

Pack 224 Committee Meeting

13 March 2007

Present: Doug Whitham (Committee Chair), Denise Jones (Secretary), Chris Shugg, Steve Klose, Linda Labaza, Kathy Neve, Kathy Horne, Chris Carpenter, Ray Kaiser, Mike DiVencenzo, and Ellen Mitchell

Pack 224 Recharter

- Kathy Neve and Patrick Murray met with the Council regarding our recharter. There were a few items that are outstanding but Kathy will be ready for the Roundtable on Thursday night.

Pack Behavior in StMM

- We have some reports of scouts not exhibiting respective behavior on the school premises during Scout activities. We need all Adult Leaders to reinforce the importance of respecting school property, behave in accordance to where they are at, etc. and not just for appreciation of the school allowing us to use their facilities, but respect is core of the Scout's code.

Pack Equipment

- It was voted by the committee that he would purchase 3, 12 x 12 easy up canopies for the pack (1 for each camp site)

Pack Website

- Jason Osbourne will be leaving our Pack next year so we need to look into options for hosting our website. Steve Pritko has found a domain for \$45/year. The majority voted and approved. Mike Divincenzo suggested checking into domains through Yahoo. Chris Shugg will be passing this information along to Steve for further investigation.

What's Working/What Can Be Improved

- **February Pack Meeting**
Making the volcanoes were a huge hit. Webelos 2 should be more involved in Pack meetings.
- **February Pinewood Derby**
One of the Scouts that won was disqualified at awards time. The judges were inspecting the car and noticed that the weight that was added made the car too long and the wheels were did not meet the requirements. Next year, we have to be stricter at check-in. Suggestion was made to rearrange the check-in stations: registration, scales, work area (drills, weights, etc) weigh in. Also, once cars are checked in, we need to have the cars in an area where they cannot be touched.
- **Scouting for Food**
Linda Labaza reported that we had 1690 lb of food. It did work well since Scouts were coming to Pinewood Derby. We had such an overwhelming response that more transportation was needed. Lowes donated 500 bags. Linda sent them a thank you note along with a picture. **Tip:** Scouts had better participate since they added their name to the flyers.

Upcoming Pack Meeting

- **March**
There will be an optional soccer game at the StMM field. Scout can wear casual Scout attire. Kathy Neve will check into reserving the field. If it is unavailable, there will be an optional Den meeting.

Upcoming Activity Updates

- **Blue & Gold Banquet (March 18th)**
The Pack will provide the entrée. We will ask each Den to provide 2 sides and desserts. There will not be a fee this year since we did so well on the popcorn sales. The Pack will take care of the expenses of paper products and the entrée of the meal. We will have a wonderful performance from a Polynesian Dance Troupe.
- **Spring Campout**
The spring Campout will be at Falls Lake the weekend of May 4th; more details will be posted on the Pack website shortly. Mike Divincenzo will be creating a flyer. Doug will work on a Spring Campout Committee and supply to Mike Divincenzo.
- **1st Summertime Event**
Durham Bulls sleepover will be on June 1st.
- There were flyers for Crosswinds District Cub-O-Ree, Scout Night at Durham Bulls, Webelos Summer Camp, and Cubs Summer Camps.

New Business

- **StMM area behind cafeteria**
We have adopted an area that we maintain. Kathy Horne is the contact and since she will no longer be with our Pack, she asked for someone to take that over. Denise Jones volunteered. Kathy will be submitting Denise's name to the contact that sends emails regarding that upkeep.