

Pack 190 Cub Scout Leadership Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 6, 2012 (7:00 – 9:00 pm)
Country Griddle Restaurant (908) 713-1200
190 Center Street, Clinton, NJ 08809

Agenda:

- 1) Review discussion from November leader meeting
- 2) Blue and Gold
- 3) Pinewood Derby
- 4) The new PACK 190 website
- 5) Fundraising
- 6) Five minute summaries and updates
 - Event scheduling
 - Wreath fundraiser
 - New fundraising
 - Charter
 - Overnight trip
 - Adopt a family feedback
 - Name tags
 - Recruiting
- 7) Scout Sunday (Feb 5) and upcoming Council Events
- 8) Additional ICC Charter leader requirements (Finger Printing)

Attendees:

Colin Beswick	(Committee Chair)
Doug Bressette	(Secretary)
Julie Sieber	(Assistant Cub Master, Blue & Gold Chair)
Mark Sieber	
Candice Teuber	(Fundraising Chair, Wolf Den Leader)
Mark Butler	(Recruiting Chair, Bear Den Leader)
Joe Callari	(Tiger Den Leader)
Nora Burke-Klippstein	(Charter Representative)

1) Last Leader Meeting (November)

Reviewed – comments incorporated under other headings.

2) Blue and Gold (Sunday Feb 12)

- a) Timing: The hall is reserved 1-6 pm. Julie provided a tentative schedule to be refined based on when the hall is available. Nora to confirm with Julie:
 - 1) if setup of tables can take place on Saturday night (Feb 11)
 - 2) when setup can begin on Sunday. Could be as early as 11:15
 - 3) what is the back-end time. Currently, the hall is booked by another group @ 6 pm
- b) Financial: Estimated cost of the event is ~ \$800-900. Pre-registration will be \$7/person for each person over 5 years old. Registration at the door will be \$10/person. Registration will take place

in the sofa room and all attendees are required to check in. All are encouraged to pre-register. The remainder of the costs will be covered via PACK 190 funds (~\$300-400)

- c) Cakes: The theme will be Cartoons!! Each scout will get a vote for the best cake. The winning cake(s) will receive a prize and/or ribbon. Suggestion was made to have a cake making kit.
- d) Flyer/Registration Form : Julie to prepare soon with info and directions. Distribute by website and/or email prior to the January Pack meeting.
- e) Colin to “bump” Glenn Fodor to provide a detailed plan for the video and instructions on how to send him pictures.
- f) Other Reminders: Church mass goes from 1-2 so setup needs to be quiet. During the event cubs are not to go upstairs and it is recommended that the sofa room be “patrolled” by an adult at all times. Do not use the elevator unnecessarily as the bell sounds into the upper hall.

3) Pinewood Derby (Saturday March 10)

Malcolm Green has volunteered to run the Pinewood Derby with assistant Mark Strauss and assistant/shadow Todd Shaner. Malcolm was unable to attend the meeting at the last minute.

- a) Trophies?: Dens are encouraged to have “Derby Car Building Sessions” in a den meeting. Mike suggested after reviewing the minutes that a good middle ground would be to have participation certificates for all entries and trophies for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall winners.

There was some discussion around not having awards for every entry. Note having trophies has generally agreed upon as it will save the pack \$\$ and the stands that will be built for the cars are a cool momento from the event. A slightly more elaborate pine stand could be made for the winners of the Den races?

Final decision to be made by Malcolm (Derby Chair) with input from the pack.

- b) Other must do start items:
 - Get car kits ordered. Contact Jill Setaro. Kits should be handed out at the Jan pack meeting.
 - Draft and distribute flyer and rules and distribute by email and/or website.
 - Decide on the awards.
- c) The 1st , 2nd , and 3rd places for each Den, and siblings are invited to race at the Council Pinewood Derby to be held at North Hunterdon High School on Saturday, March 31. Colin has requested that the early registration fee be extended to March 12 (instead of March 7) as PACK 190 entrants will not be determined by the current deadline of March 7. (The district coordinator approved this request.) PACK 190 might consider covering the fees for the entries??

4) Rollout of the New PACK Website

A website has been setup with the purpose of:

- 1) A central communication location for the PACK including upcoming events, links to Google Groups, calendars, events, forms, a blog (coming soon) etc.
- 2) To provide information to boys/families interesting in joining scouting.

www.pack190hunterdonnj.org

A User Name and password is required for 2nd level access and was distributed at the leader meeting. **The pairing of User Name and password should NOT be distributed outside PACK 190 members (adults and cubs) and should NOT be distributed by email.** To obtain access, contact a PACK 190 leader or send a message to PACK190@pack190hunterdonnj.org. Include your name and PACK contact phone number so you can receive a call with the information.

- a) 1st level of access is open to the world and will contain general content and links. PACK and den schedules posted at this level may only include meeting times (not location). No names of youth or adult leaders, or close up pictures will be posted at this level.
 - Exception: A PACK picture will be taken at the January PACK meeting. Parents at that time can decide if they wish to have their cub in the picture.
- b) 2nd level of access will be password protected and may contain more detailed Den meeting and PACK schedules, event information, registration forms, photo gallery. No names of youth members are to be used even at this level. If necessary use initials only. A list of PACK adult leadership will be posted as Name-Position pairs but without email or additional contact information.
- c) Additions suggested were to create a Blog. Currently Google Groups is a possibility. Colin will also look to set up a Facebook site with some guidance from Mark.
- d) This is the PACK's website so all are encouraged to suggest improvements and additions, highlight errors, and notify of content that should be removed.
- e) The leaders agreed to "go live" with the website.
- f) Dens are encouraged to think about how they would utilize the website for activities/communication etc. . .
- g) In next year's registration materials include a general release statement for pictures. For now, encourage PACK members to visit the website. Honor requests to remove information. Disputes to be reviewed by the Committee Chair and/or Cubmaster.

5) Fundraising

- a) Wreath Fundraiser: Julie and Candice reported total revenue of \$4985 and costs of \$3374 for a net of \$1611. Way to go J&C and PACK 190!! Feedback from the PACK and customers was very positive. Collection from Opt outs and families who did not meet the selling threshold will be contacted for payment. Julie to send the calculation spreadsheet to Colin and Gwen.

- b) Scrapbooking Crop Event: Joe provided a fundraising event suggestion from Christy Callari who has volunteered to be assistant/shadow for the fundraising chair. Christy to work with Candice to assess.
- c) Nora suggested that the PACK limit the number of fundraisers and focus on activities that can net >\$1000. Preferable one fundraiser / year would be the best to avoid volunteer burnout. An exception would be if the fundraising event has a secondary purpose such as a learning or fun experience for the cubs or as recruitment advertising for the PACK.

6) Five Minute Summaries

- a) Event Scheduling: The PACK campout is scheduled for June 23/24 at RVYC. Den leaders to highlight to den families that Clinton Township schools let out in early June this year. An alternative location may be Yard's Creek in Blair's Town. Apparently there is a campout event there on the same weekend.

Also, the May 23 PACK meeting follows shortly after the PACK overnight to the Battleship NJ. There is the possibility of a low turnout but currently the meeting was left scheduled as-is. An added note, the Jockey Hollow hike location may be changed to an alternate location.

- b) Charter is Complete: Doug and Nora successfully completed the PACK 190 charter 3 months ahead of last year!! Great job D&N!! Nora suggested that next year registrations be collected by a book crossover ceremony. For example, at the first or second pack meeting each cub would cross a bridge to receive their book or scarf as a "return to the pack". The catch – the cub may only participate if the cub registration, akela registration, relevant adult leadership information, and fee has been submitted/collected. The group thought that this was a great idea.

Doug also recommended that next year the appropriate leaders visit each Den to complete the leadership applications.

- c) Overnight trip Update: Colin has contacted Jill for a brief update.
- d) Adopt a Family: Mike was unable to attend but passed on that the Adopt a Family went well. The feedback from the leadership was great. The donations matched the costs of the gifts and wrapping and the kids had a good time wrapping. Group requested that Mike share how things went with the PACK at the Jan 18 PACK meeting. Julie to add to the program.
- e) Name Tags: Joe brought examples of cool Scout name tags. Good idea for the rest of the PACK. Other Den leaders to take the idea back to their dens. Go to www.quartermasterstore.com and click on "BSA_Logo_Nametags" on the left. Awesome!
- f) Recruiting: Mark indicated that it is possible that he will be moving prior to next season that will require transitioning the Recruiting Chair. Also, group decided to not expend much effort in Spring recruiting – focus on fall instead.

7) Scout Sunday and Upcoming Events

- a) Nora shared some information on Scout Sunday (Feb 5) that includes a breakfast followed by a mass. She is looking for a few volunteers to work on the food serving line. The activity is for adults only.
- b) An excellent update of upcoming District and Council events was made. Dens leaders noted a few possibilities to take back to their dens.

January 21, Ready Man Badge
March 5,6 Web Woods (Bears are invited)
April (last weekend) Owl/BALOO

8) Additional Leader Background Requirements

- a) ICC is adding a requirement to their Leader background checks to include fingerprinting through MorphoTrak. Four leaders are requested to complete the fingerprinting this year and must include the Cubmaster and Committee chair. There are a number of detailed forms to complete and a fee of \$26.25. The fee is not reimbursed by ICC unless the individual is associated directly with a church activity. The fee will be reimbursed by the PACK.
- b) Follow up questions and concerns are currently being worked by Cubmaster, Committee Chair, and Charter Representative.

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