

Winter Camp Future Society Meeting
Winter Camp XXXIII
Meeting held December 31, 2008

Present:

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

Treasurer's Report

Provided via the Winter Camp Universe on December 9, 2009:

Just a quick update on the Winter Camp Future Society (WCFS) money. We had \$493.50 as of WC XXXII. I kept the money in a money market account for most of the first quarter then invested the money in the market, primarily in real estate equities, through the remainder of 2009. There were no long real term holds, as markets were very volatile and the return on a more active trading strategy seemed attractive. So, lots of short term holds and quick trades.

Rates earned in money market account during the first quarter were minimal, but once the trading picked up things went very well. So, to make a long story short, the overall return on the WCFS money for 2009 as of December 9, 2009 is 45.16% and the total in the account as of December 9, 2009 is \$716.36.

This was an exceptional year from a return perspective and it would probably be wise to assume more normal returns (6-10%) going forward.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Donohue
WCFS Treasurer

Equipment Discussion

A group decision was made to pick a day in the spring to perform a thorough inspection of Winter Camp kitchen equipment. After that inspection occurs, we can decide what we have and what we need for future Winter Camps. Big pots and 13x9 pans came to mind as immediate needs. April 17, 2010 was selected as the day for the inspection. The meeting will take place at Keith King's house at 10 am. Keith will send an email as the date draws near.

Clean Up for Winter Camp XXXIII

We will leave Paul Kupser's trailer at D-A. Hopefully, we can find a place to leave it covered.

Meals

The menu and themes seemed good for Winter Camp XXXIII. Lunches were pretty simple and dinners were prepared in a timely manner. Gordon Draper suggests meals in the future where a Boy Scout Uniform is required.

Activities

Discussion of the timeline in which rules and equipment needs are presented to Winter Camp participants was discussed. It was agreed that including more rules for activities in the Winter Camp manual would be useful, as well as an equipment list which is specific to each Winter Camp. A problem with this improvement is that the rules for activities are planned between the Planning Meeting (day after Thanksgiving) and the first day of Winter Camp (December 27). We agreed to try to come out of the planning meeting with more specifics on the rules established. Often, events get on the schedule with only a name in place at the Planning Meeting.

Ideally, the manual or rules pages would be passed out at the Chapter meeting prior to Winter Camp.

We will also encourage participants to pay as soon as possible so better plans can be made.

A simplified evaluation form was created to be passed out at the Last Breakfast. It includes questions about future Winter Camp attendance, leadership, and events.

Youth Leadership

A comment was made that that more youth present in the planning process will lead to more youth leadership at Winter Camp. Keith's new website will be full of interactive planning and communication options. Jeff Rand commented that some spontaneous games were created this Winter Camp, which is something that is good for Winter Camp.

The group had been very impressed that the spirit of the youth attending this year's Winter Camp and we hope to retain them. It has been a cohesive group and very little disagreement.

Using the meals as a chance to review schedules and make announcements was discussed. This is a good chance to keep the group on track and promote the Participation Award.

Patches and promotion

Steve Donohue reported that at least one scout signed up early specifically to get a free Winter Camp patch. This Winter Camp had many first time campers, which shows that effective promotion done throughout the year. Keith King and Gabe Church reported that they heavily promoted Winter Camp at Ordeals, Fellowship events and chapter meetings, especially at the chapter meetings leading up to Winter Camp. We hope to continue those efforts. Most youth registrations and payments were collected at the December Chapter meeting.

Success of Winter Camp XXXVIII

No participation awards were earned this year. It was discussed on the first day at the opening meeting and a worksheet was passed out.

Gabe reported that the gold bordered patch is not being held in highest esteem by some of the youth participants. We discussed a way to make the award more prominent throughout Winter Camp. Ideas included letting youth who have earned the award in line for food earlier,

highlighting events on the schedule in which requirements for the award are completed, and some kind of big group tracking of award progress.

Patrol Style Events

Road Bowling, Frisbee Golf, and Giant Billiards had a patrol atmosphere. These events were marked by good group participation and they were fun. We will take this success into consideration in future Winter Camp planning.

1,000 Year Time Capsule

Not discussed

Set Up Day

Not discussed

Winter Camp XXXV projects

Not Discussed

Meeting adjourned at 2.44 am (WCST)

Respectfully Submitted,
Ethan Rein
WCFS Secretary