

Scout Collective 56 Committee Meeting

10/29/19

Present: John Green, Michael Chiu, Scott Donaldson, Lizbeth Green, Richard Klibaner, Hitesh Trivedi, Sue Kriegsman, Larry Parnell, Kathy Kelts, Edward Bartholomew, Gerry Katz, Jeni Pereira, Jim Wheaton, Andres Ballesteros, Sabine Zeitz, Sally Watermulder, Mike Ravicz, Britt Rideout, Susan Stewart, Colin Zick

Trips/Events

Bike trip 9/19: Sue - GREAT! Blackstone Corridor RI – Pawtucket to Winsocket; drove to start of trailhead from campground. 20 mile round-trip ride. Before trip - lots of advance planning, including what kids wanted to see happen and how to achieve their vision. For next time: need tighter connection between food shopping, planning and cooking – had food left over, yet were missing some snacks. Would recommend doing this trip again.

Turkey Roast 11/9-11/2019: Richard & Lizbeth - Scouts have planned menus; David will help with portions; will circulate by email list of those coming; need drivers; need adult to help with shopping next Thurs – David will get turkeys; need volunteers to supervise cooking. Scott volunteered. Sun 11/10 – 2pm dinner, 3 turkeys – one deep-fried; 2 more roasted over charcoal. Cubs will come for day only.

Museum of American Heritage 12/14: Hitesh : day trip; Stowe MA; Collier Foundation; will need drivers, sign-up for youth; Jim can drive; how to provide context for viewing war machinery; Edward will help with contextualizing.

Summer camp: Jeni - 4th week of July 7/26-8/1. Jeni looked into Yagook in Rhode Island– requires boys and girls to stay in separate camps; if true, will plan for Wah-tut-cuh in NH. \$50 discount per kid later for the later weeks in July; discounts offered on Black Friday for all different Scout activities.

Maine High Adventure: David - Wed July 8, canoeing starting 9th - Sunday 19th; meeting with all interested parents on Tues 11/12 during Scout meeting.

Philmont 2021: Britt put in for lottery for two crews of 7 Scouts; 2021 is Jamboree year – that will siphon Scouts who may otherwise consider Philmont high adventure; Possibility of 7,9, or 12 day treks. Cost and effort to get out there argues for longer trek. Also, youth are in “storming and norming” initially and start “performing” on day 9.

Question re returning to Tully Lake in May – make clear that will canoe longer.

Reports

Registrar: Shannon - CORI forms needed for all adults before rechartering in January.

Need more adults to do AMC Youth Opportunity Program – Gail M may still be qualified; can borrow equipment for free: individual gear and skis, canoes, etc. Jim will send correct link for New England area. Several different trainings: winter, canoeing, hiking; some weekend camping training programs Larry: trained person required to pick up equipment but not required to be on trip. Training May through September. Cost? Unknown – maybe Trust will pay for May with request sent in April.

Advancement: Scott - some unlogged merit badges from camp Eagle week; Scott will be stepping down and Gerry assuming more responsibilities; Advancement chair position requires someone who can be present at most meetings. Next Courts of Honor: February & June. No MBU at Harvard this year?? (UPDATE: Harvard MBU listed now on council website.) Narragansett Council runs good MBU's. Everyone should have received email linking to your Scouts advancement; recommend logging on Scoutbook in case Scout loses paper books. Goal to have all girls who are First Class to have rank by end of year; some girls near 2nd class. On time for Jan/Feb OA election? Scouts need to log camping nights for themselves – on Scoutbook! Parents can enter for children – Scott gets notification to approve. But Scoutbook allows only one parent per child.

Treasurer: Hitesh - May return \$50 to each Scout. All reconciled with Trust; next Trust request April: should include summer camp, high adventure, any leadership for youth or adults – such as AMC YOP; Hitesh has posted current practices re dues on website. If people have suggestions for changes, please email to Hitesh. Historical perspective: Britt – pay dues up front, everyone charged for every trip in order to encourage Scouts to go on all trips; a la carte payment decreases participation level, even though Troop committee has planned for all trips. The trips are where Scouts happens – the meetings are just preparation for trip. If paid individually, sometimes people who can't afford would opt out of expensive trips. Fundraising required for all Scouts so that it is equitable, also motivating! Can be working to make money in other ways – doesn't have to be the official troop fundraising. Our costs are pretty low compared to other Units – borrowing equipment for free and having Trust keeps dues low. Currently \$450/year – split between Scouts and parents.

Quartermaster: Larry – thanks to Colin for donation of kitchenware; Gail & Larry will put together a kitchen basics kit that can be just pulled out to use on trips; may need a few more donations.

Youth training & membership recruitment: ILST – Introduction to Leadership Skills for troops/crews – open to all Scouts, done at the troop level; usually done before NYLT which is done at the council level– requires First Class or Venture Scouts.

Fundraising: Neil – Tree sales fundraising; receipts, posters; different from last year: trees must be sold by Tues before Thanksgiving. Distribution Dec 7 & 8th at Neil's house; 3 slots of 3 hours each; looking for adult help as well. May need help unloading and stacking. Neil can teach mail merge to send email; will send template email, email can be personalized. Neil will send out new order form correcting mistakes.