

Troop Crew 56 Committee Meeting 8/31/22

Daniel Dillenback, Kathy Kelts, Robin Bonner, Susan Stewart, Sen Blankinship, Elizabeth Boyle, Gerry Katz, Jim Wheaton, Syd Cash, Colin Zick, Ed Henley, Erik Blankinship, Penny Haney, Britt Rideout, G Trumbull, Gail McCullough, Paul Lyons

Trips 2022-2023 – see list;

- Adult advisors needed for trips!!
- Is June trip open to all or just Maine High Adventure participants? Committee will suggest that it is open to all. PLC can decide whether to plan a different trip for younger Scouts.
- Camporee for October 8- instead of Camp Greenough? Diane has booked for us. PLC will decide;
- Overnight on USS Constitution in Charlestown – with hiking of Freedom Trail – in spring? PLC to address.
- Sons of Liberty also planning Camporee for spring.
- Webelos 2 will cross over in February: 8-10 new Scouts. Need to be accounted for in planning and dues. PLC needs to identify one trip for Webelos 2 to join in fall. Maybe Turkey roast?
- Plan for conservation project on at least one trip. Need 10 hours of conservation for 50 miler award. Maybe April trip?
- Canoes from NEBC? Difficult to trailer them. Better to get canoes closer to the site.
- Date for Maine High Adventure not set but will plan to schedule around National Jamboree & Scout camp at Griswold (2nd week of August – 8/6)
- Can Scouts use fundraising to fund Jamboree? Yes.
- PLC meets 1x/mo, first week of month. Will have new PLC after elections mid-September

COVID Protocols:

- Boosters? Masking optional at school. Michelle is epidemiologist. Proposal to defer to medical expertise within the Troop Committee.
- Pack will no longer require vaccination but will require masking indoors.
- Some discussion of various approaches in various settings.
- Final decision: No reason to change what we did last year. A Friendly, Courteous, Kind issue.
 - Vaccination still required.
 - Masking required for any indoor time. N95 masks required. Many available in storage.
 - Continue to test before trips.
- Communicate with Scouts to get buy-in.

New Troop Communication Plans – Erik & Hitesh created Google suite; can have an email account @TroopCrew 56. Discussion of mailing list parameters:

- Need inclusive list to reach parents who are not registered with Scouts but are welcome to attend committee meetings.
- No separate youth list allowed since parents are to be included in all emails per Youth Protection.
- Security: make sure non-registered adults do not have access to youth emails.

Activities Fees –

- Trips budgeted up front; flat fee that each Scout pays specified yearly.
- Each Scout contributes half the dues from their own earnings.
- Hitesh planned on 80% of Scouts attending each trip.
- \$550 -more expensive trips & inflation has raised costs.
- Two fundraisers/year – winter/Christmas and spring (trashbag? Not very successful in 2022.)
- Costs for chartering, summer camp, high adventure trips (this summer Maine High Adventure) separate; may be covered by Cambridge Scouting Trust.

Timing of Scout/Cub/Adult Committee Meetings: Cub Scout meeting (6:30-7:30) overlapping with Scout meeting (7-8pm) Shift Troop meeting to 7:30pm? Or shift Adult Committee Meeting to 7:30pm so parents with both Cubs & Scouts can attend?

- Decision that it is most important to plan Committee meeting so that all can participate. Adult Committee Meetings will run 7:30-8:30.
- Committee chair will ask SPL & ASPL come up with Scout games to engage Scouts waiting for parents to come out of committee meeting.

Leadership training for adult Troop Leaders: this fall, dates TBD.

Joint Pack/Troop Public Info session: 6:30 pm 9/20. Registrars will be point of contact for pack in planning session.