**Troop 130 Committee Meeting**

**May 5, 2016**

Kevin Schomacker Ken DeMars John Sullivan Justine St. John

Mark Brennan Bob Hill Gary Jones Paul Brennan

Gary Thorburn Paul Scheiner Tim Mylon Greg Carven

Kristen Reyzer Patty Crossland

Treasurer’s Report:

* Gary made some minor changes to the balance sheet; it now includes separate categories for trip/camp funds. Three trips have been reconciled since the last meeting. Unrestricted assets are around $20,150.

Advancement:

* Thomas Brennan finished his Eagle requirements. Ken is working on merit badge registrations for summer camp.

Past Trips and Activities:

* Camp Split Rock: This was Justin’s first trip as Senior Patrol Leader and he did a great job taking charge. The scouts are excited about Mt. Greylock now.

Upcoming Trips and Activities:

* Cemetery Flag Replacement: The Troop will be meeting at 6:00 at the cemetery on May 17th.
* Memorial Day Parade: The parade will be starting at 10:30 from Mill & Main, following the shorter route again. In case of rain, the ceremony will be held at 11:00 at the town building, lower level.
* Relay For Life: Conflicts with Great East, so that reduces the number of Scouts available. A volunteer grocery shopper is needed. The trailer will be dropped off at the field Thursday night, need to get the code for the lock.
* Bottle and Food Drive: Patty Crossland has the door hangers and will be coordinating. The Scouts need to do a better job soliciting donations so it’s not just Troop families donating.
* Troop BBQ: Sue Hines is organizing the BBQ, Justine has booked Jewett Lodge. Swim tests will be administered.
* Pittsfield State Forest: Saturday will be the Mt. Greylock hike. Sunday activities at Jiminy Peak’s Aerial Adventure Park and Mountain Adventure Park. All day passes to both parks are $49, the Troop will see if the trip subsidy fund can lower the price.
* Summer Camp: David Jones, Art St. John and Geoff Nelson have committed to going as adult chaperones. The deadline for early payment is next week; Bob will send a reminder email.
* Tri-Peak Challenge: need to design a badge. Bob is proposing 2 badges: a regular border for completing the challenge, and a gold border for completing all three peaks in 1 day. After summer camp Bob will start talking about the 1 day challenge.

Quartermaster:

* At the last trip, Paul and Bob had the scouts clean out and organize the pots and pans stored in the trailer.
* The trailer is now parked at the Rod & Gun Club. David Jones got this arranged. The groundskeeper has suggested notifying the MPD that the trailer is there. The Troop should add a sticker to the side of the trailer with emergency contact numbers. Still need to pursue insuring the trailer, and transferring the registration.
* The other troop supplies are still under a tarp under Paul’s deck. Paul Boothroyd’s father has offered space at his place in Hudson. Someone will need to check the space out first, but at least as a short-term solution the Troop should move the gear there.

Other Business:

* The Troop Committee should start exploring reaching out to find a new chartered organization now, as it seems to be a foregone conclusion that the UCC will close, it is just a matter of when. Ken has researched the process for transferring to a new chartered organization. Kevin has already talked to Ruth at the UCC, they have to sign papers to transfer assets to the new chartered organization. The first step should be to have David Jones talk to the Rod & Gun Club, then have members of the Troop Committee who are also members at the Rod & Gun Club approach the Board. The trailer registration should be one of the things asked of the new chartered organization. The Rod & Gun Club has their own trailers, it is possible the Troop trailer could be added as a rider on their existing insurance coverage.
* Northern Tier: Need someone to follow up with people about payments, a number of people have missed several payments already.
* Summer canoe / hiking trip: Paul S. proposed having a meeting after this week’s Troop meeting with everyone who is interested to figure out exactly what they want to do and when. Bob will send an email out about the meeting. Bob needs to clarify the age limit in the email.
* New Merit badge books: BSA has been updating 15-20 badges every year. Ken needs about $500 to buy the updated badge books before summer camp.
* Gary Jones proposed having a gear swap at the BBQ.
* Council will be ending the Friends of Scouting campaign as it is not raising as much money as they want. Instead, they will be charging each Scout a program fee of $36 in addition to annual registration dues.

Next meeting 6/2/16