

- Review agenda; changes or omissions.
- Review and approve minutes from 2007-08-23.
  - Change bottle drive reference to indicate it is open to sections other than Scouts.
  - Change Phoenix article reference that a single article will be maintained and section input routed into Steve. Naturally sections can submit special event reports to any media.
- Colony report.
- Pack report.
- Troop report.
- Venturer report.
- Bingo.
  - Current plan shows Bingo shutting down at the end of September.
  - Other community organisations thinking of taking it over to keep it going.
- Financial report.
  - From Stew: Since the troop raised more money for CJ than planned, should their subsidy from group be reduced to bring them to the breakeven point rather than transferring \$298.91 from the group to the troop?
  - Section financial statements required tonight.
  - Section financial audits by October group committee meeting.
  - Group financial statement.
  - Should be getting ~\$650 back from the council as our retention will be  $\geq 70\%$ .
  - Should pay Village for 2006/2007 community centre:  $61 * 15 = \$915$ .
  - Hold off on paying registration until next month to allow last few cheques to trickle in.
  - Cheque approvals
    - \$11.09 to Allan for postage.
    - \$433.17 to Allan for equipment.
    - \$40.21 to Allan for Venturer book and leader manual.
    - \$47.55 to Allan for Cub tent replacement stuff sacks.
    - \$49.49 to Allan for EMC registration advertisement (group will be reimbursed by area)
    - \$48.91 to Sheila for Beaver storage containers and small cooler.
    - \$14.28 to Allan for annual 1stmerrickville.ca domain registration.
    - \$12 to Allan for Sunrise Ceremony & CJ photo CD.
- Apple Day
  - Artists tour September 22/23 & 29/30.
  - Scouts 23<sup>rd</sup>, Beavers/Cubs 29<sup>th</sup>, Scouts 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - Scout results.
- Alex's Summer 2008 Mini-Jamboree
  - Need to commit soon if it is going to happen.
  - Almonte received \$200 in funding from the area for their centenary celebration event.

- Registration.
  - School talks in all three schools (Merrickville Public, Wolford Public, Ste Marguerite) by Kelly Banks (paid field rep). Very well received by the kids. Peter's slide show was used.
  - Council sent flyers home at Merrickville Public and Wolford Public. Our flyers sent home from all three schools. Guide information removed from our flyer at the Guide's request. Third flyer given out by Kelly when she did the school talks.
  - Registration at fire hall due to community centre being booked. This actually worked better as the kids could play on the fire engine while the parents dealt with the paperwork.
  - Small advertisement placed in EMC. Area offered to pay up to \$50 for registration advertising.
  - Registration and retention, assuming all kids trying it out stay:

Total and Comparison with Last Year				Retention: 2006 -> 2007			
Section	2007	2006	Delta	Section	Same	Next	Overall
Colony	23	20	15%	Colony	71%	100%	80%
Pack	22	25	-12%	Pack	60%	50%	56%
Troop	13	16	-19%	Troop	64%	80%	69%
Venturers	10	0	N/A	<b>Total</b>	65%	69%	69%
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>11%</b>				

- Quartermaster report.
  - Equipment usage policy.
    - Book through Quartermaster.
    - Leaders may borrow equipment for personal usage (for canoes, must sign borrower agreement).
    - Loan equipment to other Scout and community groups in return for a donation?
    - Equipment not available to parents is the official position.
  - Cave simulator lent to Canalfest. Well received, but we needed signage to get proper credit.
  - Canoes borrowed by a number of Scout troops over the summer. Received donations of \$25-\$100 per weekend.
  - One canoe has a manufacturing defect (air bubble under the gel coat alongside the keel). Evergreen will be picking it up and having it repaired at the factory.
  - Cub tent bags being replaced as they are all split.
  - Dining shelter died a hero's death at CJ and was buried with honours.
  - Deep scratch through gelcoat in a canoe by Kanata group. Will be repaired and charged back to their group.
  - Picnic tables, spars (from Scout room), and manila lashing rope stored in tractor trailer.
  - Plan to apply for another CIAF grant for flat water and whitewater canoes.
  - Cave simulator borrowed by Almonte (Bill & Stella Lawrence) for a centenary celebration on September 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Training
  - Gateway course to be given this fall by Allan for Jim, Steve, and any other new leaders.
  - New leaders need to take their WBI course.
  - First Aid course – will try to get one in Merrickville this winter.
  - Rock climbing training course is being offered in the spring by a Venturer leader; minimal charge.
- Next group committee meeting.
  - Thursday October 25<sup>th</sup>.