

**Cub Scout Pack 737  
Pack Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 11, 2002**

**Attending:**

Bob Degenhardt, Cubmaster  
Steve Hutchinson, Pack Secretary  
Cimon Asselanis, Pack Treasurer  
Stuart Williams, Advancements Chair  
Jeannette Brown, Popcorn Queen  
Bill Cox, Webelos II Cobra Patrol Leader  
Ed Martella, Webelos II Cobra Patrol Leader  
Greg Bresson, Webelos I Den 1 Leader  
Randy Doggett, Webelos I Den 7 Leader  
Bob Magee, Bear Den 4 Leader  
Rick Brann, Bear Den 8 Leader  
Carolyn Lang, Wolf Den 2 Leader  
Ed Yesbeck, Wolf Den 9 Leader  
Daniel Graff, Tiger Den Coach & Den 10 Leader  
Matt Lanzer, Tiger Den 3 Leader  
Shirley Graff, Tiger Den 10 Leader  
Bill Doran, Tiger Den 11 Leader

**Popcorn Queen – Jeannette Brown**

- Jeanette Brown gave us the news that we did not do nearly as well this year as we did last year. Our pack sold about \$9,500 worth of popcorn this year compared to just over \$12,000 last year.
- The popcorn pickup this year will be on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. We don't yet have our time for pickup and the location has changed from last year to a spot just off Boulevard. \$9500 still buys a lot of popcorn and we need volunteers with trucks, SUVs, and minivans to help out to transport the popcorn to the pack distribution area. That may either be at the Browns or the Jorgensens at will be communicated at the appropriate time. Please email Jeannette at jebrown@attbi.com if you can assist.
- Our Show and Sell dates are November 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup>. All dens other than the Tigers will be selling popcorn outside of Ukrops in hour-long slots. Check with your den leader for the date and time of your sale.
- Prizes will be ordered from Council as soon as we can settle up our account. We are shooting for being completed in late November or early December. Prizes for the boys could be in for the December pack meeting but are more likely to arrive in time for the January meeting.

**Advancement – Stuart Williams**

- Stuart needs to get advancement information by Wednesday night, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Den leaders should email their information to Stuart at StuartWWilliams@yahoo.com

- Last year was the first year for the new Tiger advancement program and the pack is still feeling its way through. There was discussion whether Tiger beads should be awarded during pack meetings or at den meetings. Last year it was decided that the orange, white, and black beads awarded for completing each of the 15 achievements were similar to the Wolf and Bear "Progress Towards Rank" beads and would be awarded at the den meeting as an immediate recognition award. The yellow beads earned after receiving the Tiger rank would be awarded at pack meetings as they are similar to the Wolf and Bear arrow points. However, this year since we already gave out beads at the October pack meeting we decided to continue to hand them out at future pack meetings.
- Stuart also needs to get the Scout Personal Data Collection forms back from anyone who has not turned them in. Stuart is utilizing the new PackMaster software and needs this information to accurately keep track of everyone's advancements and awards. The form is available on the pack website under 'Documents'

### **Cake Bake – Bob Magee**

- Bob Magee has called Melba Gibbs at Freedom House who is still very enthusiastic about our cake bake. Melba and her assistant Susan distribute the cakes each year throughout the community. We have also invited Melba back to address the pack meeting (briefly and clearly) about what Freedom House is, what it does, and how the cake bake helps to support that program.
- Bob is also looking for volunteers with trucks, SUVs, and minivans to help transport the cakes after the pack meeting to Freedom House. Last year we had about 60 cakes (Steve was a little off in his count during the meeting but has had time to check the film and correct his figures) so we need several people to assist.
- Bob and/or Daniel will also be contacting Dennis Waldren who has graciously photographed our scouts with their cakes for a number of years. If we can get all of the logistics worked out with him and the school, we are shooting for a 6:15 start to picture taking and a 7:00 start to the regular pack meeting.
- Bob has at least 3 volunteers from his den to do the category judging. Everyone will get a participation ribbon and the winner in each category will get a certificate. Stuart will get the ribbons from the Scout Shop and Bob will make the certificates. Awards will be given out at the end of the pack meeting.
- The intent and purpose of the event is to donate the cakes to Freedom House to support their program. However, parents will be able to buy back their sons' cakes for a \$5-10 donation that will go to Freedom House.

### **Treasurer – Cimon Asselanis**

- Cimon is working with Bob Degenhardt to apply for funding from Capital One. Capital One basically matches their employees' volunteer efforts with cash awards of up to \$1000. If you are a Capital One employee, please contact Bob at [the4degs@attbi.com](mailto:the4degs@attbi.com)
- Cimon is also working through the budget to determine the impact of our decreased popcorn sales. He should have an updated budget ready for review at the December committee meeting.
- Cimon passed out a list of membership payments received to date. Only a few are still outstanding and den leaders will work with those to get that wrapped up.

### **Secretary / Trainer – Steve Hutchinson**

- Roundtable meetings are still fairly chaotic for the Cubmaster/Committee member breakout but seem to be improving for the various den leader breakouts.
- Richard Brett, Cardinal District Program Director, addressed the concerns, comments, and complaints from the last campout. To make a long story short, the Council crammed 3000 people into a camp rated for a maximum of 700 people. He went on to say that our District would never participate in an event like that again. Many packs, however, have already made arrangement to hold their own pack-level campouts in the spring, as we did last year. Some have even reserved the Adventure Camp and plan to bring trained range supervisors so their scouts can still participate in BBs and Archery.
- We need to identify a person to head up our pack's Friends of Scouting fundraising effort. There is training class for that person in January.
- The Council needs to receive an up-to-date list of our scout and leader membership by the end of November in preparation for rechartering in February.
- Webelos Outdoor Leader Training takes place this weekend Nov 15-17 (Friday night until Sunday morning). Leaders completing the WOLT may take their Webelos dens out camping on their own.
- The Cardinal District is opening up the Klondike Derby this year to Webelos. Traditionally a Boy Scout/Venturing-only activity it requires each group to build a sled which is loaded with equipment and is pulled by the scouts from station to station where they use scouting skills to complete tasks and earn "nuggets." The team with the most nuggets wins. The Webelos course will be geared towards the Geologist activity badge. The campout takes place January 10-12.
- The Pinewood Derby is just around the corner in January so Steve passed out a copy of the rules from last year, which were accepted for this year. The rules are currently posted on the website and will be included in the November pack meeting newsletter.
- All available past copies of the pack newsletter are now available on the website in Acrobat format.

### **Committee Chair – Bob Degenhardt (for Bill Jorgensen)**

- If you are a pack leader and have not filled out an Adult Registration Application please do so at your earliest convenience. The pack picks up the fee for adult registrations so there is no cost. If you do not receive Scouting Magazine or the Robert E. Lee Council's Courier monthly newsletter you are not registered and need to complete a form.
- Bill also passed out a Summer Activity Sheet that he needs each den leader to complete and return. Before the meeting he had only received one sheet back (thank you Carolyn). It's a chart that lists what summer events each scout in the den attended. Bill needs this so the pack can obtain its Summertime Pack Award as well as a Quality Unit Award for 2003. Please forward this information to Bill as soon as possible.
- Bill also passed out a list of open volunteer positions for various committees and activities last month. This list was also available at the pack meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup> for parents to sign up. No one signed up and we have positions still open. Please encourage everyone to participate in at least one activity.
- We did get three positions filled: Daniel Graff agreed to coordinate the Pinewood Derby, Cindi Brann and Asselanis will be running our Blue and Gold banquet, and Greg Bresson agreed to coordinate the spring pack campout. Much thanks to these dedicated people.

- Lots of discussion on the Outing chairperson. As no one has stepped up to fill that role, several other options were discussed. One was to limit the number of events that the pack will coordinate. For instance, instead of trying to organize the VCU Soccer game on Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, the UR football game on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Renegades game on Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, maybe we should just pick one event to coordinate. Other events could be handled on a den basis if there was interest in attending. Another suggestion was to assign an event to each den to coordinate ... much like the Webelos I dens do for the Arrow of Light.
- The first batch of T-shirts were distributed. Bill confirmed with Council that there is a second printing occurring so all who ordered T-shirts will receive them ... eventually.
- There is a Troop 737 Golf Tournament being held on November 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00 to 4:30 at First Tee in Chesterfield. The event is open to all Webelos in the pack. A \$55 fee covers an adult/child team and includes a cart and a warm-up bucket of balls. Contact:  
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- Sharon Neidert is heading up our Christmas giving effort this year. Typically the pack buys gifts and each den wraps them up and the pack transports them to the Coal Pit Learning Center.

#### **Cubmaster – Bob Degenhardt**

- Response to the new seating arrangement was mostly positive with just a few suggestions. There was apparently a lot of “bleed over” from one den into the next. It was suggested that each den create a den flag, or doodle or whatever, to identify their area.
- Bob also went over the agenda for the pack meeting and assigned skits and cheers to the dens as well as solicited volunteers to assist with the program.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- NOV 15-17 Webelos Leader Outdoor Training, Camp Brady Saunders
- NOV 25 Pack Meeting and Cake Bake
- DEC 3 Cardinal District Roundtable
- DEC 9 Committee Meeting
- DEC 16 December Pack Meeting