

Winter Camp Future Society Meeting
Winter Camp XXXIV

Meeting called to order at 12.47 am WCST in Beaver Creek Cabin.

Present – Steve Donohue, Keith King, Jeff Rand, Ethan Rein, Mark Bollman→, Doug Wilson, Mike Osvath

Treasurer's Report

Provided via the Winter Camp Universe on December 24, 2010:

Just a quick update on the Winter Camp Future Society (WCFS) money. We had \$716.36 as of WC XXXIII.

I rolled the money into a Fidelity trading account that I use for some personal investing. Returns over the course of the year were 18%, so as of today the balance is 845.31. This was a good year from a return perspective and it would probably be wise to assume more normal returns (6-10%) going forward.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ron Donohue
WCFS Treasurer

WCFS Funds Discussion

Discussed the money coming up to be spent for Winter Camp XXXV. Ideas included:

- Subsidizing the price of Winter Camp XXXV
 - It was decided that this would not impact the attendance. Ron Donohue offered to pay for six camperships for this year's camp. There was no interest them.
- **Honoring Harold Oatley with a James West Fellowship.**
 - This idea was approved pending the purchase of a hot water heater for BC cabin by the Mahican chapter.
- Something to improve the daily life of campers at Beaver Creek
 - A permanent light in the new latrine
 - This idea was rejected as unnecessary.
 - **A new electric hot water heater**
 - We decided to suggest this purchase to the chapter. If they make the purchase, we will spend our money on the James West Fellowship in honor of Harold Oatley.
 - Improving the water system to add an on demand hot water heater.
 - The chapter had a quote from Ranger Dave Morosky and determined that this option would be too expensive.
 - **A microwave for BC cabin and a way to keep it secure.**
 - We have brought microwaves in the past and they have not been kept in the cabin from year to year.
 - We will also suggest the chapter buy one when we suggest the hot water heater purchase.

Attendance

The youth attendance is lowest since Winter Camp XIX. Steve suggested that Winter Camp is hurt by the chapter's cancellation of the December Meeting. There was agreement that having a Winter Camp meeting in December would be a good way to get youth excited about the program. We discussed having a meeting for Winter Camp next year in December if there is no chapter meeting.

This camp had a compressed planning schedule as all the planning was done at the Planning Meeting in November. Having a theme, some meal or program ideas earlier would have been useful for promotion. We discussed having at least one pre-planning meeting for Winter Camp XXXV.

Equipment

Things needed for next Winter Camp:

- Cutting boards
 - We used one that was borrowed from the D-A kitchen this year.
- Colander
- Cooling Rack
- Meat Tenderizer
- Pasta Grabber
- Chandelier for the latrine

Service Projects

The projects which have been assigned to Winter Campers in recent years have become very simple – this year involving two different wood collecting and splitting or burning that wood. We have excelled at these projects in the past as other groups might not be willing to finish these kinds of projects, but we have worked a full day on them.

Discussed recent activity at D-A. The BC area has been largely ignored. Steve described that the groups who fundraise and plan improvements do not use the subcamp, so there are no improvements made.

Youth Leadership

In recent years, the lodge has moved to an afternoon (daylight) ordeal ceremony. As a result, the chapter no longer sets up The Arrow. Attendance and excitement about the ceremonies and activities has declined. Also, there is less activity for the chapter ceremony team because there are fewer ceremonial needs.

The lobby to move up the ceremony was much more vocal and unified than the supporters of the evening ceremony.

Steve suggested that chapter membership is down 30% this year.

Clean up and equipment

Much of the Winter Camp equipment will be taken in Paul Kupser's trailer back to Keith King's house. Paul has left camp and will retrieve his trailer after Winter Camp. Mike offered to take the trailer to the area of D-A where it will be stored until Paul picks it up. He has to leave early, so he will take it up

empty. We will load the rubbermaid tubs and take them up to the empty trailer as a part of the clean up process.

Will Gagnon is getting picked up and taking four youth with him.

Mike Williams has a ride coming to pick him up.

Observations

- We discussed baking bread earlier in the weekette. This year, we baked bread on December 30. Some thematic elements dictated that we could not do it on the first day. This change reinforced the notion that baking is a good early activity.
- Doug said the Hobby Draw seemed like a good getting to know each other event which might do well early in the weekette.
- Steve suggested each day have a youth leader in the kitchen and that the Winter Camp experience would be improved if the youth take more leadership in the kitchen, which he acknowledged would allow for a much higher possibility of failure.
- Discussed facilitating more youth leadership to improve the experience.
- Jeff described a high level of enthusiasm among the youth regarding this year's planned events

Program for Winter Camp XXXV

We ought to have hot water on demand and may have some meals wrecked due to youthful inexperience.

1,000 Year Time Capsule

Not discussed

Pre-Planning Meeting

We plan to schedule a pre-planning meeting in September or October 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 3.00 am (WCST)

Respectfully Submitted,
Ethan Rein
WCFS Secretary