

Parent Meeting Minutes December 4, 2017

7:04 Meeting called to order by Erich Klein

Troop Update

***Volunteer Opportunity Dec. 9-10th Adaptive Tennis**

Info for those Scouts who are signed up to volunteer for this

Scouts Wear Class B Uniform

Saturday 12/9 Arrive at 11:30 lunch provided ends between 4-5pm

Sunday 12/10 Arrive at 7:30 will end around 11:00-Noon

A Final email will be sent Friday by 4:00pm by ASPL service

***Christmas Party set for December 21st at UBC**

Based upon which patrol you are in you will find a list of items to bring

1. For the Seafarer's boxes AND

2. A dish to share with the troop Rama-Hana Kwanza Christmas Party.

Thanks to the Marston Family who will bring wrapping paper so that is already taken care of!

***NO MEETING Dec. 18th...The Party on Dec. 21st will be the Meeting so please make plans to attend.**

**Volunteer Hours..Scouts who attended the fall festival and may have missed signing up need to be sure to let our ASPL of Service, William Anguiano know you attended and the hours so Mrs. Brown can credit those to you..*

Next COH Court of Honor End of January ..Date to be Finalized

Flags Fundraiser

Our flag fundraiser wrapped up with Veterans Day in November and all went well. Dates for the 2018 flag holiday distribution and work days will be announced with sign-ups to follow as well.

Camp Subsidy Update

Troop 870 generously subsidizes long term camps for our troop as long as each member participates in two (2) flag holidays and one (1) flag workday that is held throughout the year. Additionally, each scout is asked to accrue at least three (3) volunteer/service hours prior to attending each long-term camp.

Volunteer Thank You's and Openings

T-shirt Coordinator: Special thanks to John Sturton who will take over managing and ordering our troop 870 shirts. Thanks to Mr. Croce who has done this job and will be handing over to Mr. Sturton.

Flag Workday Coordinator: We are still looking for a great volunteer to coordinate our next flag workday.

Advancement/Attendance Coordinator: Amanda Brown will complete her service to our troop in this position at the end of January. We really

need a new coordinator. Anyone interested is encouraged to please talk with Amanda or Mr. Sambell for more information.

Merit Badge Counselors: *Mr. Rodriguez spoke encouraging all parents to sign-up for a subject of interest that they can share and counsel the boys on. Additionally, he emphasized a need to cover the eagle required merit badges since they are always needing counselors for these. The best part of the merit badge counselors job is that you get to know the boys and help them and you don't need to be an expert!*

Special thanks to all parents who have already signed up to be merit badge counselors for our troop.

Camping Update

November Webelo's Woods:

Camp ended early due to a broken water camp. Our troop 870 boys did a great job building the bonfire. Too bad it couldn't be lit due to the circumstances.

December Winter Camp:

Rich Bourns and David Collings are leading this camp. An early departure is planned for December 27th, so the troop can arrive during the 9-3 window for camp. The troop will stop for lunch on the way to camp so money for lunch will be needed. The plan is to return from camp on December 31st Emails with final details will be emailed soon.

January Campout Jan. 13-15th Griffith League Scout Camp

Theme: Backpacking

Last Day to sign-up is December 11th since there is no meeting on Dec. 18th. We need a head count as soon as possible and can email Rajesh

Subramanian or Rich Bourns who are leading this campout. The troop projects an early departure on Saturday the 13th with a return on Monday the 15th. More details to follow as we get closer to the date.

Summer Camp: June 18-24th Emerald Bay

Selections for the traditional camp vs. choice of rugged program need to be made by January 8th. If you can make your selections earlier that would be best. Please let Mr. Bourns know which camp program you are interested in and plan on paying the additional fees associated with your selection. The Scuba program is open to boys 12 and older and the additional fees will go towards equipment that will be needed. The additional fees for this include equipment which each participating scout will now own. That being said, discussions will continue on how to transport the equipment home which may very well include an additional cost.. For the other rugged programs, the scouts need to be 14 yrs. old and additional fees will need to be paid as well. Please verify requirements on the camp website for Emerald Bay to make sure your scout is eligible. The link is on the email from Mr. Bourns. Emerald Bay has a grant program that may help with the costs of this camp and the troop will check into the options for this grant. Thank you Mr. Lupo for calling this up for discussion. See also Mr. Sambells comments further on in the minutes for additional opportunities to help with camp cost with fundraising.

Troop Photos

Mr. Marston discussed photos and our troop 870 website. There will be no names with the photos on our website. Additionally, the troop voted to allow each parent to self-edit photos of their child on the website.

Service Projects:

Chris Lupo has done an amazing job of updating and informing all those in attendance at our meeting of the annual opportunities for

service...Thanks Mr. Lupo. Each of these projects is open to scouts and their families to participate and certainly we welcome everyone to get involved. A few of these include Scouting for Food, Epicurean Night, Scout Sunday at UBC, Food Drive for Bay Area Turning Point, Trash Bash, Webelo's Woods Bonfire Seafarers Christmas Box and delivery. Please refer to the emailed list on parent meeting agenda from Mr. Klein for a full list.

Scoutmaster and SPL Minute with Steve Sambell & Zach Sambell

**Novembers Campout ..scouts did a good job building the bonfire. Unfortunately, they couldn't light it due to a broken water main.*

** Currently have 6 tents available for purchase at \$125.00 each. Please ask Mr. Sambell if you are interested in purchasing one.*

**Merit Badge Update... Mr. Sambell is encouraging Boys that are First Class and below to focus on the first aid, swimming and the camping merit badges. These badges will allow them to build upon and use these skills as they participate in troop activities.*

**Please try to be mindful when choosing Merit Badge Counselors, not to use any one counselor for more than four badges if at all possible. This allows the boys an opportunity to work with different adults within our troop.*

**West Marine awarded a grant to our Canoe Co-op that our troop participates in. This grant will help with maintenance, equipment purchases and additional costs.*

**Summer Camp Fundraiser at All Points Collision ...to help with cost of camp... All Points Collision Center has generously agreed to allow our*

troop to use their facilities for a car-wash fundraiser. This fundraiser will allow boys who participate to earn money that will help pay for their summer camp costs. Lunch Provided by All Points Collision too! Discussions will continue regarding which dates to have the fundraiser and the possibility of having additional fundraisers as well. Remember, the more fundraisers the boys participate in, the more money they can earn toward camp. The money will be divided among the boys according to time and participation.

**Next Meeting is December 11th and all registration for January campout.*

****Meeting for Dec 18th MOVED to Thursday Dec. 21st when the troop packs seafarer boxes and celebrates Rama Hana Kwanza Christmas as a troop.***

Summer Jobs

Mr. Klein discussed summer job opportunities at some of the various boyscout camps for boys who may want to work at a camp. If interested, please contact Mr. Klein or check out the specific camp website for more information.

Meeting Adjourned 8:22

