

1st Merrickville Group Committee

June 23rd 2005 – Agenda

- Review agenda.
- Colony report.
- Pack report.
- Troop report.
- Camp/outing permission forms needed to be handed in.
- Website.
- Financial report. Bank balance \$3,022. Receipts to Stew at end of year for GST rebate.
- Business donations
 - Herb White and Larkspur Lane have offered to make donations to the group.
 - Plan on approaching the businesses that have supported us in the past. It's been two years since we approached them. Objective is light weight Scout camping equipment. Sample letter attached.
- School Talks.
 - Jeff Benson is refusing to do school talks for us as our retention rate is too low (42%) "I have serious reservations about recruiting new members to a Scouting Group when the back-door is so readily open for them to leave."
 - Suggest that we not pay the regional portion of the registration fee as they now doing nothing for us.
- Spring registration.
 - **Colony:** Derek Boyd, Adrien Pilon, Keldon Stull-Lang, Sean Brown, Lauria Pilon (new), Matthew Telford (new)
 - **Pack:** Mackenzie Bacon, Nicholas Cameron, Devon Ritchie, Heather Yates, Lillian Bacon, Warren Barr, Sam Catton, Mack Cornelisse, Corinne Pilon, Stacey Sargent, Laura Yates, Brook Hood (new)
 - **Troop:** Josh Gordon, Alex McKay, Bradley Skelhorne, Ben Catton
 - Adult forms needed for: Kevin, Robert, Alex, Keith, Mike, Sarah, Liz, Stew.
 - Youth forms needed for (cheques have been received): Bradley Skelhorne, Lillian, Mackenzie B.
- Trailer.
 - Used 6'x12' cargo trailer is \$3,000 from Merrickville Antiques; payable over three years. New is ~\$7,800 from InterCity RV Sales.
 - New 6'x12' (lighter duty) is \$3,904 from 1000 Islands RV. 6'x10' is \$3,674.
- Lion's Club.
 - Presentation made in May. I thought it went well. Thanks to Peter for the slide show.
 - Have not heard back with respect to Eager Beaver or group crest funding. Follow-up email was sent.
- Fall meeting start date(s)? Same week would be better, but kudos to sections that start earlier.
- Registration night: September 8th? 15th?
- Cub & Scout summer camps: August 27th
 - Suggest talking to the kids that dropped out last year.
- Leader party: Sunday June 26th.
- Next area meeting Thursday August 18th
 - Need volunteer to attend as I will be on vacation.
- Next group committee meeting: Thursday August 25th.

Same Section Retention

<u>Section</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Colony	45%	63%
Pack	50%	44%
Troop	8%	18%
Total	38%	41%

Next Section Retention

<u>Section</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Colony -> Pack	56%	42%
Pack -> Troop	75%	50%
Total	67%	44%

Overall Retention

<u>Section</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Colony	48%	54%
Pack	60%	45%
Troop	8%	18%
Total	46%	42%