

Scout Collective 56 Committee Meeting 1/28/20

Present: Sue Kriegsman, Andres Ballesteros, Colin Zick, Maren Chiu, Lizbeth Green, Kathy Kelts, Scott Donaldson, Gerry Katz, Shannon Taylor, Jeni Pereira, MaryEllen Galante, Michelle Holmes, Robin Bonner, Jim Wheaton, Larry Parnell, Mike Ravicz, Sally Watermulder, Kate Scherliss, Edward Bartholomew, Gail McCullagh, Richard Klibaner

Trips/Events

Summer Camp 2020: Jeni – sign up at meeting in February; at Wah-tut-cuh in NH, 7/26-8/1 (week 4)

Cross Country Skiing Trip Jan 10-12: Colin – morning of skiing, conditions okay until after lunch due to rain and melting; afternoon hike and Sunday morning hike with micro-spikes, saw fantastic waterfalls; advancement work on Saturday night. Maybe do this trip later in January or February to improve odds of snow? Behavioral issues perhaps due to disappointment over not skiing/not wanting to hike, which wasn't a choice.

Ice-fishing/Winter Activities Feb 7-9: Orienteering, winter survival, ice fishing at TL Storer. Snowshoes etc from YOP. Parents, please help Scouts look at their advancement needs, so leaders can plan for needed activities.

Red Gate Farm March 13-15: Michelle -will earn Animal Husbandry merit badge; no limits on number of youth. Farmer Ben is Eagle Scout, very good with youth. Last time Animal Husbandry was all about chickens, but farm has oxen, sheep, etc. Indoor and outdoor work. Sleeping indoors. Restaurant grade kitchen for cooking.

Conservation trip April 3-5: needs male and female leaders – maybe Mary Ellen & Edward?; Jim will send out request via email. Tidmarsh, Plymouth, MA – educational site, used to be cranberry bog, now owned by MA Audubon – large restoration project after years of pesticide exposure in the cranberry bogs; Saturday will be 6-8 hour service project, fills requirement for Maine High Adventure and other advancement requirements. Staying at cabins at Camp Cashalot or Norse. Parent made suggestion for tenting??? Scouts need tenting nights for advancement.

Canoeing May date TBD: Susan and Mike – to determine date: 1st weekend in May is MBU at Harvard; 2nd weekend is Mother's Day. Last weekend of April? Tully Lake again. Concern about safety/hypothermia in late April. Mothers okay with planning trip that conflicts with Mother's Day – they will be back early afternoon. Committee voted to proceed with date of May 8-10.

Maine High Adventure 2020: Gerry - Wilderness First aid requirement; and shake-down at Lake Umbagog Memorial Day weekend. Sally notes Umbagog should be reserved ASAP; only two group camping sites there.

Canoeing at the Cape June – Gerry and Jeni and Edward . Details to follow.

Philmont 2021: Robin for Brit - trek dates 6/30 – 7/? Same as last time, \$800 payment due soon.

Cooking merit badge with Tano: Not offered in Cambridge this winter. Two Scouts are completing it with Tano remotely, sending photos of meals.

Adult Chairs

Advancement: Scott – March 3 Court of Honor; Gerry taking over as Scott fades out; Gerry will get admin access to Scoutbook; girls now all officially caught up; Turn in blue cards etc the week before (February 25.)

Treasurer: Neil - March 1 request to Trust. Need list of Scouts going to NYLT, and description of other activities/projects we want money for.

Fundraising – Trash bags in spring?

Quartermaster: Larry – will work with youth QM, Korbinian, to get Scouts to organize supplies in church basement.

Registrar: Shannon – all registrations sent in; How many coming up from pack? Seems not to be many 5th graders.

Activities: Sally - will be stepping down as Activities Coordinator. Position entails: in March start culling ideas - Sally has master list of trips with details. Next year hiking orientation to prepare for Philmont. Need 3-4 months of hiking trips; winter sports; Parents have been

coming up with some creative ideas – TL Storer winter weekend, urban scavenger hunt. In April, Scouts vote. Have to look carefully at calendars to avoid holidays/school vacations; careful look at costs. In May, sign-up for adult leaders. In June, Troop Committee votes on budget. Next Activities Coordinator can rely on wealth of experience of past trips, and Sally is willing to coach and help. Kudos to Sally for 6-7 years of doing this! Need a volunteer by February.

Additional adult position needed - Coordinate leadership training opportunities for adults and youth. Michelle has info on Northeast region Wood badge and NYLT training opportunities. NAYLE – advanced youth leadership at Philmont. Wood Badge at Summit – Michelle and Susan attended, Spirit of Adventure council offering Wood Badge in March. Wood Badge is hybrid course of leadership training; cost may be covered by Trust; immersion into Scouting method; 5 days, lot of information; long-term success of this unit is based on so many adults being Wood Badge trained; training applicable to career as well, youth psychology. NYLT – for 1st class Scouts or Venturers without rank requirement; leadership training can be applied to other activities; overnights; Mark is going April vacation week. Remember 20% discount with Spirit of Adventure card. Trust \$??? – or troop subsidized. Next year, youth could piggyback onto the Philmont trip to do NAYLE. Susan for Wood Badge project committed to task of recruiting new populations.

Wilderness First Aid: Neill will research.

Next committee meeting: 2/25