Hello Troop 1631:

Below are the minutes from the February Committee/Parents' Meeting.

Best regards, Tami Grubb, Secretary

**Troop 1631 Committee/Parents' Meeting February 25, 2015**

**Attendance:**  Andy Ralph, Bill Penczak, Pamela Walker, Tami Grubb, Adriana Paiva, Simon Sanchez, Ed Gifford, Denise Dagnall, Malcolm Reitz, and Sharad Borle.

**Calendar and Opportunities to Get Involved-**  The energy of all parents will enable the best program for our sons. Please volunteer!

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| **Upcoming Events** | **Event** | **Scout/Adult in Charge** |
| March 20-22, 2015 | Camporee, Bovay Scout Ranch | Traci Munsey |
| April 18, 2015 | Scout Fair, NRG Arena |  |
| April 24-26, 2015 | Campout- Enchanted Rock |  |

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| **Long Term Camps** | **Event** | **Adult in Charge** |
| Summer, 2015 | Summer camp- Buffalo Trails Scout Ranch | Tim McMahon |
| July 3-12, 2015 | Chilkoot Scout Ranch, Alaska | Bill Penczak |

·        **Next Committee Meeting**—March 25, 2015, 7:30 pm at Avalon Clubhouse.  All are welcome. You do not need to stay for the entire meeting!

**Reports/Issues**

·        **Scoutmaster’s Report-**  Andy reported that the patrols have been reorganized using Boy Scout best practices as a guide.  Andy distributed a spreadsheet showing the new patrols.  One patrol will consist of new scouts and scouts who have not yet earned their first class rank.  Once the scout earns his first class rank, then he will be transferred into a new patrol.

·        Andy distributed the organizational chart for the new leadership.  Simon Sanchez-Paiva is the incoming Senior Patrol Leader (SPL).  Andy is pleased with the new leadership.  All will be setting up their goals, duties and responsibilities.

·        Andy reported that all went well at the February campout and ziplining.  In addition, some of the older scouts helped some of the younger scouts with first aid skills and flag raising.  The scouts enjoyed sharing campfire with another troop.

·        The March campout will be Camporee at Bovay.  Traci Munsey is the adult in charge.

·        The troop is in the lottery for SeaBase for summer, 2016.

·        **Troopmaster.**  Pam reported on behalf of Margaret .  Scouts and scouters need to make sure that everything is filled out on the blue cards before turning them into her.

·        **Alaska summer camp-** Bill reported that 9 scouts and 6 adults have signed up.  Bill is planning some scheduled  backpacking activities in preparation for the trip.

·        **Committee Chair Report**-  Pam reported that she will encourage the new parents to attend scout master specific training.

·        **Service opportunities**- Pam reported that Lake Olympia swim team is seeking scouts who like to work their concession stand for service hours.  Many scouts participated last year and enjoyed the opportunity.  Pam will be obtaining more information.

·        Additional service opportunities that are in the works are the Houston Food Bank at the end of April and Race for Life in May.  The troop is hoping to put service opportunities on the website.

·        **Treasurer’s Report-**. Denise reported that she has been reviewing troop camping fees of $35 per scout to see if  the fees were reasonable or needed to be changed.  Some campouts cost more than others.  The troop has been reimbursing the grub master $8 per scout.  Many scouts do not turn in their expense forms for reimbursement.  Many parents spend more than $8 per scout and do not ask for reimbursement.

·        After discussion the committee decided to keep the fees at $35 for now.  Reimbursement for scout food purchases will be increased to $12 per scout.  The scouts will be encouraged to plan healthy meal options.

·        **Other business-**

·        Adriana reported that she had not been receiving the Board of Review requests made on the website.  She is going to look further into this.

·        Parent/committee meetings usually are on the 4th Wed. of the month.  The troop calendar needs to be corrected on this point.

·        Meeting adjourned 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tami Grubb, Secretary