

CubScout Pack Committee
Meeting Minutes
12/2/2008

1. Minutes from November Meeting

2. Reports
 - A. Treasurer Report \$3103.96 current balance after popcorn
 - B. Cubmaster Report
 - C. Advancements - Bruce Johnson Advancements due on 12/9 for 12/16 pack meeting
 - D. P.A. Committee – Jim Horton and Richie Shehadey – purchased and paid for (1300)
 - E. Activities/Outings
 - i). Space Derby Report

Discussion - This event was characterized by several challenges, should we have a space derby again in the future? The event is more than the race. Many parents and cubscouts would still want an experience that involved working together on the project. Suggestions for the future a) Space derby committee and chair are essential – many parent volunteers helped on the day of the event and a leader is needed to maximize the efforts of these parents. b) Steve ? volunteered to construct a “hint list” that would enhance the minimal instructions that come with the kit. c) a workshop in a pack meeting before the event (it would have to be the first pack meeting because of the timing of the derby). d) practice track outside during the event so scouts can try their rockets out e) practice track at Halloween Faire for practice. It is essential that we document the challenges and frustrations that we had and ideas we are having now about how to make it better next time. Further debriefing in future meetings.
 - ii) Caroling at Fairwinds

12/14/08 6:00 pm – songbook sent out to leaders only – not pack. Pizza afterwards at Dominion Pizza (Cedar and Shepherd).
 - iii) Pinewood Derby
 - a. Bobby Clack has volunteered to chair – thank you very much!!!
 - b. More members are needed for the committee so that people can take a break during the event to enjoy his/her son’s races. Each den needs to recruit a parent for the committee. Expected contribution for the event – help with check-in for the event, set up for the event, and planning meetings as necessary (1-2)
 - c. Planned change for 2008 – 2009 Pinewood Derby. Check in will occur before the day of the derby. Time, date, and location for check in is TBA. Rationale: Pack is so big it is difficult to efficiently check in on day of the event. Also, all cars will be available for judging for other awards (i.e., design). Once a car is checked in, the committee will be responsible for storing it until the day of the event.

iv.) December pack meeting – theme “holiday lights”

- a. Holiday lights – candles etc.. multicultural tradition home/family traditions solicited via e-mail from den leader
- b. Toys for tots – pack publicity – s/one send into Bee Clovis
- c. New pack meeting rule - tiger parents need to sit with their kids. Tiger enthusiasm is great – but it was hard for tigers to refocus after downtime. Webelos and Bears did a great job. Parents sit with Tigers until maturation of self control and listening skills.
- d. Reinstigate the Spirit Stick and Bear claw to best behaved den.
- e. Cubmaster requested permission to purchase electric candles. Committee approved request.
- f. Popcorn prizes should be distributed at the meeting.

3. Old Business

- A. Progress on the Shed - platform built, materials there, need some help to place shed and fix roof. Steve will send Lisa the date and Lisa will distribute to pack. Richie, Chris, and Ed volunteered to help. Thank you very much!!!
- B. Coat Drive - 116 Coats were donated
- C. Tree Planting – 4 -5 boys planted flowers...
- D. Bicycle Rodeo and Sky party are still good ideas
- E. Fresno Bee – Bears and Tigers need this type of requirement – Lisa H. has a contact so if someone wants to lead she can provide information
- F. This is Lisa’s last meeting as committee chair. Committee Chair duties – run meetings and send e-mail reminders about what is discussed during meetings. Lisa will help in the transition to a new chair. Den Leaders need to approach parents about volunteering for this role.