 2-cabin arrangement at the pirate ships caused some complaints from the older Scouts about the younger Scouts not staying out of their cabin, and complaints from the younger Scouts about the older Scouts not allowing them in. The hike included a stop at the Tri-State marker.

Upcoming Trips and Activities:

* Holiday Party: The Holiday Party will feature a Yankee swap and ugly sweater or pajama attire.
* College of Eagles: Eagle Scouts are invited to the Jan 3rd meeting to vote for the Honor Scouter to be awarded at the banquet. Troop Committee members are invited to vote for the Honor Scout.
* January, Freeze-Out: Location is confirmed at the Rod and Gun Club.
* Swim/OCB: Bob is going to explore eating at dining services on campus at Regis College.
* Scout Sunday & Troop Banquet: The banquet will be at the Elks. Bob is not sure about Scout Sunday at UCC.
* February, Camp Woronoak: Trip is booked, got boxed out of the “good” cabin and will be staying at the waterfront cabin.
* March: Iron Works camp in NH has been booked.
* May, Nickerson State Forest: Nickerson is not opening until Memorial weekend this year, so the new location will be Camp Greenough in Yarmouth, the camp for the Cape and Islands Council. It will be a longer drive to the National Seashore for the bike ride, but a shorter drive to the whale watch in Plymouth.

Quartermaster:

* The trailer needed new tires. Paul got the heaviest duty tire that would fit on the rims. The money will come out of the equipment fund. He also bought propane.
* Paul needs an “Assistant Tinkerer” – he would like to start training a new quartermaster to take over for him.
* John O’Buck renewed the trailer registration. Kristen Reyzer will take over the registration before it is due again next year, and is looking into insurance options.

Other Business:

* The final meeting at the UCC is the Holiday Party on December 13. Bob would like to plan some sort of ceremony with the church representatives, or something to give closure to the church for their 50 years of hosting the troop, both to thank the church and as a goodbye to the space at the church. Troop 1 started there in 1966 but there is also a photo of a Scout troop on the front steps of the church dating to the 1920s or 1930s. Robert Luosalo has an album of Scout photos from the 1960s at the UCC. George Yates has asked for a Troop photo on the church steps. Bob suggested having the Scouts bring their uniform shirts to the church cleanup in April for a photo.
* Need Troop Committee members at the first meeting at the Rod and Gun Club in January to help alleviate some concerns from the Rod and Gun Club.
* The troop will need to purchase a lockable cabinet if Peter Early can find space for the troop to use for storage. The laptop and troop shirts need to be secured. With access to outdoor space at the Rod and Gun Club, Bob would like to purchase some new outdoor game equipment.
* Northern Tier: Bob has tentatively planned out crews, as Northern Tier has to submit their backcountry permit applications on January 1 and needed the names. Currently there is 1 more person signed up than there is space to accommodate. Robert Hale has taken on planning the travel details. Artie St. John is making the flight arrangements. Bob needs to find the thumb drive with the itinerary from the last trip to give to Robert. Gary Thorburn will be pulling a list of what things cost on the last trip to use as a comparison for planning.
* Troop website: Still using Dave Griffin’s server, and Front Page software. Chris Thorp would like to update the software used for the site. Bob would like to have a Scout webmaster updating the website at troop meetings. Greg Berry has volunteered to be an advisor to a Scout webmaster. Need to find out if there is wifi at the Rod and Gun Club. Once the Community School has closed, need to take the router that the troop purchased over to the Rod and Gun Club.
* Knox Trail Council is in talks with Old Colony Council about merging. Some of the advantages would be more volunteers to work with, and reduced overhead costs. Camp Squanto at Miles Standish State Forest in Plymouth is the Old Colony Council camp. They would retain all of the existing camp properties if the merger goes through.

Next meeting January 5th