

May 1, 2008

Meeting Place: Culvers in Newville at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance - Michael Walton, Dean Schoff, Howard Knodle,
offsite connected via cell phone – Rick Elliott, Jenny Bevans, Tim Helmeid

Item #1 – Strandwise anchors

Strandwise anchors at Cub Wall & Tower have to be redundantly backed-up. Using Crosby clamps (3/end) on each end. This needs to be done prior to the inspection.

Action item: Will need 72 Crosby clamps plus 12 5' sections of galvanized or stainless aircraft cable. **Note:** Based on rumor of contents of item #3, the guy cables for the cub wall and tower may need to be replaced to accommodate new anchors since the strandwise anchors will no longer be allowed in 2009.

Item #2 – Pea Gravel

Pea Gravel – the main tower impact zone is presently compromised and needs approximately 4 yards of pea gravel in order to increase impact depth within the impact zone and provide adequate fall protection.

Action item: Will need 4 yards of pea gravel, delivered.

Item #3 – ACCT Standards Book

We still need 2 copies of the 2004 ACCT standards. It is a mandatory standard that each facility has on site. Where are the copies that were received with Paul Romanelli's membership? Membership is a National Mandatory Standard without which the climbing program cannot operate. The fact that we do not have ACCT information presently available is impeding us in maintaining compliance with the national standards which will result in an increased number of required repairs by the ACCT inspector in 2009 which in turn will increase councils cost of running the climbing program.

Action item: Jenny/Bill need to contact Paul or Steve O to find out if in fact council has a membership to ACCT and where the standards books may be. Not having a standards book is preventing us from determining if we meet the standards.

Item #4 – Climbing Specialty Week

Youth Specialty Week

- Sunday – check in, set-up camp, climb, paperwork evening
- Monday – climbing, rappelling & team-building and initiative games in am, swim during siesta, travel to Devil's Lake SP in the afternoon and set up camp.
- Tuesday – Climbing at Devil's Lake SP, swimming Devil's Lake
- Wednesday – Devil's Lake clean up and leave late morning, pizza on way to CIT, return via ferry at Merrimac, Tower climbing, fire
- Thursday – final day to wrap up merit badge, leave in the afternoon

Minimum age 14 (We want scouts to be venture age and look forward to this type of opportunity)

Group equipment

- tents
- tarp
- cook utensils
- cook kit

Youth Equipment

- shami-rags
- rain coat
- bug dope
- sunscreen
- nalgene bottle
- hat
- shoes / boots

Questions to be addressed:

How do we assign tent partners?

Where do we get equipment?

Is there a minimum skill level?

What type of transportation would we use?

What is the maximum number of youth?

Should we offer a skill night to teach knots, chance to climb the cub wall, or team build? Should this be required?

Should we camp at the Tower?

How about using the Pool during siesta for a quick swim?

How about shower time?

How about a fire program?

Action item: Howard will start a Wiki or Google document and invite members of the climbing committee to contribute to the planning document for the specialty week. This will be done online by members of the climbing committee.