

# Pack 190 Cub Scout Leadership Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 2, 2012 (7:00 – 9:00 pm)  
Country Griddle Restaurant (908) 713-1200  
190 Center Street, Clinton, NJ 08809

### Agenda:

- 1) Review discussion from January leader meeting - Revisit campout scheduling.
- 2) Blue and Gold Debrief
- 3) Pinewood Derby
- 4) Treasurer report
- 5) Fundraising
- 5) Recruiting / Community Table (April 28<sup>th</sup>)
- 6) Relationship with PACK 901
- 7) Five minute summaries and updates
  - Blue & Gold debrief
- 8) Next leadership meeting

Items tabled for future meeting:

- 9) 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade
- 10) PACK hike (June 16 pending Campout Date – see below)
- 11) April PACK meeting
- 12) Den “how’s it going”
- 13) Website feedback

### Attendees:

Colin Beswick	(Committee Chair)
Doug Bressette	(Secretary)
Mark Freeman	(Webelo Den Leader)
Joe Callari	(Tiger Den Leader)
Mike Akers	(Cubmaster)
Gwen Keith	(Treasurer, Assistant Cubmaster, Campout Chair)
Julie Sieber	(Assistant Cub Master, Blue & Gold Chair)
Candice Teuber	(Fundraising Chair, Wolf Den Leader)
Nora Burke-Klippstein	(Charter Representative)
Kathy Greene	(Assistant Blue & Gold)
Malcolm Greene	(Pinewood Derby Chair)

### 1) Last Leader Meeting (January)

- a) Revisited campout scheduling: Currently the campout is scheduled for June 23/24. The issues discussed were: 1) schools let out early (June 8) and families leave for the summer, 2) if rained out, July 4 is not an option, 3) June 16/17 is currently available at RVYC

After some discussion, ~~the decision by vote/consensus is to keep the June 23/24 date~~  
**PROVIDED THE CAMPOUT CHAIR IS ABLE TO ATTEND.** Gwen will verify ASAP. If the chair is not available the event will be moved to June 16/17. (Added comment: The PACK 190

Hike is scheduled for June 16 and would be adjusted to June 23 in the event the campout is moved.)

**UPDATE: Gwen is not available for the originally scheduled campout date. The campout is moved to June 16/17 and the PACK Hike to June 23.**

- b) Gwen to consider the possibility of alternate rainout location if needed (such as RVYC or other venue).
- c) Other items discussed under other headings.

## **2) Blue and Gold Debrief**

- a) Attendees were enthusiastically excited about how the event went. Great job to the co-Chairs Julie/Mark, assistant chair Kathy, and all the volunteers who make the event a success. Special mention to Glenn for the slide show and Webelos for the center pieces and favors.
- b) Friends of Scouting forms for folks who did not attend the B&G will be distributed by Julie with a brief explanation that the donation is voluntary, can be any amount, and goes to the council (not PACK 190 directly).
- c) Net cost of the B&G event was ~\$200 (\$856 - \$683). This an amazing accomplishment. Thanks to ICC for providing the venue to hold the event. (Side note: for future budget planning purposes \$200 is probably on the low side as a year to year average.)
- d) Additional positive feedback and constructive suggestions can be forwarded to Julie for consideration next year.

## **3) Pinewood Derby (Saturday March 10)**

Malcolm outlined the current status:

- a) Set up 8:00 pm on Friday night. Colin will identify an additional PWD assistant to help along with Todd Shaner (PWD shadow) to make sure there is a sufficient PWD knowledge base in the PACK.
- b) Mike will drop by ICC @ ~ 7:15 on Monday night while Scout Troop 200 is there to investigate what PWD materials (track/balance/tools/electronics) are stored. If Mike can't make it, he will call Colin to fill in.
- c) Leadership reversed a decision from January and will have participation trophies. Malcolm got a good price on the awards and there is some expectation by the cubs that they will get one. This topic will be revisited next year for a decision as to whether to continue the practice as issues around cost and "entitlement" are significant considerations.

There will also be individual certificates personalized to the cub acknowledging "best design", "most colorful", etc. etc. . . . Glenn F. has already built the derby stands for the cars.

- d) The PWD budget is pledged to be <\$400 (not including the kits).

- e) For additional PWD information visit: <http://www.pack190hunterdonnj.org/Pinewood.htm>

#### 4) Treasurer Report

- a) Gwen has maintained detailed accounting since March 2011 such that a PACK budget projection is possible.
- b) After including known expenses, known income, and an established baseline, the PACK funds available to year end are ~\$1750. Projected spends are awards (\$750), PWD (\$400), and campout (\$600).
- c) Careful, restrained spending means that a 2<sup>nd</sup> fundraising event is not required (or is optional). See additional notes below on Fundraising. – And there was much rejoicing.
- d) Next meeting a better discussion around award funding will be taken up. For example, at what level should awards be funded by the pack? Should the pack fund belt loops? Etc. . .

#### 5) Fundraising

- a) Based on the treasurer report and budget status the PACK will not conduct another selling fundraiser. Again – And there was much rejoicing.
- b) Mark F. did express interest in conducting a car wash. The event would act as a fundraiser, a community event, and would be a fun event for the cubs. Provided there are volunteers to lead the activity, the PACK would endorse the event and encourage participation. Thanks Mark!

#### 6) Recruiting / Community Table

- a) Spring Recruiting: PACK 190 will not participate in spring recruiting for a couple of reasons: 1) last year's effort produced zero interest; 2) because PACK 190 does not typically run a summer program, any recruits may not choose to continue come fall; and 3) fall is the main time most kids will be looking to join.
- b) Community Table: PACK 901 asked if PACK 190 wanted to have a joint table at the Clinton Township Community day (April 28<sup>th</sup>). To participate would help expose Cub Scouting to the community. The table would be free and it would be best to have an activity. **However, based on the decision about Spring Recruiting and the desire to avoid "volunteer fatigue" the decision was to not participate.** Colin will communicate to PACK 901.

## 7) Relationship w/ PACK 901

In order to foster a continued healthy relationship with PACK 901 the group decided to formally request a separate joint meeting with 901. Some previous discussions have been ongoing between Committee Chairs of each organization. Colin will contact 901 regarding the following agenda items:

A discussion about topics to be included or not:

- a) Topic of PACK merge will not be included: There are merits to a pack merge that include consolidation of many of the duplicate volunteer positions and activities, avoiding confusion in the community regarding 2 active packs, and to avoid unhealthy competition between the groups. At this point however, the decision was made to not pursue this option primarily because the 2 packs have distinctly different operations and there is a desire to maintain the PACK 190 identity.
  
- b) Recruiting Process: This joint effort between PACK 190 and 901 could benefit from a joint discussion to address:
  - Increasing/optimizing the registration fee
  - Simplifying the registration package
  - Outlining the recruiting schedule and the recruiting night(s)
  - The process of distributing new Tigers and cubs between the PACKs. In particular there was significant support around the idea of collecting registrations and assigning Tigers to a PACK in roughly equal proportion. To the extent possible, new Tiger cub preferences would be considered in the distribution.
  
- c) Joint Activities: Continue a healthy discussion around when and how the packs can continue to work together. Starting point is what appears to be working well currently – PWD, recruiting, and an open communication channel between pack leadership.

## 8) Next Leader Meeting

Group indicated Friday evenings are still best. Next meeting to be scheduled in 6-8 weeks.

For more information visit

[www.pack190hunterdonnj.org](http://www.pack190hunterdonnj.org)

End of Document