

Minutes of the meeting of the Group Committee held on **Wednesday, April 10 2002**

PRESENT: Allan Yates (Acting Chair) Hope W. Gray
George Clarke Keith Skelhorne
Alex Beelich Peter Cornelisse
Tara Piepers Marion G. Fuller
Rick Warner

REGRETS: Klaas Vander Meer, Lee Horning, Ken Richardson, Ted Sheffield, Paul Woodward

8:15 pm – Allan called the meeting to order.

The Minutes of the March 6th 2002 meeting were approved as circulated.

Matters Arising – it was mentioned that the tax receipts have not yet been received. **Action**

First Aid – Alex reported that Andrew Earl has agreed to do the Red Cross training – full standard. A Trillium grant may be obtained to pay for it, or Scouts Canada will help – about \$40 per person.

Secretary will send minutes by e-mail in future to those that have it – an separate action sheet will be included in the next minutes. **Action**

BEAVER REPORT – Alex presented a written report which is summarized here, as well a financial update and the Agenda and invitation for the Hogwart’s Graduation Class of 2002.

The Beaver colony sponsored a joint evening with the Merrickville Sparks and Brownies with great attendance and a good time had by all. Special thanks to Sheila and Peter Cornelisse for organizing the evening.

The easter meeting/egg hunt was cancelled due to bad weather, but springtime was celebrated with Nancy Verheyden helping the Beaver plans pea seeds. Attendance at all meetings is good. The Keeos are to receive official Keeco Neckerchiefs on April 9. April 16 will be another joint meeting with the Cubs with Emma Langdon from the War Amps.

Concern was expressed about the impression given by an unsuitable cartoon crest on a website for the Beaver day at the Ottawa Experimental Farm. After discussion, it was agreed that Alex would write a letter of concern on behalf of the Committee after reviewing it with Keith Skelhorne, copy to Allan.

Action

CUB REPORT – George reported that he will be unable to continue next year, but he has kindly agreed to still be a member of the Group Committee. The leaders have all been great – it was suggested that there be an official “passing on” ceremony when a new leader is chosen. An exciting program is planned, including a camp in May -

The committee had an important discussion about the way cubs and others perceive the value of their participation in scouting. It’s hard to define and others gave their input. It was felt there should be an

increased emphasis on “ceremony”, especially before and after meetings. Rick suggested letting the groups work together on a badge of their choice and also to talk to parents and try to get them more involved. There will always be some members more interested in activities, such as camping, and there should be something for everyone’s interests. All agreed need more ceremonies (and a flag!).

FUNDRAISING - there was discussion about the Scout successful popcorn sale - good idea for all to do next year, with plenty of notice.

Other fundraising ideas were discussed, some already tried and including a question about craft sales at Christmas. Allan would like to prepare firm ideas and a fundraising budget. *Action*

SCOUT REPORT – Hope presented a written report which is summarized here, as well as a financial report.

- ◆ Ten scouts took part in 18-wheeler district race on April 2 at Lombardy Fair Ground.
- ◆ **Wed. May 8 – 6.30 – 7.30 pm** - Two Scouts are coordinating Pitch-In-Canada clean-up at the Canoe Association ground with Cub and Beaver help. Note to all – bring gloves.
- ◆ Scouts sold \$460 of popcorn – 60% of which the group gets \$266.14 as profit. It was proposed that this amount be used to offset the costs of the Scout year-end River Rafting outing. There was discussion.
- ◆ Scouts are working on a leadership award by organizing and running a meeting. So far they have had a hike/campfire and a night on ATV/snowmobile safety.
- ◆ Camps are planned (including patrol leader conference) each weekend in May. Camp gadgets are being prepared at meetings.
- ◆ One scout is finishing Chief Scout requirements – Award to be presented in June. The Committee wanted to ensure there would be some local publicity of this. The Committee meets again soon.

SOAPBOX CARS REPORT- There was discussion of the name to be used for sponsors, publicity, etc. – for the July event. Agreed the Merrickville Scouts/Guides Soap Box Derby. Committee meets again soon.

REPORT ON GROUP MEETING – Allan reported on the group meeting. There will be a Beaver Buggy Rally (ours are doing boats) and a Cub water challenge. There is a new ruling about having two adults in the car to and from any scouting events.

COMING EVENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Saturday May 4 2002 – is scout-tree planting – details and pledge forms to be given to each group.

Action

Budget – at the next meeting, Allan would like to investigate a budget process.

Action

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday May 8 2002 – immediately after cub meeting

The meeting adjourned at 9.45 pm

