

1st Merrickville Group Committee June 5th, 2003 - Agenda

- Review agenda
- Mail minutes to Legion each month.
- Welcome to new group committee members.
- Date and location of year end leader party.
- Registration
 - Registration package sent at the beginning of August
 - Allow mail in registrations.
 - Personalized letters and telephone calls (section leaders) to youth who dropped out.
 - School talks: Monday/Tuesday September 8/9
 - First meetings: Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday September 8/9/10
 - Registration night: Thursday September 11
- Date of next group committee meeting.
- Date of pre-September group committee meeting: August 28th
- Nine year program thrust versus separate 3 year section programs .
 - Back to basics.
 - Increase in outdoor activities.
 - More traditional program.
 - Sections to hold their own planning sessions and co-ordinate programs.
 - Report back at next group committee meeting.
- Financial Report.
- Increase in Scouts Canada registration fee to \$99.

- Group registration fee versus fundraising.
 - Only "compulsary" parent fund raising would be Apple Day and the fair gates if that works out well.
 - Sections may initiate any fundraising of their own that they desire. All funds raised to be dedicated to that section.
 - The popcorn would be made available, due to the excellent prizes, in the event that any of the youth are really keen.
 - Mini-Budget for 2003/2004 (Stew - feel free to correct me):
 - Leader registration: \$2,000
 - Training: \$500
 - Awards: \$200
 - Banquet: \$300
 - Equipment: \$2,000
 - Neckers: \$100
 - Badges (Area/region/etc): \$200
 - Colony: \$500
 - Pack: \$1,000
 - Troop: \$1,000
 - Leader books: \$200
 - Legion donation: Worst case \$500
 - Apple Day revenue: \$800-\$1,200
 - Fair gate revenue targeted at outstanding debts from 2002/2003.
 - Soapbox revenue is unknown at this point - to be used for reserve and equipment.
 - Increase dues to \$1 per week.
 - Amount of group registration fee: \$45 in September, \$45 in January
 - Waived for children of leaders and group committee members.
 - One fee per family.
 - Estimate of 65 youth paying fee.
- Fair gate fundraising
 - August 8th and 10th
 - Organized by Richard Huton and Annette Bedor
- Date/time for fundraising meeting with Howard Osterer.
- Presentation of program improvements and fee increase to parents.
 - Newsletter from each section during summer; sent with registration package
- Uniform policy.
 - Current uniform for all sections. New Scout uniform option not to be used.
- Group crest update.
 - Awaiting Lion's club approval.
- Legion update.
 - Discussion under way with new president.
- Soapbox Derby update.
 - Sunday September 28th.
- A Trillium Foundation grant application will be submitted in the next two weeks (the next deadline). This will be for camping equipment including
- Troop report.
- Pack report.
- Colony report.

- Periodic newsletter to parents during year.
 - Keep parents informed and involved.