**Troop 130 Committee Meeting**

**September 1, 2016**

Kevin Schomacker Bob Hill Justine St. John Julia Roith

Paul Brennan Robert Hale Adam Crossland Gary Thorburn

Paul Scheiner Tim Mylon George Yates John Sullivan

Greg Carver Dave Jones Ken DeMars Kristen Reyzer

Treasurer’s Report:

* Gary provided the current balance sheet, as well as the past two years of income and expense reports. Current unrestricted assets are around $13,920.
* There was a suggestion to raise prices for the electronics recycling this year, as the Troop’s expenses have increased with the change in recycling companies, and the prices haven’t changed for several years.

Advancement:

* Scouts earned ~100 merit badges at summer camp, with ~25 partials. The year will start with a push to finish partials and get the younger Scouts to Tenderfoot so they can be awarded at the Court of Honor on October 18th. Owen Hale is the next Eagle candidate; he needs to submit a project and complete 6 more badges.

Past Trips and Activities:

* Pittsfield State Forest, Mount Greylock Hike: Good trip overall, with a good turnout. The hike really pushed some people. Bob drove two car loads of Scouts down from the summit after a discussion with the Scouts over recognizing their limits. Jiminy Peak went really well, the staff was very accommodating and the kids behaved well. Bob would keep this in the rotation to go back again, but noted that the campsites are not being well maintained at the Pittsfield State Forest so the size of the site is shrinking, but the Troop was still able to fit all the tents and vehicles.
* Summer Camp: 36 Scouts attended summer camp this year. The Troop team beat the staff in the Apache Relay, and also won the best Star Wars themed camp site award. One of the first year campers really struggled with homesickness; some of the older boys, especially Evan Jacobson, stepped up to help keep him in camp.

Upcoming Trips and Activities:

* Yushia Boothroyd will be sending out permission slips for the first 4-5 activities.
* Camp Collier: Permission slips went out already. The troop will be staying around the field by the beach instead of at the point, due to logging debris at the point causing safety concerns.
* Camp Yawgoog: Tent site will be booked either this week or next.
* Swim/Old Country Buffet: Old Country Buffet has closed nationwide, so the Troop will need a new place to eat following the swim at Regis College. The Regis Dining Hall was suggested.

Quartermaster:

* The trailer is still located at the Rod and Gun Club. Paul replaced the plastic kitchen utensils with metal ones. Surplus items that are not frequently used are being stored in Hudson at Paul Boothroyd’s father’s house. Justine will ask Paul about picking up the life jackets for the Collier trip.
* Paul has saved a number of items that the Troop doesn’t need but are still in good condition. These items will be offered for sale to Troop families and alumni first before looking for other options for selling them.

Other Business:

* The Rod and Gun Club has expressed a willingness to host us as our new chartered organization, but there are details that need to be worked out. Their main concern is that due to the size of the troop, we would need their large room for meetings, and they have a stocked bar there. Bob plans to draft a Memorandum of Understanding to present to them within the next few weeks. The goal is to move to the Rod and Gun Club at the beginning of January when the new charter goes into effect.
* George Yates will help with contacting the UCC to request a release of the charter and Troop assets. Bob intends to continue doing the annual church cleanup until the UCC closes or moves as a thank you.
* Northern Tier: Seven people are behind on payments. The Troop has booked 3 crews of 8 right now. More than 24 people are signed up but the Troop took a calculated risk that Northern Tier would not sell out, and as of now there are still spaces open if needed. Adult leadership is a problem. Bob asked the adults to commit to going on trips before Northern Tier to get to know the kids and Troop ways ahead of time, and 5 of the adults who have signed up for Northern Tier have yet to attend a trip. Bob also required passing the Canoe merit badge as a condition of the trip, and several of the Scouts could not take the Canoe badge at camp because they could not pass the BSA swim test. Also still need someone to make transportation arrangements, book air fare, and coordinate dates for the Wilderness First Aid training. Bob plans on having a parent meeting for Northern Tier after the Court of Honor.
* The Committee agreed on a $300 budget for a new laptop. Adam Crossland will be handling the purchase.

Next meeting October 6