

## **Minutes: Troop 453 Committee Meeting, November 12, 2006**

Present: Larry Boyce, Julie LaRue, David Miller, Lou Ashland, and Linda Bacon

### **Scoutmaster Update:**

Upcoming meeting activities include covering the advancement requirement on pg. 89 of the Handbook – identifying local critters. Linda will borrow a bin of props from Lisa Kane at IF&W and spend some time on the 27<sup>th</sup> going over the pictures, pelts, scat, footprints, etc.

Canoeing Merit Badge (Phil Sprague) will continue to alternate with Cooking Merit Badge (Craig LaRue) during upcoming meetings. During the next Cooking session (11/20), adults will demonstrate cooking on stoves at 4 stations. If raining, that activity will be postponed. Boys will be demonstrating in a similar manner two weeks later.

Participation in Allagash trip will require boys to have the Canoeing and Swimming Merit Badges. Although no rank requirement has been determined, it may be best to have a parent accompany any younger boys.

### **Advancement:**

It is extremely important for the boys to make sure that rank advancements signed off in their books, get transferred to the official Troop records (board, computer program & green book). Trish will maintain the computer and green book; Julie will maintain the board. The computer generates a report that can be used to summarize the updates. David will bring printouts for updating each week for Larry and Julie to update.

### **Camping No-Show Policy:**

There have been a number of boys that have signed up to attend camping events and have not gone. This resulted in way too much food being purchased. There needs to be some policy established regarding no-shows. One suggestion was a charge of \$15.00. Consensus was that the issue be brought up for the boys to discuss and propose resolutions.

### **Reimbursements:**

As promised we have a new Troop reimbursement procedure for expenses incurred on Scouting events. The process is as follows: 1) Make a copy of your receipts, 2) Write down how the expense was incurred (example: Food for 11/16/06 Bigelow trip), 3) Send a copy of the receipts and a self - addressed envelope to the following address: Lou Ashland, Troop 453, 245 Bartlett Road, Belgrade, Maine 04917. The expense must be a valid Scout expense. Reimbursement checks will be mailed to the person on the self-addressed envelope.

Camp Roosevelt reimbursement levels were discussed. Camp fee was \$260 in 2006, if paid early. After discussing available funds and timing of the next newspaper bale delivery, a motion was made by Linda, seconded by Lou and passed unanimously, to reimburse at a rate of \$100/scout, providing scout did not receive any financial assistance. A printout of scouts attending camp with addresses will be supplied to the treasurer.

### **Popcorn:**

Julie reports that sales totaled \$1624.00. This results in approximately \$540 profit after prizes are distributed. Prizes will be \$25 for top seller, \$20 for second and \$15 for third.

### **Miscellaneous:**

The whereabouts of approximately 12 Dry Bags for using in canoes is unknown. Any ideas?

Julie reserved Pavilion at Camp Bomazine for February 23/24<sup>th</sup>.

Linda will set up something at Alford Center for advancement swimming requirements and requirements associated with partial Swimming Merit Badges.