

TC 56 Committee Meeting 3/1/22

Present: Jim Wheaton, Paul Galante, Penny Haney, Hitesh Trivedi, Sue Kriegsman, Mary Ellen Galante, John Green, Larry Parnell, Sen Blankinship, Andrew Hartness, Gail McCullagh, Michelle Holmes, Edward Bartholomew, Ed Henley, Andres Ballesteros, Neil McCullagh, Beth Boyle, Kathy Kelts

February Ski Trip – No COVID spread! Venue – lots of hills for x-country skiing; lessons. Air BnB worked well, but more Scouts opted to stay indoors rather than tent outside as planned!

- Lessons for next trip: Double-check first aid kits.
 - Add chewable Benadryl or have family send chewable for Scouts who can't swallow pills?
 - Replenish & check expiration dates, should be done by Scout Quartermaster – David & Liz will follow up.
 - Have Scout quartermaster present to adult leaders what is in First Aid kit!
- Question of how to avoid adult leaders “nagging.” Duty roster needs to be done in advance.
- Should Scouts make the reservations for venues? Calling may be important life skill.
 - Reservations need to be booked well in advance – may not know who the trip leaders will be.
 - If adult advisors are picked in June, youth leaders could be selected as well.
 - Need more training for Scout leaders. Incremental increase in responsibilities for the Scouts who are ready to take on tasks like making reservations.
 - Need to make sure Scout leaders like Quartermaster, Scribe, etc. are actually fulfilling their role.

March Farm Trip – Youth currently planning; will need parents for driving. Staying in cabins or tents. COVID protocols the same for this trip. 3/25-27. Michelle Holmes and Ed Henley, adult advisors.

Hiking/Philmont -

- Have flights now for Philmont. Need rental cars.
- Dates set for work-up hikes.
 - Late April trip: Diane & Sid for non-Philmont group, Gail & Neil for Philmont; need to book camping sites at Mt. Monadnock – Philmont group hike different trail
 - Webelos invited for April or May hike/trip? 12-16 youth with families – for day or overnight? Decision deferred to future meeting.
 - May 13 – Mt Major, NH – steep hike, not too long –
 - Gail would like info about that area from anyone who knows,
 - Need non-Philmont adult leaders for separate hike.
 - Will be two trips in two weeks for Scouts.

Financial – Dues/activity fees in good shape.

- Question of whether cost of trips for adults may exclude some adults from participating. Current Policy as written: adult advisors and any required adults as identified by adult trip advisors (for 2-deep leadership, male/female ratios, needed drivers, etc.) are covered by Scout funds. Additional adults who choose to join a trip pay for themselves.
 - Other ideas for consideration: Parents can request being excused from being billed by treasurer OR “family” Scout account can cover costs for adults.
 - Decided to stay with current policy as written.
- Trust covers high adventure, summer camp, BSA dues/registration.
- Spring fundraiser: Trashbags – Kathy & Julie, with new company that makes bags from 100% recycled plastic (post-consumer and post-industrial) Will plan timing for Earth Day in April. Will include Cubs; Gail can help with google sheets, etc. so Scouts can use same format for sales that we used for Christmas trees.

Summer Camp - 7/31/-8/6; Camp Griswold in NH. Meals in dining hall; individual merit badge selection; need to pay by 4/1 – parents pay in advance and get reimbursed? Need solid numbers. Sen will share info with Webelo 2's who will cross over (approx. 3-4 Crossovers.)

Recruitment: start in August for next Scout year.

Training: Sid & Jim will hash out training plans for youth and adults.

Uniform-wearing: has waxed and waned depending on youth leaders – some have created incentive programs, etc. Is wearing uniform part of Scout spirit for advancement? Should youth leaders wear uniform?

- Historically in 56 – need to wear Scout shirt.
- Have to wear full uniform, Scout shirt & Scout pants, for jamboree, Philmont, Woodbadge course, Eagle board of review.
- Work through youth leadership – explore & discuss meaning of uniform. Right now, everyone wearing layers because windows are open for COVID safety so addressing uniform may have to wait for warmer weather.
- Need another order of Class B shirts for new Scouts and before Philmont.

Order of Arrow- Jim will contact for May election date; Scouts need 15 camping nights in last two years and be First Class or higher rank. Ordeal in spring.

Next meeting: Tuesday 4/5 7pm

- Agenda: date for Crossover – May or June?