

- Review agenda; changes, additions, or omissions.
- Review and approve minutes from 2008-11-27.
- Colony report.
  - Need section photo!
  - Need schedule updates.
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> Merrickville Beavers have had an exciting first half of the year. Besides Apple Day and the 100 Tent Event, highlights have included a spooky, fun-filled Halloween Party at Count Ringtail's Haunted Mansion; the White Tail Sleepover at the Museum of Science and Technology in Ottawa for our third year Beavers; and a number of guest speakers and community outings. A very special thank-you goes out to Bill Garland for visiting our colony to talk about Remembrance Day and share his war-time experiences; to Constable Cathy Lindsay who allowed us to tour the OPP Station in Kemptville; to Gordon Beck who bravely opened up his photographic studio and shared his love of photography; and to the Kemptville 73's hockey team who treated the kids to an exhilarating display of hockey ... with an amazing comeback from behind to tie the game.
- Pack report.
- Troop report.
  - Need section photo!
- Venturer report.
  - Need section photo!
- Christmas Parade.
  - Review.
- Hobbies & Wheels
  - Area finally responded indicating that they are not interested in this event running again.
  - Sent information package to Upper St. Lawrence Valley area commissioner, but no response.
  - The only idea I can think of is to run it as a council wide event and hope we get enough participation.
- Training
  - Recommend one weekend of training/leader/year. Woodbadge, etc.
  - Leaders going into new sections should take WB for their new section.
    - Courses coming up in January/February.
  - Bob and Jim might be taking the swift water rescue course.
  - Bob planning on taking Wood Badge I for Venturers in April.
  - Boat rescue course may be coming up this spring.
  - Family Wood Badge II (Beavers/Cubs/Scouts) at Opemikon, August 9-15.
  - First Aid re-certification needed: Steve, Alex, Liz, Simon, Mike, Amanda, Bill, Bob, John, Vic
  - Boat Pro course ongoing. One evening left. Registration:

<b>Group</b>	<b>Scouts</b>	<b>Venturers</b>	<b>Leaders</b>	<b>Parents</b>
Kemptville	1	6	1	1
Merrickville	6	7	7	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>30</b>			

- Succession Planning.
  - New blood always needed. Best time to recruit is when we don't need additional people. Need to keep program invigorating!
  - Alex moving on to area; need replacement Scout leader.
  - What were the leaders in 1999-2000 and 2000-2001?
  - What section leadership teams are we building for next year?
  - Current leader section history including 2008-2009 (bold is current section):

Leader	Chair	Treasurer	Q.M.	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Venturers
Anderson, Steve					<b>3</b>		
Beelich, Alex				2	3	<b>6</b>	
Collinson, Liz				3	<b>3</b>		
Cornelisse, Sheila				<b>8</b>			
Eadie, Simon				3	<b>2</b>		
Hamill, Stew		<b>6</b>					
Jackman, Mike			<b>2</b>	2	6		
Ricketts, Bill							<b>2</b>
Sargent, Robert					3	2	<b>1</b>
Skelhorne, Keith				2	4	<b>4</b>	
Terpstra, John				<b>3</b>			
Weatherall, Vic				<b>3</b>			
Wiggins, Jim					<b>2</b>		
Woodward, Paul						<b>5</b>	
Yates, Allan	<b>7</b>				3	1	<b>2</b>

- Banquet.
  - Solstar has confirmed funding of Wolf Cub Spirit award. Lion's Club TBD for Eager Beaver award.
    - Plaques need to be retrieved from library & engraving done.
  - Decorations.
  - Skits, displays, presentations, etc.
  - Kids at the head table again. Max to MC?
  - Venturers making cheesecake for dessert.
  - Single slide show. Who is putting it together? Lack of photos from this year; will be mostly Venturers...
  - Investiture of Stew.
- Winter activity day.
  - Planning meeting canceled.
  - Activities scheduled with Snowflake festival.
    - Cooking campfire treats, Quinzhee building, brush shelter construction, games (Fox & Goose), toboggan races, making buddy burners, fire building, example winter camp setup, making mattress from pine boughs, winter survival, boil-in-the-bag meal demonstration, snowshoeing (Venturers).
  - Budget of \$25-50 for campfire treats; may be able to recover from festival.
- Plaque on cairn in block house park.
  - Confirmation of permission? Mike?
  - Wording? Liz?

**1<sup>st</sup> Merrickville Group Committee**  
January 22, 2009 Agenda

- Financial report.
  - Submission made to Village council for \$750 operating grant in 2009 budget.
  - Received \$200 donation from Frank & Diana Yates.
  - Received \$36 from Korectype for printer cartridges.
  - Received \$20 from Korectype for printer cartridges.
  - Received \$22 from Korectype for printer cartridges.
  - Received \$46.03 donation from Allan Yates' Christmas Lights.
  - Received \$127.30 from group cut of Venturer bottle drive.
  - Received \$50 from group cut of Venturer crate sales.
  - Received \$15 from group cut of Venturer crate sales.
  - Received \$77.50 from group cut of Venturer Christmas-in-Merrickville donations.
  - Cheque approvals:
    - \$48.70 to Sheila Cornelisse for necker material.
  
- Quartermaster report.
  - One patrol box still needs to be moved from the Scout room.
  - Latest shelf in tractor trailer working well. Still need final canoe rack.
  - Both Scout room and tractor trailers nice and tidy; let's keep them that way.
  - Petrel appraisal. Mike?
  
- Website.
  - Need photographs...
  - Please keep Allan informed of any changes to the schedules so website can be kept current.
  - Positive feedback received from Kemptville and Nova Scotia leaders on the website content.
  
- Next group committee meeting.
  - Thursday February 26<sup>th</sup> at ... (close to Merrickville please)

**Financial Statement**

<b>bank balance</b> (includes in-trust funds)	\$ 4,036
<b>minus short term commitments</b>	
in-trust funds	\$ 2,972
<b>equals current available amount</b>	
	\$ 1,064
<b>short term receivables</b>	
<b>future costs</b>	
insurance estimate	\$ 500
owing to Allan for CIAF purchases	\$ 1,595
owing in Sept for Kub Kar track	\$ 500

<b>in-trust funds</b>	
Venturer	\$ 831.91
Scout	\$ 429.39
Cub	\$ -
Beaver	\$ 195.00
Winter Adventure	\$1,516.00
<b>total in-trust</b>	<b>\$2,972.30</b>

our contribution to 100 Tent was \$250

our contribution to CIAF08 was \$3977

**Leader Registration History Gap**

From [http://www.1stmerrickville.ca/history/xref\\_adults\\_position.htm](http://www.1stmerrickville.ca/history/xref_adults_position.htm)

2001	Chair	VanderMeer, Klaas
	Treasurer	Horning, Lee
	Secretary	Fuller, Marion
	Quartermaster	Warner, Richard
	Sponsor Representative	Richardson, Kenneth
	Scout Leader	Gray, Hope
	Assistant Scout Leader	Sheffield, Thomas
	Cub Leader	Clarke, George
	Assistant Cub Leader	Doxtater, Ruth Piepers, Tara Skelhorne, Keith
	Beaver Leader	Beelich, Alex
	Assistant Beaver Leader	Cornelisse, Peter Cornelisse, Sheila Skelhorne, Keith
	2000	Chair
Quartermaster		Warner, Richard
Sponsor Representative		Richardson, Ken
Cub Leader		Clarke, George
Beaver Leader		Gray, Hope
Assistant Beaver Leader		Beelich, Alex Skelhorne, Keith

1999	Chair	VanderMeer, Klaas
	Quartermaster	Warner, Richard
	Sponsor Representative	Richardson, Ken
	Cub Leader	Clarke, George
	Beaver Leader	Gray, Hope
	Assistant Beaver Leader	Beelich, Alex Skelhorne, Keith
1998	Chair	VanderMeer, Klaas
	Treasurer	Warner, Carol
	Secretary	Horning, Lee
	Quartermaster	Warner, Richard
	Sponsor Representative	Richardson, Ken
	Scout Leader	Peebles, Michele Presley, William
	Cub Leader	Earl, Andrew
	Assistant Cub Leader	Campbell, Leslie
	Beaver Leader	Gray, Hope
	Assistant Beaver Leader	Daigle, Melanie

**Upcoming Wood Badge Courses**

From <http://www.voyageur.scouts.ca/training/index.htm>

**Wood Badge Part I**

Date	Course	Course Leader	Cost
2009/01/23 - 2009/01/25	Wood Badge Part I Pack (827) Church of the Nazarene, 2 Stonehaven Drive, Kanata	Garth Jonah (613) 592-4581 theoldweasel@magma.ca	\$6.00 per person
2009/01/30 - 2009/01/31	Wood Badge Part I Troop (826) Church of the Nazarene, Kanata	Jennifer Totten (613) 825-7043 jtotten@ca.inter.net	\$6.00 per person
2009/02/06 - 2009/02/08	Wood Badge Part 1 (831) Orleans United Church 1111 Orleans Blvd	Alan Clapp (613) 837-0230 clapp4times@rogers.com	\$6.00 per person