

- Review agenda; changes or omissions.
- Review and approve minutes from 2007-10-25.
- Colony report.
- Pack report.
- Troop report.
- Venturer report.
 - Revisit group 2nd kid subsidy. Unsustainable and unfair to the other kids in the section; especially since they see the financial records. We get scenarios where only parents with multiple kids are registering for an activity, so they have to pay extra for their first kid to cover the cost of the subsidised cost of the second kid. Need group to fully subsidise this year, and revisit policy for next year (maybe make it on request).
- Remembrance Day Review.
- Registration
 - We have one new Cub and one new Scout, bringing our total to 68 kids. Need Roxanne's registration form.
 - Sad and happy story: We are by far the largest group in the area, Smiths Falls is steady at 58 kids but Carleton Place shows a drop from 89 to 59 kids. Hats off to the section leaders for the program that keeps so many of our kids involved. Valley Highlands area overall down 33% from last year.
- Correspondence.
 - Make Scout flowerbed in the village with outline of our crest or something?
 - Susan Wilson (susan.e.wilson@rbc.com) has asked if we can provide a winter survival demonstration and run snowshoe and cross-country ski trails behind Ste Marguerite for the Merrickville winter festival.
 - Letter from village confirming receipt of community centre rental payment 2006/2007 and that our flat rate proposal has not yet been reviewed.
 - Letter from Government of Ontario confirming receipt of CIAF report and closure of the file.
 - Letter from 2nd Almonte thanking us for the loan of the loop-the-loop track and the cave simulator.
 - Presentation (including slide show) given to the Legion.
 - Problems with sections being kicked out of community centre with no notice.
- Church Parade
 - Sunday February 24th
 - Activity day
- Quartermaster report.
 - Group crest quotes. Ebik \$2.10/100, \$1.70/200, \$1.30/300; Grant \$1.65/200. Budget \$500 for 300 crests.
 - Budget \$400 for 4 - 30 litre barrels and harnesses, \$90 each.
 - Thanks to Sheila for all the necker sewing.
 - Padlock partially broken on tractor trailer. Replacement (\$100) not an emergency as the padlock still locks on one side.
 - Badly need shelves in tractor trailers.
 - Soapbox cars stacked. 100 plywood boxes stored. Excess coffee cans moved to tractor trailer.
 - Equipment rental policy; especially for canoes. Yes/No? If yes, minimum donation amounts? \$530 in revenue last summer (not including Rideau Rountable's \$1,800).

- Banquet
 - Slide show by Peter. He needs photos.
 - Demonstrations by the kids. What are the sections doing?
 - Keep it kid focused and speeches really short.
 - Letters sent to Lion's Club & Solstar requesting award donations.

- Financial report.
 - \$90.18 donation though Allan's Christmas lights; received back from council.
 - \$200 donation from Frank & Diana Yates; received back from council.
 - \$450 donation from Solstar (for 2006/2007) received back from the council.
 - \$200 received from council towards two climbing ropes we purchased last year. There is a council equipment subsidy available for Venturer groups; details unknown.
 - Email received from council that retention registration kickback (\$1001.66) will be issued this week.
 - \$500 contribution received from the Legion.
 - Add to our financial policy that the account is not depleted such that section in-trust funds are always available.
 - Cheque approvals (in priority order).
 - \$110 to Scouts Canada for new Cub registration.
 - \$720 to Village of Merrickville for community centre rental (48 kids (no Beavers) @ \$15 each).
 - \$11.67 to Allan Yates for Venturer 2nd kid event subsidy.
 - \$91.67 to Allan Yates for second third 2nd kid subsidy for Venturers.
 - \$7.62 to Allan Yates for postage of CIAF final report.
 - \$45.16 to Allan Yates for photos.
 - \$1.17 to Allan Yates for postage.
 - \$148.26 to Allan Yates for Venturer flag & pole (pre-approved)
 - \$110.12 to Allan Yates for Cub overdraft from 2006/2007 (pre-approved).
 - \$11.37 to Allan Yates for cave simulator toolbox.
 - \$322.25 to Allan Yates for patrol box equipment and group equipment.
 - \$769.50 to Allan Yates for canoe trailer.
 - \$500 to Allan Yates for 2nd payment on Kub Kar track (pre-approved).
 - Upcoming expenses to consider:
 - \$400 for canoe food barrels.
 - \$500 for 300 group crests.
 - \$1,000 for Centenary camp. While the intent should be for the event to turn a profit, we should plan for a worst case scenario.

- Centenary Camp.
 - Report from camp committee.

- Website.
 - Need photographs.

- Training.
 - Jim Wiggins has received WBI Pack.
 - First aid course in Merrickville on two consecutive Sundays looking promising for late February or March. Minimum recommended age is 13. 7-9 Venturers are interested. How many leaders (and Scouts?) are interested? Estimated cost is \$35; group covers the cost for leaders.

- Next group committee meeting.
 - Thursday February 28th. Where?