

1st Merrickville Group Committee
June 25, 2009 Agenda

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- Review agenda; changes, additions, or omissions.
- Review and approve minutes from 2009-05-28.
 - Soft copy of minutes from 2009-02-26 not yet received.
 - Soft copy of minutes from 2009-03-26 not yet received.
 - Soft copy of minutes from 2009-04-23 not yet received.
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- Fundraising
 - The Scout leaders want to send their Scouts home next year to sell popcorn. This is currently not permitted under our policies. Specifically, kids cannot be sent home to sell product or solicit donations as that puts an expectation on the parents to supervise and/or contribute. Kids can currently do this only as part of an organised section activity (i.e. like the Scouts did their cheese selling). Scouts asking for a change in this policy. This policy put in place when group fee was started.
 - Two of the Scouts have collected donations for tree planting; ~\$700. This was approved at a previous group committee meeting, as it was made optional and it was discussed with their parents ahead of time. The Scouts have asked to be exempted from the current policy that 1/3 of all funds raised by a section be transferred to group.
- Financial report.
 - \$298 cheque received from 1st Greenwood to cover canoe repairs.
 - \$33.33 to be received from Cubs tree planting payment (group 1/3 cut); at council for tax receipt.
 - \$26.67 to be received from Venturer crate sales (group 1/3 cut); at council for tax receipt.
 - \$13 received from Korectype for printer cartridges.
 - \$xx to be received from Scout tree planting donations (group 1/3 cut).
 - Estimated canoe rental income: \$280 + \$210 + \$140 = \$630
 - Expense approvals:
 - Approve \$3,925 to Scouts Canada for spring registration? (already submitted)
 - Approve \$65 to Venturers for Bob's whitewater canoe course? And previous whitewater canoe courses for leaders (were required for canoe trips)?
 - Cheque to be written:
 - \$350 to Robert Sargent for river rescue course (\$375 income against this).
 - \$0.89 to Allan Yates for water rocket launcher repair (hose clamp).
 - \$279 to Allan Yates for canoe & tent repairs mileage (Merrickville portion \$154).
 - \$188.71 to Allan Yates for canoe repairs (Merrickville portion \$115).
 - \$5.67 to Allan Yates for stamps.
 - \$22.60 to Allan Yates for Scout tent repair.
 - \$3.90 to Allan Yates for canoe trailer hardware to fix fenders.
 - \$7.90 to Allan Yates for replacement canoe trailer clearance light.
 - \$80 to Allan Yates for Simon & Allan Advanced Outdoor Skills course.
 - \$6 to Allan Yates for Wood Badge I Venturers course.
 - \$6 to Stew Hamill for Wood Badge I Venturers course.
 - \$6 to Robert Sargent for Wood Badge I Venturers course.
 - \$8 to Liz Collinson for Wood Badge I Troop course.
 - \$220.35 transfer to Venturers for white water helmets (3) purchase loan.
 - \$33.85 transfer to Venturers for PFD whistle purchase loan.
 - \$71.19 transfer to Venturers for rescue knives (3) purchase loan.
 - \$162.72 transfer to Venturers for throw bags (3) purchase loan.
 - \$94.92 transfer to Venturers for dry bags for tents (3) purchase loan.
- Correspondence
 - Signed charter renewal form received from Legion. New Legion president: Malcolm McRae.
 - North Grenville community organisation survey response submitted.
 - Pinged both the Legion and the village concerning funding.
 - Trillium grant application for replacement tents and additional canoe trailer submitted.
 - CIAF grant report written and submitted.

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- Quartermaster report.
 - Petrel appraisal.
 - Tractor trailer lock was "broken"; fixed by Jim.
 - Price for snowshoe rental in the winter? Commercial cost is \$28/pair/weekend. Generally 12 pairs go out to a single group; we have 24 pairs. Really need 4 duffle bags @ \$36-\$51 each; the cardboard boxes are disintegrating.
 - Price for cave simulator rental?
 - Groups exempt from rental fees: Kemptville, Almonte (cave simulator?), Valley Highlands Area, ?
 - Reminder that the MSR stainless steel pots are not to be used over a fire and that tarps are always required under ground sheets.
 - Large stove/griddle bags given to Peter Brebner for repair of tears in fabric.
 - Allan fixing wheels that have broken and/or ripped out of stove bags.
 - One paddling PFD shipped back to Salus for repair. No charge - including shipping.
- Village Social report.
- Canada Day Parade.
- Need new Phoenix article writer for next year.
- Collect Scouting Life magazines.
 - Need 3 copies of past 6 months for the initial drop (Library, dentist, health centre), and six copies starting in September when we add MPS, WPS, and STM.
- Uniform
 - Fifteen minute discussion on people's philosophies and thoughts regarding the wearing of the uniform.
- Registration 2009/2010
 - 14 leaders and 22 kids in spring registration; similar to last year.
 - New PRCs still needed for: Steve A, John, Vic, and Paul.
 - Kelly Banks and Allison Shalla (Voyageur council staff) booked for additional school talks in Holy Cross, Kemptville Public, and Oxford-on-Rideau. We need to make the initial contact with all the schools; Kelly & Allison will arrange the exact date/times. We will need to produce a lot more flyers.
 - Potential new Beaver leader, Theresa Edmunds.
- Training
 - Frank Vena needs to take Woodbadge I Colony. He's planning on doing it in the winter.
 - Abbreviated wilderness first aid course available at Scout HQ, July 18-19. \$165
 - River rescue course available June 27-28. No per person cost for internal. Five external people signed up; \$75 * 5 = \$375 cost recovery.
- Plaque on cairn in Block House Park.
 - Confirmation of permission - awaiting response from Parks Canada.
 - Sheila working with Hope on plaque design.
- Colony report.
- Pack report.
- Troop report.
 - Complete financial report.
- Venturer report.
 - Review canoe trip plan.
- Next group committee meeting.
 - Thursday August 27th at ...