Troop 216 Committee Meeting minutes

September 11, 2023

**Eagle Scout Presentation: Cole P.**

* Cole presented idea to convert Bohm Woods trail in Edwardsville to a loop trail by doing trailblazing and clearing. This would be an improvement from the current in and back out trail that exists now.
* Clearing about ¼ to ½ mile of trail.
* IDNR is the contact and Cole has already been in contact with them for approval and scoping.
* Discussion was to include signage at the trail head
* Next step is to develop scope and turn in his Eagle papers for approval.
* Committee approved.

**Secretary Report** – **Dave Kistner**

Meeting minutes from previous meeting were distributed by email and approved.

**Treasurer Report: Tim Valley**

Treasurer report was given. Our current balance is stable at around ~7,200 in operating funds. In September the cardinals ticket sales landed in the scout accounts.

Next step is to share with each scout their balance.

**Activities Report – Christin Rigoni**

* October 6-8
  + Rendezvous
  + Warren Levis
* October 14-15.
  + Note: Pack 75 will be camping out. Opportunity for recruitment and integration .
* October 20-22
  + Haunted Hayride
  + Camp Warren Levis
* November 11
  + AM – bag distribution
  + PM – Veterans day parade
* November 18
  + Bag Pickup
* December 1-3
  + Rhodes France campout.
* December activity – Ice skating.
* January – Klondike. Details TBD.
* January – Lock in. Details TBD.

**Advancement – Barb Kane**

* Determined a court of honor is scheduled for October 23rd.
* Notice that Trenton K is the new troop guide.

**Council/District Report – Steve Kupsky**

* Notice that the fee schedule is changing. Fees will be assessed on you anniversary, not on the calendar year.

**Quartermaster Report – Gary Gill**

* Nothing to report.

**Communications Report – Brian Heil/Mark Koester**

* Everything is set up for the scout webmaster to update the calendar.
* All minutes are loaded and up to date.
* Note: discussions were had on a way to update people quickly via a third-party app. No decision was made.
* Picture was changed on the home page.

**Recruitment- Mike O’Koniewski**

* Recruitment at the school was a success.
* We have one new scout officially and a couple others inquiring
* Our visit from Troop 34 went well and they are inquiring about joining us a rendezvous. More to come.

**Fundraising – Various**

* Cardinal’s tickets
  + Cardinals ticket sales were a success. Sold 153 tickets.
* Still selling meat sticks and cardinals calendars.
* Barb Kane mentioned we could volunteer or set up a both at Relleke farms and she has the contact.
* Several ideas were brought up for seabase fundraising (pizza, spaghetti dinner, Peel or Culvers)

**Scoutmaster Report – Mark Mason**

* Mark mentioned doing a merit badge during meetings in the coming Fall/Winter
  + Family Life or Communications
* Our Court of Honor is set for October 23rd.
* Mark re-iterated he will be stepping down at the end of the calendar year.

**Committee Chair – Mike O’Koniewski**

* Summer camp was the topic at the last roundtable.
  + Feedback from in-council was the lack of merit badge counselors and disorganization

**Charter Org Rep – Mike Vieth**

* Notice that a girl scout troop will start meeting on the 3rd Monday as well.
* Meeting space is available in the basement if necessary.

**Old business**

None

**New Business**

Troop elections will be held at end of September and start of October.