

Winter Camp Future Society Meeting  
Winter Camp XXXII  
Meeting held December 31, 2008  
Meeting begins at 1:33 am (WCST)

Present:

Doug Wilson, Jeff Rand, Mark Bollman→, Gabe Church, Steve Donohue, Keith King, Ethan Rein

Secretary's report:

Meeting notes from Winter Camp XXXI passed out. Three corrections made.

Treasurer's Report

Provided via the Winter Camp Universe on January 7, 2009:

Just a quick update on the WCFS money. We had \$350 as of WC XXXI camp and accepted two additional contributions at the current basis of \$35 per member, resulting in a total of \$420. I invested the money actively through the first quarter of 2008, netting a 13.7% return for the first quarter. I saw troubling signs in the market and decided that WCFS could not take the risks associated with trading in those types of market conditions and pulled the money from stocks and put in into money market. Rates earned in money market accounts varied substantially throughout the year, but the general return over the period averaged 3.5 percent. So, to make a long story short, the overall return on the WCFS money for 2008 was 17.5 percent and the total in the account as of December 31, 2008 was \$493.50.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ron Donohue  
WCFS Treasurer

Update on Leadership Manual

Ethan Rein reported that the Winter Camp leadership manual discussed at Winter Camp XXXI is not complete. He will continue to work on it throughout the year.

Discussion of Winter Camp XXXV projects

Future Society members continue to hunt for good souvenirs for Winter Camp XXXV. Here are the ideas which were discussed:

- Doug Wilson suggests we create a photo CD for all participants at Winter Camp XXXV
- Keith King suggests that some kind wooden plaque commemorating the event
- Steve Donohue noted that T-Shirts and neckerchiefs were successful in the past
- Outerwear was discussed

Patches

Steve Donohue informed the group that a new rule regarding Order of the Arrow chapter and chapter events. The rule is that chapters may not create patches for themselves and their events. This means no more official patches will be ordered for Winter Camp.

### 1,000 Year Time Capsule

We have 900 some year left until. There is no progress to report this year.

Jeff Rand suggests that it might be beyond our means to do the time capsule as was originally planned.

Doug Wilson believes we would be able to accomplish the 1,000 Year Time Capsule as planned Mark Bollman → recommended that when we put it in the ground, we can register it with the International Time Capsule Society (ITCS) at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta.

### Winter Camp Participation

Steve Donohue suggested that we need an active chapter member to serve as a promoter throughout the year for Winter Camp. It was suggested that the power outage will not have a positive impact on future Winter Camps.

### Meals and Events

Steve Donohue made a few comments about the meals. He suggested a lack of effective recipes with consistent units was creating difficulty in the kitchen. It was agreed that a general purpose cookbook would be useful to have on hand. Having a baking schedule laid out was agreed to be helpful in the future. This would ensure that the baking is done on time and people who signed up care execute their jobs effectively. A daily meal sign up was suggested, so that teams of participants sign up to cook all the meals for a day. This allows the bigger parts of meals which require lots of preparation to be done in time. We would need adults and youth on all days.

It was agreed that pre-selecting a theme did not work well. The excitement over the theme waned over the course of the year.

The youth at the planning meeting were the youth leading Winter Camp. Having a meeting at a neutral location (like a troop's meeting space) would make the meeting seem friendly to all youth.

Jeff Rand discussed the event Yeti Dodge ball, an event with improvised rules. The game was a success. It was discussed that a schedule with defined events should be picked at the October meeting. This time, some event were selected in name only. No rules were defined.

### Advisor

Steve Donohue suggested that we try to make a stronger connection between Winter Camp and the chapter. We could create a Chapter Winter Camp committee to work throughout the year. Steve Donohue said that he feels like he setting a bad example as an adviser, due to not participating in events. Steve would like to see a more active adviser at future Winter Camps.

Later on, Keith King appointed himself to be the advisor of Winter Camp XXXIII

## Planning

We'd like to see a theme selected in October. At a follow up meeting in November, we can plan a schedule for events and meals.

Jeff Rand stressed the importance of having a youth cabinet to keep track of all the happenings at Winter Camp.

It has been suggested that youth feel like some adults railroad events through the planning process. We agreed that we can take some events out of the voting process – Service Project and the Blind Hike. These are the two events which do get railroaded if need be. If we take those events out of the planning process, there can be more pure selection for the other events.

## Equipment

The presence of computers ought to be worked to the advantage of Winter Camp. Having planned LAN gaming time was discussed for future Winter Camps. There must be a way to have computer games at Winter Camp which enhances the program instead of distracts from it. A possible problem could be that people don't like sharing personal computers.

## Set Up Day

7 people came to the set up day this year. It was a success.

## Clean Up

We discussed the difficulties of cleaning up Beaver Creek and Trout Lake. We agreed to seek Ranger assistance in moving the Kupser Trailer from BC to TL and then someplace to store it until Paul came to pick it up. We decided to have an exit plan announced at The Last Breakfast.

Meeting adjourned at 2:59 am (WCST)