

- Review agenda; changes or omissions.
- Review and approve minutes from 2007-09-27.
  - Revisit Cub \$2 dues (Liz).
- Colony report.
- Pack report.
  - Discuss \$110.12 loss from 2006/2007 (Liz).
- Troop report.
- Venturer report.
- Financial report.
  - \$450 received from Solstar for 2007 Cub award; at region for tax receipt.
  - Will be getting \$795 in kickback from the region for >=70% retention.
  - Section account audits.
  - Cheque approvals
    - \$33.63 to Allan Yates for Apple Day crests.
    - \$437.76 to Allan Yates for paddles and tie down straps.
    - \$72.92 to Allan Yates for stainless steel coffee percolator.
    - \$132.19 to Allan Yates for canoe trailer padlock.
    - \$9.13 to Allan Yates for yellow necker thread.
    - \$xx to Sheila Cornelisse to yellow necker fabric.
    - \$80 to Allan Yates for group Venturer 1/3 2<sup>nd</sup> kids camp subsidy (2 @ \$13.33 - VenClimb, 2 @ \$10 – Crazy Canuck, 2 @ \$16.67 - RoVent)
    - \$915 to Village of Merrickville-Wolford for 2006/2007 community centre rental (61 kids @ \$15).
    - \$622.50 to Village of Merrickville-Wolford for 2007/2008 community centre rental (37 kids @ \$15 (Cubs/Scouts), 9 kids @ \$7.50 (Venturers meet every other week), Beavers (20 kids) not meeting at community centre).
    - \$6,265 to Scouts Canada for registration (49 kids, 4 leaders, 1 withdrawal from the spring registration, and 6 subsidised kids).
    - \$1,000 to Roger Cloutier for final cargo trailer payment.
    - \$10 to Bill Rickets for Woodbadge I training course at RoVent.
- Apple Day
  - See separate report.
  - Review.
- Remembrance Day
  - Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - Legion providing lunch as usual. Need a couple of volunteers (mothers?) to cook the hotdogs at the community centre. The Guides are not participating in the lunch this year.
- Fundraising
  - Pop can collection. 60 cents/pound at scrap metal yard in Smiths Falls. Group effort?
  - Popcorn collateral available.

- 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.
  - Three Rovers in Smiths Falls looking to help at Scout camps.
- Registration.
  - Retention from 2006, including adults, is 73%.
  - Receipt of group fee/community centre rental pending from Max Taylor. The refund of his group fee from Smiths falls (also \$50) has been concluded.

**Total and Comparison with Last Year**

Section	2007	2006	Delta
Colony	20	20	0%
Pack	23	25	-8%
Troop	14	16	-13%
Venturers	9	0	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>8%</b>

**Retention: 2006 -> 2007**

Section	Same	Next	Overall
Colony	71%	100%	80%
Pack	60%	50%	56%
Troop	64%	80%	69%
<b>Total</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>69%</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 replaced as they were 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. No donation received yet from this 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>.
  - One climbing harness lost by Venturers when canoe overturned. Venturers will be replacing it.
  - One Scout tent (yellow fly) leaks through the floor. All tents should always be used with ground sheets to protect the floor.
  - Scout tent(s) missing pegs.
- Training
  - Gateway course given by Allan Yates to Jim Wiggins, Steve Anderson, and Bill Ricketts.
  - Bill Ricketts took Venturer WBI at RoVent and received his woggle.
  - Mike Jackman and Allan Yates received WB I woggles for group committee. Not sure why.
- Next group committee meeting.
  - Thursday November 22<sup>nd</sup> at Alex Beelich's house (Kilmarnock).