

MAY 2015 MINUTES - The Committee met on Wednesday, May 6, 2015.

Treasurer's Report - the Pack is in excellent financial condition. Any member interested in details may contact our treasurer, Sara Mares.

- 2015 Budget Status - the Pack is on track with the budget; with the sound system out of order at the middle school, the Committee unanimously approved the purchase of a portable sound system.

April Events Recap - comments/suggestions since last Committee Meeting

- Arbor Day - the Pack performed the opening flag ceremony and help plant trees; we had 13 Scouts in attendance.

- May Pack Meeting - we discussed shortening the amount of time for lunch and discussed the need for a sound system, especially at the park (see note on the budget).

Recruiting

- Lion's Program - Congratulations to Jami with her Lion's Program. We have signed up 8 Scouts and 1 assistant leader, so far...and are expecting a few more before school ends.

- Other - flyers have been distributed at the schools; now, and for the next 2 weeks, is the time for yard signs to be put out.

Summer 2015 - all the events are set; leaders will meet prior to make sure all the details are finalized; any parent interested in helping is encouraged to contact Derek Wilk. Emails will be going out prior to the events with details on how to participate.

- Sunday, May 24 - Colorado National Speedway (Laurie)

- Saturday, June 6 - Rockies Game (Wendie/Laurie) - sign up has already begun

- Saturday, June 13 - Cheyenne Mountain Zoo (Sara) - sign up is complete

- Saturday, June 20 - <Park clean up>; Fishing Derby (TJ) - we will talk to the Town of Erie about which park we will work on; after the clean up we will head to Thomas Reservoir for the annual Fishing Derby

- Friday, July 10 to Sunday, July 12 - Camp Patiya (Matt) - the program, based on changes to the Cub Scout program is being put together; this will be a good one for Scouts to attend to get a jump on rank advancement

- Friday, July 31 (camping); Saturday, August 1 (picnic) - Union Reservoir

Cub Scout Program 2015-16

- "May the Forest be with You" theme - As announced at the May Pack meeting, this will be the theme for the upcoming Scout year. Be on the lookout for unique ways to participate.

- The tentative schedule of events was handed out to Den Leaders; additional events will be added as they are finalized

- Den Chiefs - based on the changes to the Cub Scout program, the Pack has secured the commitment of 5 Boy Scouts to serve as Den Chiefs during the year. These boys will be trained and ready to go for the Den meetings beginning with the new school. Those Den Leaders who are interested need to provide schedules so that we can match them up with the right Boy Scout. All Den Chiefs are former members of Pack 62. Thank you to Troop 49 for making them available.

- The Pack will look at some additional camping activities for the Fall.

August/September Pack Meeting - Thursday, August 27 / September 3

- Scheduling the location for next year's meetings will be taken care of by Wendie Weber. I will provide her with the info she needs.

- The cost of the books under the new Cub Scout program are significantly higher than last year. The Committee voted unanimously to keep the books as part of the initial entry into the Pack, but to raise the cost from \$25 to \$30 to help offset the increase. Annual dues for 2016 will be discussed after this year's popcorn sales are determined.

Miscellaneous

(a) Journey to Excellence 2015 - the Pack is well over half way toward earning GOLD for 2015. Check the web site for details.

(b) Awards - Awards are not typically handed out over the summer, except at the Camp Patiya outing. Den Leaders should put awards into Packmaster for awarding at the August Pack meeting.

(c) Other - For those curious, the Academic and Sports (think, Belt Loops) program that we have all become familiar with has been discontinued. The progress awards for rank advancement are loops (thinner and cheaper than the original Belt Loops) that go on your Cub Scout's belt. They will cover some of the same topics covered by the Academic and Sports program Belt Loops & Pins, but not to be confused they will be called Adventure Loops. Feel free to contact Derek Wilk if you have questions about the New Cub Scout program. Also, check out the FAQs the BSA has put together.

Next Committee Meeting (7:00pm, Wednesday, August 5, 2015)