

**Cub Scout Pack 737
Pack Committee Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2002**

Attending:

Bill Jorgensen, Committee Chairman
Jim Brown, Assistant Cubmaster
Steve Hutchinson, Pack Secretary
Cimon Asselanis, Pack Treasurer
Stuart Williams, Advancements Chair
Greg Bresson, Webelos I Den 1 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
Mike Scypers, Tiger Den 3 Leader

Budget – Bill Jorgensen & Cimon Asselanis

- Bill and Cimon have been going over our budget in light of our shortfall from the popcorn sale. Based on last year's figures we anticipated earning around \$4000 but the actual amount from this year's sale will be only about \$2400. Bill and Cimon went through the budget and have skillfully cut about \$900 of the missing \$1600 from our expenses leaving roughly \$700 left to recover. No program items were cut but some were scaled back from last year. A few examples: while we will still, of course, hold the Blue & Gold banquet, the pack's contribution will be reduced from \$700 to \$500; the pack will not be able to provide the neckerchiefs for the scouts next rank at graduation; the pack will not be able to pay for leaders to attend summer resident camp.
- We are looking at alternative fundraisers in the spring to make up the existing \$700 shortfall as well as earn any money that might allow us to restore the program areas to their previous level of funding. A couple of ideas were tentatively proposed. We discussed holding a popcorn sale in February as we did last year but two factors would hinder us: 1) the microwave popcorn that we sold for \$1 a bag is now in a box of 12 for \$10 rather than 15 and our margin was pretty low before, and 2) Blockbuster will no longer allow popcorn sales outside their store, which was a great location for us. Another idea that most members liked was to sell annuals in the spring (pansies, mums, etc) that have been good fundraisers for other groups.

Advancement – Stuart Williams

- Because of the pack meeting being held earlier this month, Stuart needs to get advancement information by Wednesday night, December 11th. Den leaders should email their information to Stuart at StuartTWilliams@yahoo.com
- Participation ribbons for the Cake Bake will be handed out at the December pack meeting to all scouts who entered a cake.
- Stuart still needs to get the Scout Personal Data Collection forms back from anyone who has not turned them in. This is now critically important as the Robert E. Lee Council requires us to provide our final roster before the end of December so that we can recharter properly in February. The form is available on the pack website under 'Documents'

Cake Bake – Bob Magee

- Bob Magee informed us that in addition to having a record-setting 83 cakes at November's Cake Bake, we also received \$156 from parents buying back cakes that we were able to present to the homeless shelter. Excellent job to everyone who participated.

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
- 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. The December meeting was also the annual Christmas celebration so the regular meeting short. They did have two interesting items. The Webelos den leader breakouts are going to be focusing on preparation for and integration with Boy Scout troops. This month they did some transition training and will have Boy Scout troop leaders in attendance at future breakouts. The Order of the Arrow lodge presented a sampling of their crossover ceremony and repeated that they are available for pack ceremonies at no charge. Bill and Steve discussed the possibility of using them to augment (not replace) our own Arrow of Light ceremony that we do at Brady Saunders in April each year.
- 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 middle-to-end of December in preparation for rechartering in February.
- 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. Steve's on the Webelos staff so you can contact him for information at sehutchinson@fhsc.com.
- All available past copies of the pack newsletter and committee minutes are now available on the website in Acrobat format.
- The 'Albums' page on the website has been redone to keep an entire's year's worth of pack activity on one page. So after this year's Cake Bake pictures went up, last year's came down. This should allow everyone to see pictures from everything that we do without going over our 100MB space limitation. We are also trying to keep as many den photos up as we can ... no matter when they were taken. Past years' pictures are archived and are available if anyone needs them.

Committee Chair – Bill Jorgensen

- Finally got the rest of the t-shirts in from the Dutchman Derby. They were passed out to those leaders who were at the meeting.
- Blue & Gold Banquet – The committee had agreed in a past meeting to try and schedule the Blue and Gold banquet on a Saturday afternoon/evening rather than on a Monday night because of schoolwork and many younger children had to leave before the program was completed. We also discussed the possibility of moving to a more accommodating space. Bill contacted the council offices and confirmed that packs may use the dining hall at the new Cub Camp for Blue and Gold banquets with no fee incurred. The only stumbling block is that it would not be available until March 1st. That did not seem to be an issue for the leaders in attendance and Bill will get that reservation in place.
- We plan to hold the event from 3pm to 8pm on Saturday, March 1st. This will allow us to have some program items available for the Scouts and their parents before the meal. It will also allow the Scouts to see the camp in a better light than it was shown during the October campout. The pack will provide an entrée as well as a sheet cake. Den participants will be asked to provide side dishes (4 dens bringing salads/appetizers, 4 dens bringing vegetables, 4 dens bring dessert, etc.). We will try to get John Hankins, Brady Saunders' Camp Ranger, to come and spin one his yarns for our entertainment.
- With the Pinewood Derby coming up in January, Bill emphasized the importance of informing all scouts, but more importantly their parents, about the need to read, understand, and follow the rules. The rules for Pinewood Derby car construction were included in the November newsletter, are posted on the website, and will be sent as a broadcast email message. Basically: use the official kit provided; don't change the wheels, axles, or wheelbase; keep it under 5 ounces, less than 7" long, and less than 2.75" wide; and have fun. No hobby car kits, no narrow tires, no solid axles. This year, any car not meeting requirements will still be allowed to race but will be placed in the 'Open' division rather than the division for their rank.
- To improve the racing experience on Saturday, registration will take place on Friday night, January 17th. The cars will be inspected, weighed, sized, and then impounded until Saturday morning. On Saturday morning, January 18th, we can start right into racing. This year we will be starting with the 'Open' division so that any kinks in the system can be worked out before den racing begins.
- The Troop 737 Golf Tournament that was to be held on November 17th was rained out and will be rescheduled later in the year. The event will be held at First Tee in Chesterfield County and 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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Cubmaster – Jim Brown (for Bob Degenhardt)

- The December pack meeting will focus on the 'Winter Wonderland' theme and spirit of giving. The scouts will assemble toiletry kits, assembly line style, that will be used by St. Mary's Church for their CARITAS program that be going on over the New Year's holiday.
- Jim also asked for leaders to come up with holiday songs that could be used in a secular celebration.

Upcoming Events

- DEC 16 December Pack Meeting
- JAN 7 Cardinal District Roundtable
- JAN 10-12 Cardinal District Klondike Derby
- JAN 13 Pack Committee Meeting
- JAN 17 Pinewood Derby Registration
- JAN 18 Pinewood Derby
- JAN 27 January Pack Meeting