

Winter Camp Future Society

Annual Meeting

December 31, 2012

Attendance: Mark Bollman-->, Keith King, Kristie Donohue, Jeff Rand, Steve Donohue, Gabriel Church, Ethan Rein, Doug Wilson

Meeting was called to order at 2.12 WCST

- Class of XL: It was agreed to accept members through January 31, 2013. Youth members must pay the youth price for Winter Camp XX (\$30.30) and adult members pay the adult price (\$36.36).
- Mix Fix: Ethan Rein, Zach Stockwell, and Joe Warren participated in the D-A Mix Fix. Food was provided by D-A to the volunteers. Ethan, Zach, and Joe cleared the stairs around BC cabin and on the dam hill.
- Future Investments and Improvements: The hot water heater is working well. Steve Donohue suggested that future investments be made in our kitchen equipment. The group agreed to review needs during clean up. Cookie Sheets and 13x9 pans were suggested as needing replacement.
- Beds: Nearly all beds were full at Beaver Creek and Clearwater Cabins. We agreed that keeping the bunks full rather than expanding to High Point Cabin is good for the program. Winter Camp visitors John Howey, Dave Milon, and Geoff Brown slept at High Point Cabin on December 27 and 28. We agreed to include it in our clean up routine before leaving camp.
- Major Events: There was no major thematic event for this Winter Camp.
- Food: The food has been well received.
- Favor for Winter Camp XL. We want to have some kind of giveaway for Winter Camp XL. Hats were discussed as a possibility.
- Participation Award: Some youth seem interested, but it hasn't been a high priority among the advisers. Steve Donohue suggested we appoint an adult whose responsibility it is to encourage the award throughout the weekette.
- Winter Camp University: This program has not seen much activity in recent years. Like the participation award, it requires adviser commitment.
- Attic Storage: At Winter Camp XXXV, we left a majority of the kitchen equipment in the attic of Beaver Creek Cabin. The equipment does not appear to have been disturbed and we decided to use it again. Doug Wilson and Steve Donohue agreed that spices ought not be stored at Camp.
- Trading Post: Unit price of \$0.75 for candy and soda is working well for camp. We're able to make a small profit and sales are brisk. Pepsi is selling poorly. It was passed out as a free soda during the Casino Snack. Twix bars are selling well.
- Showers: With the Beaver Creek Shower hose permanently closed, Winter Camp's closest shower facility is in Jack Lord Camp. This facility had limited use during the weekette. We agreed to consider a "shower bus" for the youth in the future.
- Camperships: We distributed three camperships and would have been able to provide more. Steve Donohue reported that their availability was communicated well throughout the year.
- Duty Roster: The duty roster was presented for sign up and the labor was not distributed well. Some meals were understaffed, while some campers did not have the opportunity to cook and clean for meals. The patrol method and the assignment method were discussed as possible alternatives.
- Evaluations: We agreed to pass out evaluations before the Conglomerate Lunch. Results of the evaluations can be found at the end of these minutes.
- Relationship to Mahican Chapter: With several chapter officers in attendance and a vocal presence at Chapter meetings, there seems to be good interactions.
- Solvency: With the trading post, we anticipate being close to breaking even on Winter Camp. Because D-A is technically closed during Winter Camp this year, Steve Donohue has been unable to pay for Beaver Creek Cabin.
- Dishes: There is a lack of understanding the dish washing process (leaving the water running, cold water rinsing, etc.) that may require enhanced washing instructions at future Winter Camps. This could be part of the orientation meeting on the first day, which was lacking in information this year.
- XXXVII Leadership: Ryan Warunek appointed himself youth leader. Sean Suehr is also interested in a leadership position. Gabriel Church will serve as Advisor.
- Promotion: Keith King's slide show presented on December 30 may be able to be worked into a promotional slide show for the January 24 Chapter Meeting.
- Program Discussion: We didn't many "get to know each other" activities early in the weekette. Doug Wilson suggested the Hobby Draw may fill that role.
  - Hobby Draw: We agreed it took too long, and that it dragged on in part due to adult involvement. We discussed reworking it so that (1) the hobbies can be more realistic and (2) it moves along faster

Respectfully submitted,

Ethan Rein  
WCFS Secretary

**Follow Up from Kristie Donohue:**

- Kristie discussed shower access with three youth on the way home and indicated they would make use of a "shower bus."
- Kristie also indicated that there may be interested in some kind of souvenir trading post with Winter Camp items. This will require future discussion.

**Winter Camp XXXVI Evaluation Results** - The number after a concept is the amount of times it appears on an evaluation. If there is no number, the concept was written once

Favorite Activities:

Commando Stalking (9)  
CC Golf (8)  
Casino Night (7)  
CTO (7)  
Time Capsule (4)  
Blind Hike (3)  
Free time (3)  
Hobby Draw (3)  
Lanterns (3)  
4 way volleyball (2)  
Baking (2)  
Bow making  
Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner  
Sleep

Favorite Meals

Bollmano's Pizza(10)  
Turducken (8)  
Spaghetti (4)  
Chinese Buffet (3)  
Meal by number (3)  
Electric Lunch (2)  
Conglomerate Lunch (2)  
Heart Stupid Breakfast(2)  
Sandwiches  
Grits  
Bacon Breakfast  
Bakery Snack  
Continental breakfast  
Carnivorous Lunch

Changes that could enhance future activities:

CTO / Stalking / Prohibition - too similar (2)  
Plow road for CC Golf (2)  
Faster Hobby Draw (2)  
Change golf to frisbee  
CTO - more balloons  
Commando chase rather than stalk  
More casino games  
Shorter Hobby draw  
Shorter time capsule hike  
Organization meeting - teach about dishes  
4 way volley ball near Clearwater

Changes to make to meals:

No beef fizz (2)  
Fruit for breakfast  
More Bacon  
One "Feature" meal  
More sides  
Don't burn chicken  
Better Mexican  
Better Bacon Gravy

Meals to skip next year:

Carnivorous Lunch (9)  
Turducken (2)  
Cold Cuts  
Separate Chinese dinner  
Spaghetti - no meat sauce  
Loaded scrambled eggs

Meals to add next year:

Tacos (2)  
All Pie Meal  
Aztec Lunch  
BBQ  
Chicken Pot Pie  
Chili  
Foil Pack meal  
Hamburgers  
Ice Cream  
Kobe Beef  
Lasagna  
Meat Waffles  
Michigan  
Ribs  
Squash  
Waffles

Other

Better duty roster

Activities that should be skipped next year

Mentos and Diet Coke (4)  
Movie night  
Great Wall Banner

Activities that would be fun next year

Cross Country:  
Disc Golf (3), Archery (2), Bowling (2), Kickball,  
Ultimate Frisbee  
Chariot Race  
Explosives  
Flaming Arrows  
Handicraft projects  
Mask Making  
Potato Guns  
Pyrotechnics  
Sled Races  
Team building  
Ultimate Frisbee  
Shower Bus

Theme for next year:

Vikings (3)  
Tom Clancy (2)  
Luchadores (2)  
Al Capone  
Barbarians  
Call of Duty  
Celts  
Classic Monsters  
Colonial America  
Gladiators  
Hollywood  
Russia  
Space age  
Spies