

Cub Scout Pack 287

Committee Meeting Minutes (March)

Meeting: Pack Committee Meeting
Date: Sunday, February 28, 2010
Time: 4:00 – 6:30 pm
Place: Groves First United Methodist Church
Attendees: Committee Chairman: Brandon Deckert
Treasurer: Stephanie Goleman
Traci Edgerly
Secretary: Donald Hervey
Activities Chair: Pat Walther
PR Chair: Maurine LeBouef
Wolf Den Leader: Martha Romero
Tiger Den Leader: Vesta Harmon
Volunteers: Stacey Boucher
Kenneth

General Business

Donald Hervey had minutes for the January Committee Meeting, but they were not reviewed.

Recharter

The 31 boys that we rechartered does not include the Avilez's or Luke Brown since money was not turned in in time. Also, Grant Boucher was omitted from the list due to recurring errors at the Scout Office.

Pack Goals

Goals include 75% recharter and 4 newly trained leaders.

Committee Meetings

The next committee meeting will be rescheduled to April 11, to avoid Easter festivities. The following committee meeting is May 2.

Treasurer

Stephanie passed out the Treasurer's Report (attached) Stephanie passed all the treasurer information to Traci Edgerly.

Cake Auction Fundraiser

Stephanie prepared a list of the persons and amounts donated during the Lad N Dad Cake Auction at the Blue & Gold Banquet. We raised \$1,031.20 which will be donated to the Friends of Scouting.

Garage Sale & Link Sale: May 15, 7 am – 1 pm (Links 10 am – 1 pm)

The committee agreed to have the garage sale in combination with the May link sale. Donald will check with the church to verify that we can use the parking lot (or the Fellowship Hall in case of rain) on this date. Brandon will make tickets for the link sale once the date is confirmed. Price will be \$5 for link, drink and chips. Boys who sell tickets will earn a credit of \$3 or \$3.50 toward the summer camping trip and/or Day Camp. For the garage sale, the proceeds will be split

evenly between all boys who help at least 2 hours after taking out any expenses and \$200 for a PA system.

Review of Recent Events

Blue & Gold Banquet / Pinewood Derby

Our February pack meeting was the Blue & Gold Banquet, which was moved to a Saturday night instead of Tuesday. This was definitely a good idea. We held the banquet immediately after the pinewood derby this year. We had 30 boys attend, a phenomenally high percentage. Although there was a lot of work for the volunteers, the families seemed to like holding this as a combined event. Suggestions for improvement for next year are:

- Flip so that we have the banquet first, then the pinewood derby, making the banquet a lunch. This will reduce the craziness of the kids at the end of the banquet.
- Get a PA system. It was very difficult to hear about the awards the kids got.
- Make a bigger deal about the awards, especially the boys who earn rank. This should be a focus of the banquet.
- Change the cake auction. Either have games for the kids while the auction is going on, or make it a silent auction.
- Give away the door prizes at the end of the event, instead of during the auction.
- Check in the cars before the banquet, then let the voting on the best car go on while people are eating.
- Eliminate the parent's choice award. Too many families were voting for their kids car. The kids were better than the adults at listening to instructions and not voting for their own car.
- Make a certificate of buy patches for every boy.
- Reduce the number of races.

Sabine District Pinewood Derby

The district derby was held at North Orange Baptist, changing the long-standing tradition from Buffalo to hold it at Central Mall, but consistent with Orange's tradition. Comments were:

- Families liked the security and family atmosphere of having the event at a church.
- Volunteers recognized that we don't get the PR exposure by having the event at a church.
- Families liked that there were games outside the gym that could entertain the kids.
- The 1.5-hour check-in time was too long.
- The rules sheet needs to state grams if the cars will be weighed in grams. Sometimes 5.0 ounces will read too high in grams.
- Families liked the way the divisions were broken down. Racing other scouts of the same rank is better than a Championship, General, and Novice division.
- The racing software should be improved so that the same car does not run in the same lane every time. Some lanes were considered to be better than other lanes.
- Families were disappointed that there were no design award trophies, only certificates. They also missed running out to 6th place for speed.
- Everybody really loved having pizza! This made the \$5 fee for participation OK.

Membership/Recruiting

We are tentatively planning a spring Round Up in April. This is aimed at getting Tigers registered so that they can attend Day Camp. If Day Camp is unable to find a site (Brad Club has closed), we will cancel recruitment.

Awards/Advancement

Martha handed out a report (attached) showing the number of each kind of award earned in February. Den Leaders should notify Martha of awards for the next pack meeting by the preceding Thursday or Friday morning.

Publicity

Nothing to report this month.

Pack Meetings

Take Flight: Tuesday, March 30

Brandon suggested a game making paper airplanes.

Den Assignments

Contact Richard for den assignments. Webelos I Den will talk about Artist projects.

Spring into Action: Tuesday, April 27

Activities

Sabine District Cub Scout Family Camp – March 5, 6 & 7 Claiborne Park

Pack 287 has 13 boys/siblings signed up. The pack will provide the left over Bar-B-Q for Saturday dinner.

Arrow of Light Ceremony: March 20 at Dusk

The Webelos II Den will have a ceremony at Jefferson County Pony League (was Groves American Little League), unless they cannot get an exception from the city to have a fire.

Marsh Madness: March 27

McFadden has returned with Marsh Madness this year. 2 years ago we went and the boys had a really good time. Events include birds or prey, kayaking, marsh critter, bird classification, crabbing, water safety, retriever demonstrations, and hands-on crafts.

Cub N Pal: April 16-18

The theme is a Wild West Adventure. Sign up by April 5 at \$30/person, otherwise it goes up to \$50/person.

Cub Scout Day Camp – Dates not known at this time – will be in early June.

Picnic at Dick Dowling: April 25, 2 pm – 4 pm

The Flying Ice Dragon Den visited for a den meeting this month. Donald suggested making this a service project, since the beach had lots of trash from the hurricane. The committee agreed. The plan is to picnic/play for the first hour, then clean up the second hour.

Scout Expo: May 1, 9 am – 3 pm

The committee agreed to run a booth with the Raingutter Regatta. There is no fee for the booth unless we need electricity, in which case it will be \$50 for the drop (we may be able to split with

1 other unit). We will need to set up a schedule for volunteers, so everybody has a chance to browse the expo. For the Regatta, we can either have the kits for sale, as well as some already-made boats, and let the boys race these. Or, we can do like Erney Hunt's troop used to do, and have cucumbers that the public can carve and race. Brandon has the raingutters.

Pack 287 Summer Camping Trip – Wed, June 23rd – Sunday, June 27th

We need each Den Leader to get an estimated attendance for the summer trip so we can order Rangers tickets.

Astros Game: 1 & 15 August

Tickets have been ordered for two Astros games: 1 August (Scout Day) against the Milwaukee Brewers and 15 August against the Pittsburgh Pirates. We got a special for All-You-Can-Eat deal (includes hotdogs, popcorn, peanuts) for \$20 against the Pirates, \$21 against the Brewers. Need to make a ticket order form for folks to fill out at the Blue & Gold Banquet to reserve tickets, with money due by the March pack meeting. After March, the tickets will be available for relatives, too. On scout day, there is a parade before the game for all scouts in Class A uniform.

Other Business

Earning a Uniform

Recognizing that not all families are able to easily afford a Cub Scout uniform, the committee discussed making a scholarship available for the pack to give a uniform to a boy who earns it. Donald needs to suggest what requirements a boy should meet in order to earn a uniform for the committee to vote on.

Pack Thank-You Cards

Martha has asked that the pack purchase thank-you cards. The cost looks to be around \$60 for up to 500 cards with customized lettering or possibly picture.

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Treasurer's Report
02/28/2010

Date/CK#	Descriptions	Deposits	Balance
		Withdrawals	

Beginning Balance **\$935.18**

Date	DEPOSIT	
02/03	Link and bake sale	768.90
02/03	Registration	148.00
02/03	Lock in and t-shirts	619.50
02/03	T shirt	17.00
02/26	Astros and tshirt	148.00
02/26	Cake auction	1,031.20

Total Deposits.....\$2,732.60

SUBTOTAL **\$3,667.78**

Date	CK#	Expense	Amount
02/03	1130	s.goleman/aol plaques	200.00
02/03	1131	Bsa blue and gold banquet	109.40
02/19	1132	Bsa blue and gold banquet	8.64
02/19	1133	Walmart blue and gold	16.37

02/20	1134	Billy joes's blue and gold	318.75
02/20	1135	Market basket blue and gold	32.00

Total Withdrawals\$685.16

ENDING BALANCE.....\$ 2,982.62

Adjustments

TOTAL ADJ. \$0.00

adjusted ENDING BALANCE.....\$2,982.62

LAD AND DAD CAKE AUCTION

Crystal Deckert	50.00
	40.00
Chad Edgerly	40.00
Donald Hervey	30.00
	45.00
	30.00
D. G. Hervey	40.00
	81.20
Richard Bienvenue	45.00
(jacob deleon)	40.00
Thom Barrett	30.00
Tracie Edgerly	80.00
	40.00
Patricia Walther	40.00
	35.00
Belinda McCain	40.00
Mary Barbosa	25.00

Miranda Rodriguez	35.00
Kim Hoyt	45.00
Vesta	25.00
Emma Walther	40.00
James Bares	25.00
Robert Avilez	30.00
	30.00
Mrs. Prouse-donation	50.00
Donation	20.00
TOTAL	1,031.20

Rank Advancement	2-20-10
Bobcat	2
Tiger	3
Wolf	4
Bear	6
Webelo I	1
Belt Loops	25
Pins	15
Activity Badges	28
Super Achiever	2
Compass Points	4
Patches (Flag Ceremony, Good Turn, Leave No Trace)	3