

Troop 1048

January 20th, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Present: Linda Peters, Michael Couturier, Pan Couturier, Bob Wood, Mark Shields, Joel Best, Scott Keller, Joel O'Connell, Louis Lorenz, Fred and Deb Hoeker, Ellen Potter, Dawn Bates, Brian H., Jeff Ketchum.

- Welcome and call to order (Jeff)
- Unable to read minutes due to computer issues (Dawn)
- Troop Business
 - Scout house is online (wireless). It works most of the time but room for improvement.
 - Rank advancement record filing will be online this year.
 - Still need adult leaders for Winterfest (Feb. 2-3).
 - Winterfest update (Fred)
 - Troop 1008 from Muskegon may be joining us this year and doing dutch oven cooking.
 - Stations start at 1030
 - So far we only have one adult volunteer to stay the night, if we do not get more adults we will have to go out for the day only.
- The first swim night had a great turnout and everyone enjoyed themselves. Joel O. helped 8 cub scouts with their aquanauts badge. (Thanks Joel)
- Joel would like idea's, suggestions for the website. If you have suggestions or links send to Joel.
- Klondike (Mike)
 - Boys have been training for this. They are working with the sleds this evening.
 - Two patrols, each patrol will have two adults assigned to them.

Committee Reports

- Treasurer (Ellen):
 - Reviewed October through December with brief discussion
 - Reminder yearly dues are due by the end of January.
- SPL: (Mike for Garrett): Things are going well
- Advancements (Linda):
 - We made our goal and earned the award for the second year in a row !!
 - Paul found a few discrepancies and Linda is working with council to assist in updating their records.
 - One youth needs a physical this year-parent informed
 - All adult volunteers over 40yo need yearly physicals.
- Scout Master (Mike):
 - OA winter banquet was a nice evening.
 - Reminder that OA dues are now due and there are changes this year. If you are

- not up to date with your dues you will not participate in activities.
- Equipment (JB):
 - Trailer: Discussion to follow r/t the need vs. want of a new larger trailer.
Things to consider:
 - Anticipated growth of troop with the next two cross over's
 - Amount of use
 - Patrol cooking
 - What we take on camp outs
 Discussion tabled-requires more discussion and consideration
 - Tents: will need to look into increasing inventory of tents due to anticipated growth of troop
- Training Coordinator (Mark)
 - Youth Protection Training: This is due every two years. Most adult volunteers should be due for review. Will look into doing this at a monthly committee meeting.
 - Online training-you will need an ID # and sign in
- Crew Update (Joel O)
 - Several camping events coming up
- Fundraiser (Fred): Resumed discussion of flower bulb sale and timing. Decision was made to begin sale on March 16 and end April 20th. Bulbs will be delivered 3-4 weeks from then. Total profit to be divided \$1.50 to scout and \$1.00 to troop.
- October: weekend in October (?first) camp reenactment in Indiana-more info to follow

New Business

- Fred: lettering for trailer-need to decide what we want before Fred can get an estimate on price.
- New By laws-will need to review and update soon.
- Next meeting February 17th, 2008