

Winter Camp Future Society
Annual Meeting
Silver Trails Scout Reservation – Jeddo, Michigan
December 31, 2013

Attendance: Mark Bollman-->, Keith King, Jeff Rand, Steve Donohue, Gabriel Church, Ethan Rein, Doug Wilson, Adam Haubenstricker, Allan Wilson.

Meeting was called to order at 1.00 AM WCST

- Class of XL: It was agreed to accept members through January 10, 2014. Youth members must pay the youth price for Winter Camp XX (\$30.30) and adult members pay the adult price (\$36.36). Only Jeff has paid so far. Steve may have already paid. Steve will talk to Ron about using PayPal.
- Tentative plans for Winter Camp XL – none of these were decided on for use
 - Themes: Over the hill and on a roll
 - Giveaway: T-Shirts, neckerchiefs, hats
 - Event: Reunion banquet (Winter Camp XL will be Tuesday through Saturday)
- BC Attic
 - Need to get into the attic to clean it up and lock it up
 - Dave Morosky will allow us to put a lock on the attic door at Beaver Creek Cabin. We would like to put the lock in place before Summer 2014.
 - Tentative work party: Friday May 9-Saturday May 10 (Coincidental with the D-bar-A Mix Fix)
 - Sunday, May 11 is Mothers' Day
 - We anticipate a free cabin and meals this weekend
- Evaluations will be passed out at Battle Grits on December 31
 - We will attempt to encourage youth to sign up for things they'd like to run next year.
 - On future forms, consider a question like "please list two activities you'd like to run next year."
- CHR Memorial Site – we should consider cleaning up the trail at the work weekend.
- Trading Post – Doug purchased left over soda pop from a troop sale this summer. He also purchased soda pop from Thanksgiving onward when it was on sale. Turns out the best sales were matched on the shopping days.
- Manuals – printed but not passed out. We agreed to consider have a special talk or meeting for new people on the 27th next year. There were 3 or 4 new people. One new scout (Liam) went home early. Winter Camp prides itself on interactions between youth and adults.
- Sign ups – We collected money through December 27. We had enough food despite this schedule.
- November / December Chapter meeting – There was no meeting in November. There was short notice for December meeting. Winter Camp was likely not discussed.
- Planning
 - We a short planning schedule due to the lateness of Thanksgiving and not having pre-planning meetings.
 - This theme helped with planning, but didn't have a big impact on the at-camp experience.
 - We discussed integrating Winter Camp planning into chapter meetings but decided it would not be worthwhile.
 - It would be good to have more youth participation at the meeting, but it can be difficult to achieve.
 - Once the theme was selected, we planned this Winter Camp as a group rather than voting on individual activities and meals. This approach was well received.
 - Magic: The Gathering Live was the only activity that did not occur. Steve suggested that the RPG event did not meet his expectations.
 - Casino Night had the strongest demonstration of planning by the youth.
- Kitchen - We agreed we need more recipes in the Winter Camp food manual
 - This is a combination of needing recipes and remembering to print the existing recipes.
 - Keith suggested on online / database option for improved recipes
 - We would need an offline option to use at camp
 - Steve suggested youth days with little or no adult supervision
 - Improvisational cooking (food with no recipes) hasn't worked well in the past.
- Attendance and Participation
 - Ethan suggested that that a Continental Breakfast on December 28 sets a low standard for attendance.
 - This location makes event time planning difficult. We didn't know the terrain and the dining and sleeping cabins are far apart.
 - Having two locations for youth helps allow for a natural separation. We didn't have that option at this location.
 - Steve suggested positive outcomes based on attendance. An example of this is basing the eating order on participation, passing out free trading post items, or having seconds on snacks.

- Adam suggested a tighter schedule with less implied free time between events.
- Future events – Arduino programming
 - Keith observed a lot of excitement with an Arduino demonstration
 - We could have a programming battle or maze activity at next year's camp.
 - Programming would have to be planned to be ensure functionality.
 - Genius night may go over well with this group.
 - Major day long (multi-activity) events seem to capture youth imagination.
- We agreed to enforce youth protection training for all adults at future camps.
- December 31 Practical Concerns
 - Battle Grits will have a challenge element. Skittles Sausage will also be served.
 - Croquet Kickball will be played after breakfast.
 - Gabe does not anticipate problems with rides home.
 - We don't need to send a group at D-bar-A on December 31. Some things will end up at BC when we have the work day.
- Meet up in Allen Park – Steve reported that we need some kind of meet up like the one we have to ensure that everyone who wants to come can. We may need to change the form in two ways:
 - Ask the “how are you getting to camp question” differently so that it supposes each scout will provide his own ride
 - Do a better job of requiring forms from PayPal users
- Cost of Cabins – we should plan to pay as much as we can for the cabins we have been using at Silver Trails. The cost for two weekends at Kane cabin is \$600. We anticipated paying \$250 for Beaver Creek cabin. Adult campers have offered to contribute additional funds to make up a difference in costs.
 - The Silver Trails staff has been very welcoming to our group. Campmaster Dave emptied the trash, provided trash can liners, kept the paper towels full and other things.
- XXXVIII Leadership: Kristie Donohue will serve as Adviser. Ian McCeever will be youth leader.
 - We anticipate that she will do a good job.
 - Ian doesn't have a strong presence at non-Winter Camp chapter activities.
 - Ian's initial plans for Winter Camp XXXVIII will likely be to have a loose schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethan Rein
WCFS Secretary