

Troop/Crew 1203 Cmte Mtg 03/09/10

Called to order 7:00. Challenger MS.

Previous minutes approved without change.

Troop 1203

Welcome New Adults. Benjamin's parents were at the meeting. They are from P1200, and Benjamin will be bridging to the Troop soon.

Crew1203 (Steve B) Cross-country skiing happened this weekend. Five crew members. Good snow. Good weather. Steve needs a letter from the Cmte to open a checking account. (defer Crew business until the end of the meeting.)

SM Report (Mike E)

- Three new scouts coming in. Two from P1205, one from P1200.
- Not a big class this time. Mike looking for recruiting ideas.
- IOLS training. Mar19-20. Mike sent email to the Yahoo Group about this.
- April is busy enough, but on the 30Apr weekend there is "Leave No Trace" training. Could use volunteers for this. Two night campout. Open to Scouts as well as Scouters. Mike has info. Contact him if interested.
- Last weekend in May is the split outing at Laguna.
- Looking for a weekend for Beach campout. June is available. August has been suggested (warmer). Zak working with John C. on reservations (transitioning to Zak).
- Summer camp campership reminder sent out. No requests for this yet.
- Mike attending Roundtable more regularly. District is looking for more members-at-large (and chairs, if you are so inclined). Meets one day a month. District is attempting to bring Boy Scout Roundtable back to life. Opening communication among SMs is the goal. This month: What do Troops share with incoming families.
- Tonight is lashings practice. Next week: Lashing competition.

Scouting for Food (Mark T) Some confusion about the time, but it is 13Mar10. Official: Meet at Challenger at 9am, and it will run until 12n. Mark will take the food to Clairmont's drop-off location.

MB Cousilors (Maureen F) Applications available. Please sign up.

New Scouts (Maureen F) March 23rd is a bridging day for the P1205 Scouts.

Recruitment (Chris F) What happens to the Troop with fewer incoming Scouts. Chris has a spreadsheet and shared it with the group. Retention seems to be

linked to outing participation. Best size for Troop? (Group discussion: 40-45)
Best size for an outing? (Group discussion: About 12)

Viewing Chris's *First Year Scouts* sheet, there was discussion about last years attrition. It seemed high. 50% is about typical, though (Jim, Keith).

Take-home message: Recruiting is important and is something we need to pay attention to.

Some discussion about when to recruit. Needs more discussion, but running short on time.

Treasurer (Lee T) Has a report from '09 as a starting point for formulating a budget. Bottom line: We lost ~\$2k last year. Budget sub-cmte proposed. Lee to bring campership reports next week (when Summer Camp payment is due).

Training (Steve B) Update YPG. Mr. Gray went through HALTT training.

Summer Camp (Dom G) 16 signed up, one more maybe. Three others interested. Scouts to do Summer Camp MB sign-up next week. Medical forms need to be updated every year now, so that's in progress.

Moose Lodge (Mark T) Moose lodge wants to help. Will let us meet there. Communication lines open. Looking to get the Scribe to write a paragraph for their newsletter.

Eagle Coach (Keith) DJ underway. The first draft of the Eagle Folder is together. Jared has requested a folder and initial meeting (Keith to follow-up). Keith to post the EagleFolder materials for review/perusal.

Camperships done better (Keith) For camperships we need to make sure we are following our own deadlines. For Jerkwater we had an early sign-up and deposit—Scouts needed to sign-up and pay or they couldn't go. But at the last minute (and through generosity and with best intentions) at least one Scout was offered a Campership and was able to attend. In fairness, camperships should have been offered (and publicized) prior to the sign-up deadline. [There was some confusion about this during the meeting, and we were running out of time, but this is what I was trying to get across. -K]

Crew 1203

Banking (Chris F) The Crew needs a checking account. The group agreed this should have double-signature checks. The Cmte voted to open an account, and decided the signatories should be:

Steve Black, Crew Adult Advisor
Randy Silagi, Crew Asst. Adult Advisor
Keith Trahan, Crew Treasurer

Meeting adjourned.... c. 8:05p

Next mtg 4/6/10

[Direct comments on these notes to the Secretary, Keith Trahan (ktrahan@ieee.org)]