



Tyngsboro Cub Scouts
Pack 46
Cubmaster: Tom Savage
Committee Chairperson:
Andrea Hoyt

Pack Committee Meeting Minutes December 6, 2009

In attendance:

Andrea Hoyt, Tom Savage, Kerry Rollins, Brenda Cote, Eric Morales, Marc Vigneault, Lisa Moore, Mike Thompson, Steven Vinal

- Meeting called to order at 7:15pm
- No prior minutes to review

Treasurer's Report:

Brenda Cote reported that we have around \$4800 after the final popcorn payment is sent to Council on Monday. We are also in the process of moving the Pack account from Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union to BankNorth due to fees being charge to our account at the credit union. Andrea will deposit \$1000 to start the new account. The signers will be Andrea, Lisa, Brenda and Rick Tessier. We also have \$1075 in the account at Yankee Clipper Council which is good to use for signups for events and registrations etc.

Popcorn

A huge thanks to Lisa Moore and John Hinde for their time and effort in making our popcorn sale a huge success. It was reported that we sold almost \$11,000 in popcorn not counting donations.

There was a problem with several families being unable to pick up their popcorn. It was suggested that next year, the popcorn person start calling those who did not pick up their about an hour prior to the end of the pick up window.

There was also a motion made to reimburse John Hinde for the replacement of personal property broken during the pick up (up to \$50). The motion was carried unanimously.

Adopt-a-Family Toy Drive

Thanks to those of you who donated toys to our toy drive. A special thanks to the Jarvis family for your generous donation. The toys will be dropped off to Mrs Flynn at the high school on Monday, the 7th.

Monthly Events

December

- **Friday, 11th Pack meeting** – 7pm at the Rec Center
 - Please bring a can or two of readymade food for the Senior Center. We call this Cans from Cubs
 - Popcorn awards will be given out
 - Gifts for the Cubs from the Pack
 - Pie the Cub Master will be moved to January due to the fact that the Cub Master will not be available for the Pack meeting.
 - Assignments:
 - Set up – Den 1 John
 - Opening – Den 2 Scott
 - Skit/Song – Den 3 Marc
 - Snack – Den 4 Kerry
 - Clean up – Den 5 & 6 Joan and Lisa (snack only)
- **Saturday, 12th 1pm-3pm – Caroling with the Seniors**
 - Venue has been changed to Red Pines Housing area off of Frost Rd. (on the left just before Ayotte's), time changed to 1pm
 - Cookies and drinks will be provided.

January

- **Saturday, 2nd – Laser Tag at Laser Quest in Danvers – 10:20 am**
 - The group package is \$400 for 30 people and \$13 per person up to max of 38. So the price for this event will be \$14 per person for two 20 minute games of laser tag, use of a party room and pizza and drinks. A motion was made for the Pack to cover the cost of the pizza and was carried unanimously.
 - Siblings 6yo and above, friends and family are invited.
 - **Anyone interested in going must sign up with Andrea.**
- **Saturday, 2nd 2pm-dark, and Saturday 9th 9am-12pm – Christmas Tree Pick Up**
 - small fundraiser , \$5 per tree
 - Fliers were given to 4 local Christmas tree sellers before last weekend and an advertisement will be in Neighbor to Neighbor for January
 - **Will need men with trucks to sign up to help with this. Please contact Andrea**
- **Sunday, 3rd – Committee Meeting** 7pm, Tom Savage's House, 108 Red Gate Rd, everyone welcome
- **Thursday 7th, Roundtable (training for leaders)** – 7:30pm, Church of Ladder Day Saints, Concord Rd, Billerica
- **Friday – 8th, Pack Meeting**, 7pm at the Rec Center
 - Pie the Cubmaster (Tom will be there.)
 - Uniform Inspection – Mr Morales will be in his police uniform inspecting the boys' uniforms. If you have any questions about what should be on the uniform, google Cub Scout uniform inspection.

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- **Saturday 9th, Readyman for Webelos, 12p – 5pm, 75 Graniteville Road, Chelmsford,**
 - **If your son is a Webelo and has not received the Readyman Badge, please try to attend this event. See Andrea with any questions.**

Upcoming Projects

Sleepovers – Marc

Roger Williams Zoo - The committee discussed the possibility of rebooking the Roger Williams Zoo in March/April but it was also brought up that we are not sure whether the interest or ability is there.

An email will be sent out to get a feel for how much interest we have and if it is worth booking again.

A motion was also made to subsidize the Cub Scout's portion of the admission for the sleepover by \$10. The motion was passed unanimously.

Minute Cub Muster – this event reenacts many of the events leading up to the Revolutionary war. This year, it has been enlarged to be a huge weekend full of celebration for the 100th Anniversary of Scouting. It will be 2 days of Cub Scout events for \$25. The sponsors of this event have requests coming in from as far away as PA and VA. There is a total number of 1500 people total being accepted so if you want to go you need to let Andrea know by the end of the year . It will take place in Newbury, MA. There are 2 families showing interest so far. **Please contact Andrea if you would like to reserve a spot.**

Pinewood Derby

This event will be Feb 12th (subject to availability of the Elementary School) . Andrea will call to get this scheduled on Monday. There will be a cost for use of the school. Vehicles will be given out to the scouts.

Weigh-in for the cars only will be scheduled tentatively for the Rec Center on Sat Feb 6th from 10am – 12pm Cars cannot be over 5 oz.

There is a change in the rules – BSA tires may now be used. They come in several colors and are available at the BSA stores.

The District-wide derby is Saturday March 14th, Lowell Elks, 40 Old Ferry Road, Lowell, MA

Blue and Gold /Crossover – 100th Anniversary of Scouting

This is the big event of the year. The Blue and Gold Banquet is a celebration of the Anniversary of Scouting each year. This year is special because it is the 100th Anniversary. It is also a proud moment as we say goodbye to our Webelos II's as they crossover to the Boy Scout Troop.

We are in the planning stages right now. Again, Andrea will be talking to the Elementary school to get that scheduled for March 12th.

Several ideas were brought up – donate 100 something, not sure what yet. We will be talking to several area restaurants to see what kind of deals we can get for food.

Kerry Rollins and Eric Morales have stepped forward to help with planning of this event. If anyone else would like to volunteer to help out with this event, please contact Andrea.

Suggetions for other events

Several other options were brought up for events along the way including:

Scout events at an airport – Tom Savage will do some research on this event

Haystack Observatory – Tom's den did this in the past and it was found to be too technical for Cub Scouts

New Business

Scholarships – If any of you are holding back on participating in scouting events because your family is having a financial hardship, please let your den leader know. It will be kept confidential. The Committee leaders will discuss needs and try to help you out. Especially in these hard times, we don't want to see the boys miss out on events when we could help you.

New Banner – Andrea is researching options for a new Pack 46 banner to be used at popcorn sales, events and parades. A smaller version is available at Staples for \$118 on heavy duty vinyl. A motion was made to allocate \$150 for a new banner. The motion was passed unanimously

Song Books for Caroling – Andrea will make up some new song books for caroling on Saturday

100th Anniversary of Scouting Award – It was presented to the leaders that there is a new award out for this year which involves 5 miniawards. The requirements were passed around and they are available online. Please feel free to check them out.

New Leadership in March – As many of you know, many of the leadership in the pack will be moving on after the Blue and Gold. There are several people waiting in the wings to take many of the positions but we still need help. **Please consider giving us a hand continuing to make this program great. Contact Andrea for info or to volunteer.**

Pack Meetings/Email – We would like to remind parents that the Pack meetings are truly family events but the expectation is that siblings need to stay with their parents and be respectful of the meeting going on in the front of the room. It is hard for the boys to pay attention to the leader running the meeting when there are distractions going on behind them. **Please continue reading below.**

Please keep in mind the following guidelines when at the pack meetings:

- Scout sign up is for everyone – adults and siblings included
- Siblings need to sit with the parents – a quiet activity is encouraged
- Please feel free to step out and take a break with the sibling as needed, please do not leave the area.
- Please no running.
- Please do not drop off your scout. There must be an adult in charge and attentive to the child they are with.

One last guideline about emailing:

If you have a problem, comment, suggestion or idea, please be respectful and email a leader and only a leader. Do not reply to all.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm