Pack 216 Cary NC

Committee Meeting Minutes

02 Sep 2014

7:00-8:30 pm

St. Michael’s Archangel Conference Room #5

Meeting started at 7:00 pm

Attendees:

Jim B (Committee Chair, Den 4)

Danielle B (Cubmaster, Den 7)

Cerelisa B (Public Relations, Den 14)

Mihai I (Training - outgoing, Den 8)

Steve T (Popcorn, Den 4)

David G (Den 13)

Barbara D (Advancement, Den 14)

Tim H (Den 7)

Keith B (Charter Org)

Chris N (Popcorn-former, Den 6)

Sean W (Den 5)

Bob M (Pinewood Derby, Den 5)

David R (Treasurer, Den 13)

Rachel S (Membership, Den 6)

1. **Gather and Agenda review/changes**
2. **Treasurer** (David R)

Finalize 2014-2015 budget (working budget sent 28Aug). Reviewed and updated budget to balance during meeting. Suggested we target keeping bank balance between $8000 and $10000 at start of scout season (Sep) since Pack needs to make large purchases at this time (popcorn, new scout materials, deposits on Big Trip, etc), before income in Nov/Dec from popcorn sales and chartering. Jim to send final working version of budget around and David to input into Treasurer version. Noted that the final budget can and will be revised after popcorn and rechartering to reflect actual income and to budget how much Pack will cover activity costs in Spring (e.g. Big Trip).

1. **Popcorn** (Steve Thomas)

Show and Sell/Deliver order: Kroger on High House and Maynard on 20/21Sept. Confirmed with district. 4 shifts x 2 scouts x 2 day = 16 scouts. May get another site for more shifts. Should have a Show and Sell coordinator to help with site set up and inventory. Steve to ask Den Kernels for volunteers. Post mtg: Steve indicated additional sites from district for 2nd and 3rd weekends. Show and Sell/Deliver order to be placed very soon. Sales at Show and Sell are divided by all scouts that sold on that day/location. Parents need to notify, by Pack website, for Show and Deliver by 03Sept

Communication with Pack

Steve to do adult session at Pack meeting. Scout session needs to be educational with a little silly, but most convey info, Web II scouts and Jim to do role play, then maybe dens can role play in small groups at pack meeting. Short intro/info at picnic, have pics of the prizes

Incentives

Lot of small prizes for scouts have been procured. Several gift cards for restaurants obtained. Incentive for parents with gift cards/raffle at Oct Pack meeting (e.g. one raffle ticket per $100 in sales), announce at Sep Pack meeting

Key dates for Den Kernels/volunteers

Most dens kernel identified. Post mtg: Need volunteers to unload truck and deliver popcorn on 18-19Sep.

Chris and Steve had separate planning session during rest of committee meeting.

1. **Membership** (Rachel)

Review current roster and incoming scouts. 8 tigers, 2 wolfs plus one for den 4 not registered yet, 3 bears, 4 webelos. Join Scouting Now – not on list with Karen despite emails. In recruiting, we should build up scouting overall for all units, not just Pack 216. Den leaders for all wolf through web dens are identified. David G to conduct some targeted recruiting effort for pack leader

1. **Review Recent Activities**

DDE Meet the Teacher recruiting (22Aug): Jim to work with Rachel on additional follow-up email to interested families. Add some video aids possibly. More important to get kids interested then kids get. Having scout present is good. Other feedback includes:

-*PWD cars were a hit and the big trophies really caught their eye! The big trip, especially the aircraft carrier, was also a big selling point.  Have a handbook or 2 available for parents to flip through as well as a Boy’s Life.  We also had pencils on hand – would be nice if we had some with Pack 216 printed on them but I don’t know if that would be more costly than the scout store pencils*

-*Getting contact information was only the beginning. Then you have to make a one-on-one connection with the parents by showing the child how scouting can be fun e.g. pack recruitment picnics or outdoor activity to make personal connections. Need to be a ‘sales’ person to be able to get the benefits of scouting across.*

Umstead Hike (Den 4 – Jim): ~50 people attend. Morning was good since families do not have chance to get into other weekend activities yet plus temp is favorable. Good distance to Company Mill Stone and back.

1. **Upcoming Pack Activities**

Join Scouting Now (11Sep): Danielle, Rachel, Cerelisa, Jyothi, Jim to conduct. Smores with sterno, clay pot – Cerelisa. Pw derby cars/trophies – Jim. DDE display – Cerelisa has this. Need more flyers/fridge notes. Table – Danielle

Pack Picnic (14Sep, Den 7): Food – Danielle to get food. Rain gutter regatta demo – Mihai. Camping gear – Jim, Bob, and David G to help, including camping list. Mini orienteering station – Tim. At least one game (Tim). Rank designated table/space in shelter for families to get to know/re-acquaint. Tee shirts – Barbara/Jyothi.

Pack Activity; Corn Maze (Oct, Den 9)…info Erika H received:

*We do have group rates available on weekends during our season. We open September 20. Our group rates are $8 per adult (13 and older) and $5 per child (3-12). If your group would like their own private shelter, that will be an additional cost. The admission includes access to our corn maze, cow train ride, play area, hay ride to the pumpkin patch, and other fun activities. Our pumpkins are priced by weight this year. Our shooting events are $1 per shot. Our animal feeding is 25 cents per handful. (quarter machine with feed). Please let me know what date and time your group would like to come out. When your group arrives, be sure they tell the ticket booth attendant they are with your group so they are charged group pricing. We are open Friday 3pm-6:30pm, Saturday 10am-6:30pm and Sunday 1pm-6pm. We stop ticket sales an hour before we close. Please let me know if you have any questions! We look forward to your group coming to visit the farm! Kelsey Storer Phillips Farms of Cary*[*www.phillipsfarmsofcary.com*](http://www.phillipsfarmsofcary.com)

-Keith noted that shooting, including pumpkins, is not permitted by BSA at Cubscout activities without proper range personnel/certification. Jim noted that this part of the activity is not included in the Pack sponsored activity/admission and is an extra charge not funded/subsidized by the Pack.

-Target having this on 11Oct; time to be determined, need sign up on Pack website. Suggest that Parents pay for themselves and siblings at farm, indicating they are with Pack 216 and get group rate. Scouts would be paid for by Pack. Mechanism for paying Farm for scouts from Pack funds needs to be worked out (e.g. Farm keeps a tally/list of names of attending scouts and Pack pays at end of activity).

Fall Campout at Durant (7-9Nov, Den 13)

David G has BALOO training. No further updates at this time.

1. **Other Committee Member reports**

Public Relations (Cerelisa): Popcorn to be highlighted. Recruiting, patch available. Other info to Cerelisa ASAP.

Advancement (Barbara): Books, neckerchief, tee shirts not available til picnic. Den will have to make it through. Barbara has slides

Training (Mihai): Packmaster not transferred yet to Chuck. Den are properly defined and can be updated by Rachel. Parents/Leaders need to start updating training. Keith showed how Training status can be illustrated at my.scouting.org, and can be updated manually if needed.

Website (Dave M – by email): Plan for transitioning role to Jyothi to be addressed later.

Charter Organization Representative (Keith): Maintain good relationship with St Michael, watch use of facilities. Take notes on condition of facilities at arrival and let Keith know of issues.

PW Derby (Bob): Need volunteer to be trained for this role during this year in prep for next year.

Cubmaster (Danielle): Den Chief requests discussed. Den 5 and 7 want one if possible

1. **AOB**

-Den 6 is doing the Healthy unit program. Other Dens may do so as well. Check <http://scout-wire.org/2014/03/20/three-steps-to-healthier-scouting-units/>

-Email distribution list clean-up will be conducted by Jim soon

-Room reservations have been accepted by Norma. 4/6 committee mtg will be at different location. -Catering for B&G will need to be arranged

-Webelos II should have been contacted for activities with Boy Scouts

-Photo gallery got good feedback. A drop box may be good to collect photos from other parents.