

Pack 301 Committee Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2008

Members Present: Lisa Hildebrandt, Chair Pack Committee
Jim Horton, Cubmaster
Derek Dormedy, Assistant Cubmaster
Ed Yetman, Den Leader – Webelos 2
Steve Holden, Den Leader – Webelos 1
Robert Baber, Den Leader – Bears
Scott Whyte, Den Leader – Wolves
Debra Arnold-Haro, Treasurer
Christine Edmondson, Secretary

1. Kudos for a successful recruitment night on 9/2/08. We had a total of 26 new boys interested in Cub Scouts
 - o 11 new Tigers attended
 - o 6 new Wolves attended
 - o 5 new Bears attended
 - o 1 new Webelos 1 attended
 - o 3 new Webelos 2 attended

2. New Pack Committee Members – Thank you!!!
Debra Arnold-Haro, treasurer
Christine Edmondson, secretary

3. Pack Committee Meeting Procedures
 - a. Pack meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month in the Fugman MPR
 - b. The meeting starts promptly at 5:27. Please note the new start time of 5:27.
 - c. A Representative from each Den needs to attend the Pack Committee Meetings. Attendance at committee meetings is vital to plan productive pack meetings and activities and disseminate information. Den leaders can recruit parents to represent dens at committee meetings.
 - d. Pack meetings are open meetings. Any parent in the Pack can attend.

4. Parental Involvement
 - a. DEN LEADERS, INVOLVE YOUR PARENTS - Getting parents to do simple things. Lay the foundation for future parental leadership, making our pack even stronger 5 years from now. Examples of simple requests: ask parents to attend a pack meeting with you; parent of the month (in charge of snacks/materials), help with a specific den activity.
 - b. Goal - increase parental involvement by 50% - 70%
 - c. Discussion: Strategies for recruitment: 1) Pack committee members, if you had leadership for an event last year and you are doing it again this year,

find a mentee to help you. Example, Ed should find a mentee for the Pinewood Derby. 2) Require parents to commit to one hour a month or 10 hours for a year 3) Suggest to potential recruits that most planning and implementation can be done while the Cub Scout attends the den meeting.

5. Opportunities for Parent Involvement – let Jim Horton or Lisa Hildebrandt know if you can assist the Pack
 - a. Popcorn Coordinator
 - b. Halloween Party
 - c. Space Derby/Raingutter Regatta Committee
 - d. Pinewood Derby Committee
 - e. Asst. Pack Committee Chair
 - f. A second Asst. Cubmaster
 - g. Newsletter/Public Relations
 - h. Membership/Recharter
 - i. Pack Photographer
 - j. Others

6. Pack Long-Range Planning Meeting – Please mark your calendars
 - a. 9/30/08 – 5th Tuesday of September, location Fugman Staff Lounge at 5:57pm. The Staff Lounge is where the Tiger Den holds their meetings. The outside door, on the International/Cedar side, will be open.
 - b. Invite all parents – convey it is better to bring children and attend than to not come at all. But, strongly encourage attendance without kids because the meeting will most likely go until 8:00 pm

7. Popcorn “Show and Sell” Fundraiser
 - a. Cub scouts are allowed to start selling popcorn on 9/20/08
 - b. Last year was very successful – 7.5k in sales 30% of which went to pack. Wal-Mart’s matching grant program has been discontinued. Savemart
 - c. This year, the Show and Sell goal is 10k with 90% participation from pack
 - d. Pack Show and Sells are scheduled for 9:00 – 7:00 at Wal-Mart on 9/20 - 9/21 and Savemart on 9/27 - 9/28. Discussion: Confirmation is needed for SaveMart Show and Sell. Other locations discussed – Walgreens, Lowes.
 - e. There will be a Script for sales procedures available at the booth. Also, there will be a list of children/parents who signed up with cell phone numbers.
 - f. At least 1 parent per child. Children can take money and return change, but an adult needs to make the change. Lisa will be recruiting parents at the den meeting.
 - g. Individual cub scouts can sell popcorn with order forms distributed at tonight’s den meetings and via U.S. Post to last year’s cub scouts.
 - h. On-line ordering available and encouraged (see pack webpage for link)

8. Den dues are \$20 and should be collected by the Den Leaders

9. Important Announcements for Den Leaders
- a. Sept. Pack Meeting Advancements are due 9/16 - Den Leaders – ask parents for information, compile information, and send to Bruce with copies to Jim and Lisa
 - b. Den chiefs - Announcement: two are available. Discussion: Webelos could use one; bears o.k. without one
 - c. Webelos are not a part of the program's help guide – they have their own book
 - d. Try to make den activities consistent with the monthly Cub Scout theme. The themes are listed on the Pack Calendar or on the internet.
 - e. We may have 14 new tiger cub scouts if all of the interested boys join. 14 cub scouts is enough for two dens and they may need two rooms. We'll wait to see how many boys join.
 - f. Room Assignments for year (Thank you Fugman for letting us meet here)
 - o Tigers = teacher's lounge
 - o Wolves = multipurpose room
 - o Bears = Room 13
 - o 1st Year Webelos – Room 7
 - o 2nd Year Webelos – Room 8

. Discussion: Respect the teacher's room - clean up messes, stay out of student and teacher desks, etc... Last year teacher's received thank you gifts from pack (popcorn).
 - g. Den leaders have the prerogative to establish rules regarding parent attendance during meetings and procedures for leaving and picking children up from den meetings.
 - h. Class A (official shirt with neckerchief and slide) uniforms are required for all Cub Scout meetings unless den leader announces otherwise.
 - i. Sept Pack Meeting Den Duties
 - Tigers – skit/song (you're a new den, so only if ready)
 - Wolves – snack (Scott said they will also have 2 skits)
 - Bears – room set up
 - Webelos 1 – skit/song
 - Webelos 2 - flags

Please note that the duties for the entire year are listed on the Pack Calendar and the Pack Website (www.fresnopack301.org). It's great if your den would like to perform a skit/song at a pack meeting where you are not assigned one, just let Jim know so he can put it on the evening's agenda
10. Upcoming events
- a. October pack meeting – Halloween party – All dens will provide a game to play. Be prepared at the 9-30-08 meeting to discuss the game ideas.
 - b. Sunday, Nov 16 is Space Derby (or Rain Gutter Regatta) Ed will look into resolutions to issues that arose in last space derby
 - c. 10/18-19 Civil War re-enactment – this is a great field trip for dens
<http://valleyhistory.org/civilwar.html>

- d. Planetarium trip – Ed mentioned that the Webelos 2 den will be planning an outing to the Panetarium at Fresno State sometime in the future.