**Troop 194 Committee Meeting Minutes (Feb 14, 2023)**

**Call to Order**

* **Time:**  7:00  PM
* **Place:**  Family of Christ Church
* **Committee Chair:** Chris Hollingsworth

**Attendees Present:**

        Chris Hollingsworth - Committee Chair Krystinia Thorp - ASM

Larry Nikolas - SM Brad Lutz - ASM / Chaplin

Christina Youkey - Secretary Milt Steiner - ASM

        Tate Hollingsworth - SPL Indy Frazee - Treasurer

        Christine Pollard - New Parent Coordinator David Durkee - DE

        Jason Chesser - ASM / Outdoor / Activities Coordinator

   Hans Robinson - New Parent / interested in Equipment coordinator

Steve Harmon - New Parent / interested in Equipment coordinator

**Agenda:**

        Welcome

        Reports

        Old Business

        New Business

        Announcementations

        Adjournment

**Minutes:**

**Welcome** – Meeting #FEB23.  BSA Mission - The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

**Reports:**

**COR (Mark Yoder):** - Excused

* No Report

**Scout Master (Larry Nikolaus):**

* Established Reservations for Carlsbad Caverns for Spring Break Camp out on March 25th-28th 2023.
* Needs from parents a head count for Summer for Camp Buffalo Bill ASAP.
* There are opportunities for new parents to go with their scouts on camping trips or outings to get them acclimated to Scouting if your scout just came out of cub scouts.
* Health forms need to be updated and turned-in to Larry ASAP.
* ASM training went well.
* Working on Communication within the Troop working on creating a new website for the troop. Need help with creating a website.

**SPL (Tate Hollingsworth):**

* This will be Tate's last address to the Committee, New SPL will be stepping in after next elections on Tuesday Feb 21, 2023.
* New SPL will need lots of support from Adults and leadership for new scouts taking new positions within the Troop.
* Needs Support from adults and leadership for scouts like bringing them back on task, not being so rowdy and to listen to leadership.
* Need to review the Bylaws to see if scouts need to have more time within the troop like 6 months or more before running for a position within the troop.
* Need to assemble a team to train new scouts entering new positions for PLC.

**Secretary (Christina Youkey):**

* Nothing to report at this time new to the position, this is the first Committee meeting as the Secretary. Christina will be taking over with the minutes those will be distributed before the following meeting after the committee meeting. She is also taking over the Monthly Newsletter that will be sent out on the 1st of every month covering the previous month.

**Outdoor / Activities Coordinator (Jason Chesser):**

* Final day to pay for Sea Base is Feb 21st.
* Sea Base - Swimming at AFC April 11, 18, 25 at 6:30pm this does take place of a Troop meeting. The scouts can earn a Swim Merit Badge, the 3rd night will be a Swim Test. Swim Test will consist of the BSA mile and Live Saving. This is a no cost event.
* Sea Base Scouts will need to pass here, at Sea Base and on the Boat.

**Treasurer (Indy Frazee):**

* Currently there is $9000 in Bank account.
* $14,000 account receivable.
* Replace Climbing Equipment: It will cost $500 to replace equipment Committee voted on spending the money to replace, Chris Hollingsworth CC 1st the motion and Brad Lutz 2nd the motion committee voted unanimously to replace climbing equipment.
* Mileage Reimbursement: Committee discussed other options for mileage reimbursement, decided to keep at current policy which is to reimburse per mile at IRS rate. We will look at additional funding as required.

**Advancement Coordinator (JB and Tamara Baxter):** NOT PRESENT

* COH coming up Feb 28th, 2023.

**Chaplain (Brad Lutz):**

* Religious Emblem Program.
* Youth Religious Award Knot.

**Training Coordinator:** Need this position filled.

**Duties:**

–Ensure troop leaders and committee members have opportunities for training.

–Maintain an inventory of up-to-date training materials, videos, and other training resources.

–Work with the district training team in scheduling Start training for all new leaders.

–Be responsible for Youth Protection training within the troop.

–Encourage periodic youth leader training within the troop and at the council and national levels.

–Report to the troop committee at each meeting.

**Equipment Coordinator (Hans Robinson and Steve Harmon):**

* Hans Robinson and Steve Harmon will be taking over as the Equipment Coordinator.

**Membership Coordinator (Christine Pollard):**

* Pack 1
* 17 bridging Friday February 17, 7pm- 8pm at Lewis Palmer Elementary School.
* 3 scouts from this pack have already showed interest in going back to be den chiefs.
* We will need a new Person to fill this position within the next few months.

**New Scout Parent Unit Coordinator (Christine Pollard):**

* Feb 21st Parent survival course 2 during troop meeting at 7pm.
* We will need a new Person to fill this position within the next few months.

**Fundraising:** Need this position filled.

* Going to sell camp cards we need a Coordinator for this fundraiser if interested please contact Chris Hollingsworth the Committee Chair.

**Troop Clothing (Shannon Dupree):** NOT PRESENT

* Email went out on Feb 19 with information about how to order Class B items. It is recommended to order at least a Tee- shirt and a scout hat; a sweatshirt is very helpful as well.
* Shannon is placing the previous order on Thursday. Shannon will put the new parents order in the first week of March.
* What you need to know:

1. Turn around time for once an order is placed is about 3-4 weeks.
2. The x’s on the order form means that size is not available for that style.
3. Most items can be embroidered with a name/nickname for an additional $3.00 per item.

* Questions contact Shannon (our ordering parent) can be reached on cell at (719)359-1790 or email at scorpio7487@hotmail.com.

**OA Troop Representative Advisor (Dee Huffman):** NOT PRESENT

* March 11 will be the Brotherhood Ceremony at Fox Run Park.  Registration is open on the council calendar.

**Old Business:**

* Open Committee Positions - Please review vacancies and see if there is an interest area that you would like to fill.
* Journey to Excellence - waiting for their arrival @ Council.
* Parental Meeting.
* Scholarship for NYLT (Attendance & Staffing).
* Recognition for ASMs / Committee Members.

**New Business:**

* Troop 194G.
  + Christine would be Scoutmaster.
  + Separate Meeting section, but in the same building.
  + Same night, same time (Tuesdays).
  + Girl Troop needs a separate Unit Commissioner.
  + Meeting with a group of women at Sertoma to be chartered under.
  + Christine (Scoutmaster) will be under the same Committee.
  + Will share committee members / joint PLC, separate Treasurer.
  + Vote: Chris motioned it first, Jason 2nd it. No discussions - Passed Unanimously. Troop 194 will support the creation of Troop 194G.

**Announcementations:**

* Troop Elections - February 21st
* Parent Survival Course 2 - February 21
* Snow Caving @ Hoosier Pass - February 25-26
* Winter COH - February 28th
* New Leader Training - February 3-4
* Scout day at Dinosaur Resource Center - February 4
* ILST - March 3-4
* Spring Break Trip - Carlsbad Caverns - March 25-28
* High Plains Camporee - Bethune, CO - April 28-30
* Beginner Backpacking - Lost Creek - May 19-21
* Summer’ 23 - Sea Base - June 19-28
* Summer Camp - Camp Buffalo Bill (Cody, WY) - July 9-15
* National Jamboree - July 9-15

**Adjournment:**

Thanks to all those that participated in the Committee Meeting.

Troop 194 had an amazing AOL recruitment this year and we welcome all new families to the Troop.  With all growth comes the worry of being able to scale a great program to more Scouts.  More Scouts require more adult leaders (ASMs and Committee Members).  The Committee is dedicated to ensuring that our growth continues; focusing on improving processes and procedures as we move forward.  The Troop asks all parents to reevaluate your time available and the needs of the Troop to assess the possibility of volunteering.  If you are not sure of what help the Troop needs, reach out to Larry (SM) and Chris (CC) for better clarification.

Next meeting:  March 14, 2023 @ 7:00pm.