

**Troop 286 Committee Meeting
Monday, Mar. 4, 2013, 7:30 PM**

In Attendance:

Jason Crosby
Phillip Yarnes
Jim Battistella
Margaret Korman
Christine McGinniss
Linda Sternin
Maureen Dahlke
Nancy Brylinski

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Chair's Report

• Awards- At the re-chartering dinner, some new awards were given out. The Troop is always looking for new awards to give out to boys. If anyone knows or hears of any new awards, let Jason or Mark know.

Feedback from Dinner,- people commented that the leaders don't have to read all of the Scout's activities and badges. Maybe just pick 3 activities, or just read their rank and merit badges earned. Try to shorten it a bit. Committee decided it was important to recognize the Scout's achievements.

Scoutmaster's Report- Brian Goyette has chosen not to pursue Eagle Scout.

Sam Battistella is working towards his Eagle, he needs 2 more merit badges, and his Eagle project is coming along. He is working at the SPCA- building cages for them. Still has 3 months to earn his Eagle. Justin Dibble, Brandon Parker and Elijah Congi are 3 more Scouts that are in the process of working towards their Eagle.

Mark has been chosen to be a representative from our Council to go to a National Meeting in Irving Texas. Congratulations Mark!

Treasurer's Report

A lot of money has gone in and out this month. Many payments have been received for the Gettysburg trip, summer camp, and upcoming camping events. There are still 3 scouts that owe or partially owe dues.

Quartermaster's Report

Still have to talk to Mr. Chimali about getting the wood to finish the Patrol boxes.

Fundraising

• Camp Cards---- Scouts can make 40% on a \$5 card. Can sell them individually, or Troop can set up at Gander Mt to sell, in conjunction with candy bars. We have until April 15th to sell them and get the 40% discount. Wondering- what stores it is for? How long is it good for? Are they re-usable? They have to be picked up at GNFC. It looks like a folded brochure. No risks, all cards picked up can be returned with no penalties. Only pay for cards sold. If all info is ok, have some available for next week to give out at meeting, and email will go out to parents.

Program Report

- Deep Fried, 3/8-10 Happening this weekend. Service project will take place on Saturday (cleaning up road and trails).
- GTFA, 3/23 sign up sheet is available
- Gettysburg, 4/4-7
- Spring Camporee, 5/17-19 Reservoir State Park
- Claimjumper, 6/14-16

Training

- Venture Crew Leader Training, 3/12
- Woodbadge, June

Other Committee Member Reports

White Buffalo Training- We need to think about who is going, need to get names. . Christine gave Jason information to give to Mark to discuss candidates. Get the word out, have a list by April, in May do interviews, have decisions done by June. White Buffalo is in August.

Our requirements:

14 by the end of 2013, first class or high, dues have to be paid, Scout must participate in 2/3 of scout meetings and more than half campouts, hold leadership position, continue with troop after White Buffalo , notify scout master, interview with committee. Jason will send the requirements out to the whole troop. We want the scout to be committed and stay active.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- Clothing Drive for BCC will be scheduled for April
Jason will tell BCC that this will happen. Jason will notify Keith Roseboro to start this up
- BY-LAWS –passed for Youth Leadership Attendance Policy.

○ Scout Leadership Participation

○ Active Adult Participation

-suggestion to establish a schedule for committee members to attend BOR.

- suggestion to have names for Scouts that will be having a BOR ready at the committee meeting, to be prepared for the following week to know who is ready, and how many Committee members should be available.

A suggestion was made to send email to Asst. Scout masters to notify Jason or Mark of which Scouts are ready for BOR.

Draft was discussed, will continue discussion at next month's committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Nancy Brylinski brought up policy about Boy Scouts and allowing gay membership. People voiced their opinions. We, as a Troop, are waiting to hear from National Boy Scouts Association. At this point, it is our understanding that the ultimate decision is made by the Charter Organization.

Phil mentioned that he thought the Recharter Dinner went well. He thought this was the best run Re-charter Dinner. He was grateful for all the help that he received. Having 1-2 patrols come early to set up, and having 2-3 patrols stay to clean up, worked out well. A suggestion was made for next year to ask people to arrive by 5:45, so that the dinner can start promptly at 6. The Troop thanks Phil for his hard work and help to make the Recharter dinner so successful!

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Sternin

Troop Committee Secretary