

# **Cub Scout Pack 195**

## **Committee Member/Den Leader Planning Meeting**

Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
7:00 p.m. - Tracy Nunziata's Home

### **Committee Meeting Minutes**

#### **WELCOME**

#### **Attendees:**

##### **Committee Members**

Randy Szabo (Cub Master)  
Jill Szabo (Multi-Hat)  
Tracy Nunziata (Cmte. Chair)  
Kathy Murphy (Secretary)

##### **Den Leaders**

Corinne Rapson (Tigers)  
Selena Redden (Wolves I)  
Wayne Szabo (Wolves II)  
Jim Healy (Bears)  
Sandy Licitra (Bears)–Assistant  
Ed Murphy (Webelos I Rattlesnakes)  
John Hobbie (Webelos I Rattlesnakes) -  
Assistant  
Nick DiMeglio (Webelos I (Cobras)  
Tony Howarth (Webelos II)

#### **Additional Committee Members/Leaders Not In Attendance:**

Marc Milgram (Treasurer)  
Sue Lenczewski (Service Chair)  
Ellie Miller (Den Achievement Chair)  
Sharon Simmons/Becky Rolon -  
(BSA Training Chair)

Beth Schurman (Wolves) - Assistant  
Rob Jones (Wolves) - Assistant  
Beth Hill/Norm Hill (Webelos I (Cobras)  
Assistant

#### **1. Introduction:**

##### **a. Changes in R&R**

Jill discussed the new deadline (November 21, 2009) for rechartering and the need to get all adults/kids registered early to facilitate the process in a timely manner.

## **b. Open Positions/Volunteers**

Randy stated that there was still an open position for Assistant Cub Master. He added that he had spoken to Henry Atkins regarding the duties and that Lawrence Simmons (Webelos II parent) might be a possible volunteer as well, at least until his son crossed over to Boy Scouts in February of 2010. Additionally, the need for an Outdoor Activity Chair was brought up. In the discussions, Randy stated that the person in this position would only be a resource for Den Leaders to go to for information regarding requirements for outings. He added that the Chair would not be in charge of setting up any events or activities, however.

Additional possible volunteers are Matt Schurman and Elias El Choueri. Possible appointments for Elias might be an event coordinator for a specific activity or possibly someone who could keep the Pack website updated.

**Randy talked about looking into using a web-based calendar for the Pack, which he felt was better than the Excel calendar that was presently being used.** Included in the discussion was the possibility of including links to Council activities within the calendar and also whether it would be a good idea to allow den leaders to update the calendar with links or have one central person to handle that.

## **2. Registration for 2009/2010 (kids/adults)**

Jill also explained that those Committee Members and Den Leaders who are changing positions need to fill out a new registration form. She also stated that those adults in Committee/Den Leader positions would need to get fingerprinted and attend a session on Protecting God's Children. **Tracy stated that she would check with Trish at the Parish Office to get a list of those who still need to comply.**

## **3. Den Rosters – issues with resources**

A discussion regarding a new Bear scout registering opened up a concern regarding the size of the existing den and whether it should be split into two separate dens. The BSA regulations for den size were discussed and it was agreed that 8 boys should be the limit, with any additional scouts in a den allowed based upon den leader agreement, with a cap at 11 boys. Additional volunteers are needed for the Bear level this year.

**Randy suggested that the Pack have another recruitment night in September in order to allow Rutger's Prep students the opportunity to join.** He also asked for scout volunteers to come to that meeting in their uniforms and bring things to show prospective scouts the type of activities the Pack engages in.

#### **4. Den Meetings/Locations**

Jill discussed the need for den leaders to utilize their homes or other locations as much as possible for den meetings during the year. She explained that it was becoming a burden for the maintenance staff at SMS to have to wait until after meetings to clean so many classrooms on Monday evenings.

Since the first meeting date is September 14<sup>th</sup> and the school is hosting Back-To-School Night that evening, an agreement was made to only have Wayne Szabo's Wolves and Webelos I's utilize the cafeteria/grounds for meetings that night. All were in agreement that all other den leaders would contact their own scouts to inform them of an alternate meeting date and/or site that week.

Then Jill and Tracy went over the Pack Calendar for Den meeting and Pack meeting sites based upon the school/church calendar, provided by Trish at the Parish Office, for facility availability. **Jill agreed to post the calendar to the website.**

#### **5. Brainstorm Pack Activities**

##### **a. Badge Requirements**

Requirements and reporting policies were discussed and it was agreed that starting this year, parents should report all achievements through their son's Den Leader first for their approval, who will in turn send them on to the Pack Achievement Chairperson. It was also agreed that Den Leaders would talk to parents regarding the guidelines of the specific activities/awards of their rank for understanding and compliance. A concern was brought up regarding the fact that the requirements need guidelines in order to ensure that all scouts actually do the work necessary to achieve any award.

##### **b. Fundraisers**

Fundraisers discussed that night were:

1. September/June - Car Wash at Burger King **(Ed to arrange)**
2. October/April - Bake Sale **(Tracy to arrange)**
3. 10/25 – Skate Party Fundraiser **(Selena to coordinate)**
4. 11/21 – Scrapbooking Fundraiser **(Kathy/Sandy to arrange/coordinate)**

A discussion ensued regarding publicity in school e-blast in September and in church bulletin at the end of October. Also discussed was the formation of a sub-committee to handle volunteer sign-ups for set-up and clean-up the day of the event as well as for the collection of donations from dens for specific individual items. Brainstorming for additional ideas to sell raffle tickets occurred with an agreement to offer additional raffle tickets at the time of registration. **Ed volunteered to handle the ordering of food for the event from Café Amici's.**

### **c. Community Events**

1. 10/10 - Yards Creek Cleanup (**Sue Lenczewski**)
2. October/January/April – Food Bank Drives at ShopRite (**Sue Lenczewski**)
3. December – Lyons VA Hospital Visit (**Sue Lenczewski**)

A brainstorming discussion regarding additional service projects to directly benefit St. Matthias ensued. Some ideas brought up were the picnic set-up and clean-up by the scouts as well as the carnival clean-up.

## **6. Plan Calendar**

### **a. Pack Events**

1. Monthly Hikes/Campouts (**Ed to arrange**)
2. Pinewood Derby dates (1/11 Weigh-In and 1/15 Event) (**Tracy to reserve SMS cafeteria?**)
3. B&G date (**Tracy**)
4. Religious Awards (**Selena**)
5. Bike Rodeo (**Randy to speak to Sr. Amata**)
6. Liberty Science Center in March (**Tracy to get date**)
7. Ski Trips (**Bill Nunziata/Tony Howarth to schedule**)
8. Philly Zoo Campout – October??(**Jim Healy**)
9. Pack Campfire (**Jim**)

Without having to look at the Pack Calendar, here is a snapshot of the tentative schedule of events for the year as excerpted from a listing typed up by Tracy.

9/19	Carwash (Ed to contact BK and confirm) <b>(POSTPONED – COULD NOT CONFIRM IN TIME)</b>
9/26	Highland Games
10/3	4Cub Scout Extravaganza
10/9-10/10	Yards Creek
10/17	Food Drive – ShopRite
10/11or10/18	Bake Sale
10/24	Ready Man & Scouts to the Rescue <b>(1<sup>st</sup> DATE CLOSED ALREADY)</b>
10/25	Skate Party (Kendall Park)
11/14	Cubmobile Races
11/21	Scrapbook Fundraiser
Dec	VA Hospital
1/11	PWD Weigh in
1/15	PWD
1/24	Food Drive - Shop Rite
Jan	Ski Trip <b>(Bill &amp; Tony to schedule)</b>
2/6	Klondike Derby
2/21	Blue & Gold Dinner
March	District PWD (not yet scheduled)
March	Liberty Science Center sleep over <b>(Tracy to schedule)</b>
4/3	Beaver Day
4/17	Cub Olympics
4/18	Food Drive - Shop Rite
4/25	Bake Sale
May	Bike Rodeo <b>(Randy to discuss w/Sr. Amata)</b>
6/5	Carwash <b>(Ed to contact BK and confirm)</b>
6/12	Closing Campfire <b>(Jim to schedule)</b>
6/18-6/20	Aqua Camporee

These events/dates are obviously subject to change prior to confirmation, however, it does give everyone an idea of what events are anticipated and their possible scheduled date. This should go a long way to assist den leaders in planning out their calendars for the year and incorporating some of these events into completing/achieving requirements of the rank.

ACTION ITEM	RESPONSIBLE PERSON(S)	DUE DATE
Set up web-based calendar	Randy	By September 14, 2009 First Meeting
Highland Games Signup	Randy	By September 10
List of Committee Members/Leaders needing fingerprinting/PGC training	Tracy	ASAP
Post 2009/2010 Calendar	Jill	By September 14, 2009 First Meeting
Set Up Recruitment Night	Randy	By September 14, 2009 First Meeting
Scouts To The Rescue/Readyman Signups	Randy	Starting September 1 ASAP
Car Wash-Sept. 19th	Ed	By September 14, 2009 First Meeting
Philly Zoo Campout-Oct.	Jim	ASAP
Yards Creek Cleanup Registration	Sue	By September 20
S/R October Food Bank Collection setup	Sue	ASAP
Bake Sale	Tracy	ASAP
Skate Party Fundraiser	Selena	ASAP
Cubmobile Races Signups	????????	????????
Scrapbook Fundraiser	Kathy/Sandy	ASAP
Lyons VA Hospital Visit	Sue	ASAP
Pinewood Derby (Set Dates)	Tracy	ASAP
B&G Dinner (Set Date)	Tracy	ASAP
S/R January Food Bank Collection setup	Sue	ASAP
Liberty Science Center (Set Date)	Tracy	ASAP