

Winter Camp Future Society

Winter Camp XXXVIII Meeting

December 30, 2014

Attendance: Mark Bollman-->, Gabe Church, Kristie Donohue, Jeff Rand, Ethan Rein, Doug Wilson

Capacity – With about 30 participants, we agreed we had a good number.

Camp Property – Doug will look into make a shelf to go between the two front windows of BC cabin. That shelf will be used for the plaques. We’re currently getting low on space to display them. For reference, Wyckoff Lodge is closed for the winter. This is a new procedure for the camp.

Set up day – We discussed discouraging participants arriving in the evening of December 26th. This could be done by telling people not to come, not allowing people to stay over who are not pre-approved, adding a cost, or making an “Adults Only” rule. One reason to do this is that we do not want to get into risk of having to comply with the requirements of a 5 night event. Having everyone arrive at the same time may help keep the schedule on track on the 27th.

Relations with Staff – Dave Morosky has retired. Jack Simms is the Head Ranger. We have a good relationship with him. Jack has pointed out that he started in 1977, the same year as Winter Camp.

Relations with chapter – the former Mahican and Wsigau chapters merged to form the Migisi Opawgan. Former Mahican advisers Phil Emma is adviser to the new chapter. Winter Camp is held in high esteem by the new chapter. We have three chapter officers (Chief, Vice-Chief, and Secretary-Treasurer) at camp. Chapter Adviser Phil Emma supports to the program.

Leadership – We want to have more youth in leadership positions at camp. We also want those youth leaders to feel like they have authority and responsibility.

Manuals – We agreed to look into printing more three ring binder manuals. If we do so, we could save on set up costs of printing if we also want to print items for Winter Camp XL.

Trading post – We are not making much money on the trading post. We will consider an increase in the camp fee next year and not plan trading post profit. The costs of candy have increased substantially in recent years. Water would likely sell well, but we may not want to.

Duty Roster – The cooking duty roster was not strictly followed. Ethan brought up the idea of having adult free meals. We agreed we are comfortable with a duty roster that allows for participation rather than doing much in the way of meal preparation. We discussed having a more thorough duty roster. It could have sign up spaces for activities as well as meals. There could also be some meal preparation timelines available.

Meals – Cones for macaroni were difficult and time consuming to create. We should probably not make them again. We also agreed that this camp had a higher degree of meal complexity than we’ve had in recent years. We would like to have a “get to know each other” meal. The hot potato part of the Hot Potato lunch did not come together this year.

Equipment – We don’t need much and are not interested in donated items which are in bad shape. We could use another metal spatula.

Sanitation – Jack Lord Shower house is in use. Adults have been providing rides to youth. Kristie said she may be able to secure hand sanitizer for next year.

Participation – Activity participation is high among the youth.

Staying on schedule – We agreed we should encourage the youth leaders to remind everyone of the upcoming events at each meal. We had very few pre-meal announcements at this camp.

Orientation Meeting – We regret skipping the orientation meeting. This would have helped introduce everyone and set the “rules” for Winter Camp.

Snow Soccer – Snow Soccer has been off the schedule for a few years. We are looking forward to its return.

Evaluations – Ethan will pass out and collect evaluations (Note: evaluation results are included at the end of these minutes)

Winter Camp XL – No one has specific ideas for major events at Winter Camp XL, but we agreed that we should celebrate it. We will consider a reunion type event. We have approximately \$325 for the event. (Note: This figure was provided by Treasurer Ron Donohue on January 2, 2015)

Winter Camp L – We discussed having a reunion event with a banquet to celebrate.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ethan Rein
WCFS Secretary