

# Meeting

## March 7, 2005

### Meeting Summary

- A. Attendees
  - i) John Grawitch
  - ii) Mindy Schiefer
  - iii) Melinda Etling
  - iv) Dianna Paterline
  - v) Tony Mueth
  - vi) Steve Turner (Unit Commissioner)
  
- B. Treasurer's Report

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION REMOVED  
AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**
  
- C. Popcorn Sales
  - i) Scouts' gift certificates
    - a. Did not get to them at Blue & Gold do to time constraints
    - b. Will be awarded at March Pack Meeting
  - ii) Bonus award from Council of \$200 has been deposited in Scout Shop account
  - iii) Mindy brought sales information for Pack Record Book to give to John
  
- D. Blue & Gold Banquet
  - i) John Grawitch has ordered the patches for the scouts
  - ii) Setup summary
    - a. Went very quickly and very organized
    - b. Sound system problem was not known until that evening but was resolved by borrowing one from John Norrenberns
    - c. Insufficient number of chairs available so chairs were borrowed from St. Johns
    - d. Only cooler available for ice was John Grawitch's so he contacted the Tiger Cub parents to get coolers from them
  - iii) Banquet summary
    - a. Only two dens provided games for the pre-banquet game time but it still went ok.
    - b. Cake Bake was a hit.
      - 1. We had 30 cakes
      - 2. We do not have a list of scouts who brought them
      - 3. We do not have a list of winners but might be able to get one from the pictures
    - c. Ed and Rose had a good time although Ed talked longer than John had planned. There seemed to be a lot of distraction during his talk.
    - d. Don Taylor was impressed with the number of people present. We've

spoken of how many are in our unit but he didn't realize how big the group truly was until he saw them.

- e. Timewise we ran over by about 20 minutes.
- f. Cleanup went pretty quickly. We had a ton of food left over.
- g. FOS campaign only collected \$540 in commitments.
- h. After the first hour or so, the longer siblings lost interest

iv) Financial Summary

- a. Summary is not available because Dan has all of the bills from the items purchased. Mindy was unsure of the total fees collected from families

v) Suggested improvements/ideas for next year

- a. Cubmaster needs to do a better job of communicating information regarding the banquet to the individual den leaders. Some leaders were unaware of the need for games and skits
- b. Skits need to be limited to 2 or 3 minutes
- c. Need to refine the Cake Bake categories, i.e. no Best Tasting
- d. Check the Girl Scout unit about provided a sitting service for the siblings starting after dinner so that parents can be more focused on their scouts and the banquet
- e. Plan the amount of food better. Perhaps put out bids for catering or providing food for the banquet sometime in October. We could submit these to various businesses here in Mascoutah as well as outside the town.
- f. Maybe the FOS campaign should be discussed before we start dinner. Everyone could then give thought to it while they were eating.
- g. Assign someone to cut the cakes immediately after judging so they are ready to eat when people are finished with dinner.
- h. Possibly assign different Dens to be a setup crew and a cleanup crew.
- i. Tony Mueth wondered what resources were available for skits. We discussed the resource books available at the Scout Shop as well as the many websites available on the internet.
- j. In addition to requesting bids from vendors, Tony Mueth suggested that we look to various vendors to possibly donate food such as his vendor who donated the potatoes and gravy.

E. Family Game Night

- ii) John Grawitch bought and donated an additional 10 games from Dollar General to be used in conjunction with the games from last year,
- ii) We had soda that was left over from Turkey Bowling. The remainder was all diet cola so the families were allowed to take some home to get rid of the rest.
- iii) Very light turnout. 6 scouts, 6 parents and 5 siblings.
- iv) Everyone had a good time.
- v) Attendance prizes, choice of one of the games, was awarded to each of the scouts by drawing their name.
- vi) As with last year, John Grawitch proposed that we order patches for the

scouts who attended. As he has them on order.

### **All Attendees Approved**

#### F. Webelos II Crossover Ceremony

- i) Turnout of younger scouts was very low
- ii) Ceremony was very nicely done
- iii) Total cost to Pack for neckerchiefs was \$77 (??11 at \$7)
  - a. Amount could not be confirmed as Dan was not present
- iv) Need to come up with some way next year to get better attendance from younger scouts
  - a. Some units do this at the Blue & Gold Banquet
  - b. Steve Turner suggested that perhaps we need to have a special Pack Meeting for the sole purpose of crossing over the scouts.
    1. Steve wanted to know how we prepared the ceremony.
    2. We explained that the ceremony is primarily up to the Webelos II leader.

#### G. District Pinewood Derby Races

- i) District Races
  - a. Date March 5, 2005
  - b. Time 10:00am to 12:00 noon
  - c. Place Shiloh School
  - d. John Grawitch contacted all of our top three racers the night before and all were planning on attending
  - e. The winner information was unavailable at the Scout Shop due to the Pulaski Day Camp. Steve Turner said he had the information available and would email them to John that evening.
    1. Corbin Turcotte finished 39 of 60 (Time 9.270)
    2. Ryan Moll finished 40 of 60 (Time 9.273)
    3. Brian Porter finished 52 of 60 (Time 9.438)
    4. First place racer time 9.002

#### H. Sweatshirts

- i) Order by John Grawitch on February 21
- ii) Should be done any day now

#### I. Pack By-Laws

- a. John Grawitch brought 10 copies for review and discussion
- b. After discussion regarding the split of the documents, it was decided that the Organization section would remain in the By-Laws but the detailed job responsibilities would be moved to the guidelines. The major responsibilities of the key positions will also remain the By-Laws.
- c. John Grawitch will prepare both of the documents and put them on our website for review. He will send an email when they are available.

#### J. March Pack Meeting

- a. March 21, 2005
- b. Theme - Invention Convention
- c. Meeting will be at Big Pavillion and Depot at Scheve Park
- d. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ranger Battalion will be there
  - 1. World War II Re-enactment group
  - 2. Displays from World War II, uniforms, tools, equipment, etc.
- e. The amount of time required for the presentation will be between 30 and 45 minutes. Dianna Paterline will have Dave call John to discuss the details
- f. Due to the amount of time required, the only awards that will be presented will be Badges of Rank.
- g. After discussion, we felt it would be better to start the meeting at 6:30 instead of 7:00. John said he would contact all of the leaders.
- h. In discussing an opening and closing, John will speak to Dave about an opening. Tony suggested that maybe we could find someone to play taps as a closing. Melinda Etling said she will speak to someone from church and see if they are interested.

K. April Pack Meeting

- a. Monday April 18
- b. John is open to Gathering Activity Ideas
- c. John needs to come up with a special guest
- d. Need to have a Den volunteer for opening
- e. Need to have a Den volunteer for closing

L. Pack Skating Party

- i) Thursday April 28 from 6 to 8 pm
- ii) Cost is \$140 rental
- iii) Skate rental is \$1.50 for regular extra \$1.50 for inline
- iv) Last year we paid for everyone's basic skate rental. Everyone agreed we should pay the basic skate rental again this year.
- iv) We discussed who else should be invited. We agreed on the following units
  - a. Girl Scout Troop
  - b. Boy Scout Troop 44
  - c. Pack 777

**All Attendees Approved Paying Basic Skate Rental For Everyone**  
**All Attendees Approved Units To Invite**

M. Spring Day Camps

- i) Pulaski Day Camp
  - a. No one from our Pack attended
- ii) Teacher's Institute Day Camp
  - a. Friday April 1, 2005

- b. 8:00am to 3:30pm
- c. Moose Lodge in Swansea
- d. Map on top of Health Form
- e. Bring a sack lunch
- f. Cost is \$15.00 (Adult leaders are free)
- g. 1 adult leader for every 4 Scouts

N. Summer Camping

i) Fun With Son

- a. Fun With Son Camp Coordinator - ????????
- 1. Responsible for collecting all forms and fees
- 2. Log scouts attending each session
- b. Cost \$15 per adult or child
- c. Check-in between 6:00 and 7:00 pm on Friday
- d. Check-out by 3:00 Saturday
- e. Session I
  - 1. June 10-11, 2005
  - 2. Camp Joy
- f. Session II
  - 1. July 8-9, 2005
  - 2. Camp Vandeventer

ii) Spy Cubs Day Camp

- a. Pack Day Camp Coordinator – Guy Spickard (Den 4)
- 1. Responsible for collecting all forms and fees
- 2. Log scouts attending each session
- b. Cost \$27.00 (if paid by May 1<sup>st</sup> otherwise \$32.00)
- c. 8:15am to 3:30pm each day
- d. Session I
  - 1. June 16-18, 2005
  - 2. Quail Club in Millstadt
- e. Session II
  - 1. July 13-15, 2005
  - 2. Horner Park – Lebanon

iii) Monster Mash Resident Camp

- a. Pack Resident Camp Coordinator – Clayton Carmichael (Den 5)
- 1. Responsible for collecting all forms and fees
- 2. Log scouts attending each session
- b. Cost for scouts is \$55.00 (if paid by May 1<sup>st</sup> \$65.00 after that)
- c. Cost for adults is \$25.00
- d. Entire family is invited to final evening meal
  - 1. Cost is \$3.00 each for non-campers
  - 2. Must have reservation and fees on Day 1
- e. Sessions are as follows (all at Camp Vandeventer)
  - 1. July 14-16, 2005
  - 2. July 21-23, 2005
  - 3. July 28-30, 2005

- f. Pack must submit \$50.00 with reservation
- iv) Forms are available from the coordinator or on our website

O. Adopt-A-Block

- i) We will have a cleanup on Sunday March 20 at 2:00
  - a. Mett at the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Main Streets by Bergheger Auto
- ii) There will be another one on Saturday May 21

P. Streetfest

- i) Friday May 20
- ii) Having Duck Pond again
- iii) Need parents to work half hour shifts from 4:00 to 9:00 pm
- iv) Streetfest Committee takes care of getting the pond and prizes
- vi) We will get proceeds above and beyond the cost of rental and prizes
- v) John needs to submit Unit Money-Earning Application

Q. May Advancement Ceremony

- i) Monday May 16 at 6:00
- ii) John Grawitch will contact City Hall about using the bridge and the two closest pavilions that evening
- iii) Need to come up with some ideas for a special guest
- iv) Need to come up with some ideas for refreshments
- v) John would like a parent to help coordinate organizing the event

R. Summertime Activities

- i) We will be having two events each month so that more scouts have the opportunity of earning the Summertime Award. We discussed the following possibilities but no decisions have been made as yet
- ii) June
  - a. Pack Hike and Picnic at Camp Vandeventer
    - 1. Sunday June 12
    - 2. Leave St. John's about 11:00. Should put us there by 12:00
  - b. Pack Barbecue at Scheve Park
    - 1. Sunday June 26
    - 2. Pack could provide hamburgers, hot dogs and buns
    - 3. Families could bring their own drinks, chips, utensils, etc.
    - 4. Donation cup could be passed to cover cost of meat, etc.
    - 5. Plan some game activities for the scouts.
    - 6. Invite the Boy Scout Troop
  - c. Game at Grizzlies
    - 1. Pack could participate in the opening
    - 1. Dianna Paterline will contact the Grizzlies and get information
- iii) July
  - a. Pack Swim Party
    - 1. Contact Mascoutah Pool or City Hall to get a reasonable price this year or have it at New Baden Pool again

- b. Rain Gutter Regatta with Ice Cream Social
    - 1. Discussed with other Cubmasters at Roundtable
    - 2. Couple of them are willing to let us borrow theirs or see how theirs is made so we can make our own
    - 3. Kits are available through the Scout Shop for \$3.50 each
  - iv) August
    - a. Homecoming Parade
    - b. Pack Overnight Campout
      - 1. Camp Vandeventer
      - 2. Weekend after Homecoming. Friday Night to Saturday afternoon
- S. Miscellaneous
- i) Bear dens painted the parlor room for St. John's on Feb 22 & 24
  - ii) Leather craft tools
    - a. Consolidated what could be found in the closet
    - b. After reviewing the tools, Melinda suggested we get a few extra ones such as letters.

**All Attendees Approved Buying Additional Tools**

- iii) Okaw Valley Council Recognition Dinner
  - a. Saturday March 19, 2005
  - b. Bellecourt Manor in Belleville
  - c. Fellowship at 5:30
  - d. Cost is \$30.00 per person
- iv) Webelos Conservation Day
  - a. Saturday April 30, 2005
  - b. 8:30am to 1:30pm Check-in at 7:30am
  - c. Watershed Nature Center – Edwardsville across from Hoppe Park
  - d. The eight classes, covering nine topics, fulfill requirements for the Forester and Naturalist Webelos activity pins. When combining this with the completed Outdoorsman activity pin and participating in a conservation project of your unit's choosing, the Webelos Scout will earn his World Conservation Badge.
  - e. Cost \$6.00 (includes site patch)
  - f. Bring sack lunch, drink, white T-shirt
  - g. Reservations required – Bill Meister at 618-274-7000 between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
- v) Boy Scout Spring Camporee
  - a. Theme is First Responders
  - b. Park in Shiloh
  - c. Webelos Scouts are invited to attend during the day on April 9 to participate in the events which include completing requirements to earn assorted activity badges
- vi) Youth Protection Training On Line
  - a. Link on our website <http://www.scouting.org/pubs/ypt/ypt.jsp>

- b. Be sure to have your BSA number before you begin
- c. Select Okaw Valley for the Council
- d. Recommended time to allow – 60 to 90 minutes
- e. You will receive a certificate of completion at end of course
- f. Send copy of certificate to John and he will update PackMaster and forward on to the Council

vii) Indoor Leader Training is Saturday May 14

- 1. Wolf Branch School in Swansea

viii) Outdoor Leader Training is Saturday May 21

- 1. Camp Vandeventer
- 2. Webelos Leader Training
- 3. Baloo (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor orientation) Leader Training

T. Committee decisions

- i) Pack purchase patches for Family Game Night attendees.
- ii) Pack will pay basic skate rental for everyone at skating party
- iii) Pack will invite Girl Scout Troop, Boy Scout Troop 44 and Pack 777
- iv) Pack will purchase additional leather craft tools