

Scout Collective 56 Committee Meeting 12/17/19

Present: Robin Bonner, Jeni Pereira, Gerry Katz, Lizbeth Green, Maren Chiu, Edward Robinson, Sue Kriegsman, Richard Klibaner, John Green, Jim Wheaton, Shannon Taylor, Andres Ballesteros, Michelle Holmes, Neil McCullagh, Colin Zick, Hitesh Trivedi, Susan, Stewart, Britt Rideout

Trips/Events

Turkey Roast 11/8-10: Richard – 50 people at roast, lots of Cubs, all worked out well; dinner served on time! Saturday programming offered by New England Base Camp; some Scouts did lots of lashing; Sabine helped out with games and more.

Boston Hike 12/14: Hitesh – used paper maps & compasses; 7 Scouts, 2 adults; hiked then toured Fenway: press box, visitors locker room; fascinating history of park; had to navigate around construction; took #1 bus home.

Cross Country Skiing 1/10-12: Colin – 11 youth; 5 adults; Joe Dodge Lodge & skiing at Great Glen; still working on drivers; pack check 1/7; Colin collecting shoe sizes, etc. now to get AMC equipment. Leave as early as possible on Friday. Pack snack for trip but dinner at lodge. Pay attention to emails so that we can get equipment needs sorted!!

Winter Camping 2/7-9: Neil – TL Storer winter weekend, includes ice fishing, winter sustainability, wildlife, tracking,; food and shelter provided, can have 10 Scouts.

Summer camp 7/26-8/1: Jeni – at Wah Tut Cah since Storer is closed to summer programming.

Maine High Adventure 7/6-7/17: Gerry – David reports 9 interested Scouts, David will send in \$500 deposit – locked in after that; Gerry looking for lodging alternative for first night; David has approached a couple Scouts re being patrol leader. Costs \$810 with buffer up to \$1000 – Trust may or may not reimburse. Need female leader – could ask for female ranger. Wilderness 1st aid not required but recommended because trip is in very remote area; if we host first aid, probably two instructors – have to provide lodging. Age requirement for Maine High Adventure= 13 by 9/1/20. Check out website for info on different treks, packing lists, etc.

Reports from Adult Chairs

Advancement:

- Merit Badge University at Harvard 4/18 & 5/2– sign up now; no more Harvard College Friends of Scouting – a student group that used to run the MBU. Not known who is running it now.
- Lowell Merit Badge University – March 21 & April 4
- Worcester MBU – fall

Treasurer: Hitesh

- Requests due to trust beginning February for Maine High Adventure & summer camp. Add Eagle week to Trust request? NYLT?? During April break at NEBC
- Have money for wilderness first aid training for 5 people – plan as a troop? Include David – Maine High Adventure participants given priority; offered at Nobscott - both youth and adults; Neil will look for dates in spring. Certification good for 2 years – so would cover Philmont in 2021.

- Wood Badge – Michelle, Susan, Larry (on waitlist)
- Dues due 2/1 \$200.00 - check email from October; Hitesh will send email re tree sale commissions
- Girls for Scouting - \$500 donation in memoriam of Michelle's mother

Registrar: Shannon – Rechartering, council has sent bill to Trust in past; registration for 3 organizations: Scouts Boys, Scouts Girls & Venturers; Venturing Crew now has 3 – goes up to age 21; every youth at 14 registered for Crew so that they can remain involved until 21; will send registration in by Friday.

Philmont 2021: Britt - June 30 trek – leave 6/28; age requirement=14 by 6/30/2021 or entering 9th grade

Medical: Susan – **New medical form!**; when you need to renew, use new form from website. Separate forms for each high adventure base.

Community Service: Michelle - canceled Feb service – led by Erin who has left troop; Jeni leads March.

AMC Youth Opportunity Program: Colin – several adults are volunteers; training =3 day hiking/camping. Need some new volunteers of “younger generation” parents/adults. Must have trained adults in order to continue borrowing, getting discounts at Joe Dodge Lodge - can borrow backpacking equipment, canoes, etc. Troop will pay for YOP training – about \$100. Training 1x /2 years to maintain certification. Camping, backpacking, snowshoeing/cross country skiing – very thorough training: camping and leadership skills; usually out of AMC lodge in NH; need special winter training to borrow winter gear; one day canoe training at Ponkapog. You will become AMC member and receive all discounts.

Order of the Arrow: Jim – in January: Identify all eligible youth: 1st class or higher, 15 camping nights – 6 must be long-term (summer camp, Philmont.) Jim will prepare youth for elections –if youth gets 50% of vote of Scouts present they are in; vote for good leaders worthy of recognition, can vote for more than one person; OA youth will lead Scouts through elections. “Have a good reason NOT to vote for someone.” Can also elect 3 adults plus Scoutmasters.

Scouts BSA declaring bankruptcy but will not likely affect us. May sell Norman Rockwell paintings, but not property.

Dates to Know: Next Committee meeting 1/28/20; Court of Honor - February