

Troop 286 Committee Meeting

Monday, January 7, 2013

In Attendance

Polly Archibald

Mike Brylinski – Finance Chair

Jason Crosby – Committee Chair

Maureen Dahlke - Treasurer

Margaret Korman

Christine McGinniss – White Buffalo Chair

Mark Oetinger - Scoutmaster

Keith Roseboro – Service Chair

Linda Sternin - Secretary

Philip Yarnes – Fundraising Chair

Committee Member Reports

Christine McGinniss – volunteered to be T286's White Buffalo Chair

On the back of this meeting's outline is the draft for By laws for active adult leaders and active scout.

Discussion about Bylaws occurred.

Jason will type all changes and this will be voted on at next meeting.

Question re: summer campout- can it be counted as a campout?

Discussion on summer months counting towards leadership roles. - discussion

Question- how does this (by law for active scouts) affect Patrol Leaders? Patrol leaders may not be able to be here- . Next meeting- discuss leadership positions- they may have to have a stricter attendance policy. Boys that are involved in school or other activities- (sports, musicals, etc) may not be able to come to meetings.

Everyday Scout- 50% of troop activities and at least 1 troop meeting per month.

Mandatory (meetings, campouts, outmeetings) vs. optional activity (skiing, sleepout- activities not driven by the boys) this would count for you, but not against you.

Campouts will count as 2 activity points

Outmeetings should not be considered a meeting, but can be an activity.

Treasurer Report

Recharting was paid last month, 42 scouts and 31 adults.

Emails were sent to parents of scouts that still owed dues. Many have since paid.

Quartermaster Report

Kevin S is not able to build 2 remaining boxes. Supplies can be acquired. Jason suggested we get them built at a meeting. All supplies are being donated. It was also suggested to build them at a different meeting- a service meeting, or for some scouts as an outmeeting (if they don't want to do the planned activity). If they don't get completed, Jason will finish them at home.

ScoutMaster Report-

Feb 4th – Webelos will visit our troop

5 from 286 and some from 202 also

Possible concern with Gettysburg- no showers. Fee \$390 for cabin payment

2 scouts turning 18 this year, Brian Goyette- needs a merit badge and Sam Battistella, - needs Eagle project
PLC- doing a better job at planning

Upcoming events:

PLC- this Wednesday- conflict with KE Freshman orientation- those that can will attend

Klondike Derby 1/18-20

Kenton Sleep out for hunger- 2/1-2; 8pm Friday-6am Saturday; Hoover Middle School. Looking for Scouts to participate

No Sledding Campout 2/8-10

Rechartering Dinner 2/28

University of Scouting 3/2

Scout Day at Holiday Valley- skiing- 3/3

Deep Fried Campout 3/8-3/10

Gettysburg Spring Trip 4/4-7

Clothing Drive- in Spring

Woodbadge Training- May and June at both Scouthaven and Stonehaven, deposit due 3/1

Next Monday (1/14)- Board of Reviews

Supplemental Meeting Notes from Committee Chair

1) The goal of having a definition for active scout is to keep the boys involved and have them come to meetings. It is not to make advancement difficult or to weed out and reduce our number of scouts as suggested at the committee meeting on Monday. This is a new policy so it would be better to take smaller steps and revise them as we proceed. Once a cut is made it is difficult to put the pieces back together.

2) A scout currently qualifies for advancement as active and in a position of responsibility, even if he is not participating - if he has currently met the time requirement for his position, that cannot be taken away. To clarify this point, I have added a clause that says that this policy takes effect when a scout advances to his next rank. That way when a scout has his scoutmaster conference and board of review we can tell him the policy and make sure he understands it.

3) For any month when we have minimal activities, such as August when we only have 2 - summer camp court of honor and popcorn launch, it is unacceptable to say there is no way to count this as active for scouts. To say it won't be counted is not a solution, there needs to be a way for a scout to count all 12 months as active. If a solution for this cannot be found to count it as active, then the standard for active in place now will remain. Part of the reason Troop 286 is successful is recognizing that advancement is important to the scouts, this needs to include all 12 months.

4) For February we will use our formal Rules for Discussion to allow everyone the opportunity to speak uninterrupted. A Committee Member will be able to present their view for a limited time only when recognized by the Committee Chair. It is **unacceptable for anyone to interrupt another person** under any circumstances.