

**BSA Troop 1610
Committee Meeting
1.9.23**

Present: Don Hendriks, Jeff Whitfield, Christopher Bibbs, Becky Bibbs, Michelle Wicke, Lura Masih, Justin Wilson

Old Business: none

Advancements: none

Treasurer: N/A

Secretary Report: Our recharter is submitted and waiting final approval.

Camping: 1/21-1/22 is the Hodag at Agawam; the event is Saturday and overnight Saturday night only. We are sledding at Cole Canoe Base in February instead of D-Bar-A.

ScoutMaster: Don will miss tomorrow's meeting for work - we need two adults tomorrow night. The scouts want to work on specific requirements each month - tomorrow will be fitness & older scouts will pair up with younger scouts to take care of requirements.

- January 17 - cold weather camping and campout prep for Hodag
- January 24 - patrol corners, campout cleanup, & come up with a plan for February
- January 31 and February 7 - work on first aid with help from Mr. Whitfield for specific tenderfoot requirements along with personal first aid kits & familiarizing themselves with the Troop's first aid kit.

Aiden W - the troop should meet for sledding at Beverly Park on any Tuesdays that we have enough snow.

SPL: none

Charter Org Rep: Mr. Whitfield discussed Scout Sunday - scouts have done ushering/homily/open/closing/reading scripture for a Sunday service & scout parents brought doughnuts & also attended; or scouts could attend the church service. Mr. Whitfield will make some phone calls and report back.

New Business: Our troop needs to find a new website - Mr. Bibbs will look at different alternatives and report back. Our bulletin boards are out of date - can we update pictures on Tuesday 1/17? - everyone should come and get their headshot done in uniform (advancement chair, secretary, camping coordinator, etc.); the scouts need to know who to talk to and that their parents are involved.

We don't have a current recruitment flier to hand out (it should have an invitation on one side and our itinerary on the other). Ideas for recruitment: Oakland Parks' indoor planetarium & offer the astronomy pin to packs, helping packs with their PineWood Derby/Rain Gutter Regatta/rocket launching, having one adult at each round table, helping with Science Olympiad & Field Days, scouts recruiting their friends (& earning a Recruiter Strip); our scouts' responsibility is to volunteer and the adults' is to organize events/schedules.

Christmas next year - Troop adults are invited to join the white elephant gift exchange.

We should send Michelle W to the University of Scouting at Lamphere HS on 1/28/23 & pay for her.

Motion to cover the cost of adults who are filling roles for the troop but whose scouts are not currently in the troop; motion passed.