

Troop 53 Parent Executive Committee Meeting
Saturday, December 1, 2007
Legion Hall

Present: Tom Hovel, Christine Weidner, Mark Birrenkott, Janis Lugo, Brock Chalmers, Robin Roberts, Joan Hare

Meeting called to order at 9:21 a.m.

Meeting called for consideration and possible action on Scoutmaster request to use Bernie Friedlund Fund money to secure positions for Philmont in 2009.

Brock reported an article in the current issue of the Glacier's Edge Council newsletter that the Council has four crew slots for Philmont in 2009. Two crew slots have already been taken. 24 individual slots remain. The Council requests \$100 deposit for each individual. Troop 53 would need \$1200 to reserve 12 slots for Philmont 2009.

Troop 53 already has an application into the Philmont lottery for 2009, but there is no guarantee that we will receive a slot. The Council slots are guaranteed, provided the \$1200 deposit is paid on December 10, 2007. In deciding what to do with the Bernie Friedlund Fund--can this Fund be used to secure the 12 slots for Philmont 2009.

The Parent Committee discussed using the Bernie Freidlund Fund for necessary deposit for Philmont 2009. We would basically be dealing with principal from this Fund and, per the documentation, the principal cannot be invaded, used, further set aside, or redirected in any way. However, any changes made to directive of operation of the Fund requires the casting of two votes held not less than 90 days apart, requiring a four-fifths voting majority cast in each vote. Considering this, decision was made not to use this Fund as a vehicle for securing the Philmont 2009 deposits.

Committee then discussed any other means to secure the deposit. Unanimous vote was made to change the name of the Eagle Account to the Eagle/High Adventure Account. This Account can also be used for High Adventure planning. We would borrow \$1000 from the Eagle/High Adventure Account, and \$200 from the Troop 53 general fund for the \$1200 deposit for Philmont 2009. This Account and the general fund would be paid back from the \$100 individual deposits from the scouts/leaders as they sign up. We would have a deadline when the \$100 deposit is due to Troop 53, and we could have parents sign letter of intent.

In regard to our application into the Philmont lottery for 2009, Christine informed that Philmont notifies the registration contacts between November 26 and December 9, 2007.

Motion made to use the Eagle/High Adventure Account, contingent upon whether we get slots from Philmont lottery for 2009.

Janis approved motion, Robin seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

Adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janis Caruso Lugo