



1st Merrickville Group Committee
Valley Highland District, Merrickville, ON K0G 1N0, Canada

Notes and Action Items of the Group Committee held on **Thursday 21 November 2002**

PRESENT: Allan Yates (Chair) George Clarke
 Stew Hamill Keith Skelhorne Marion G. Fuller
 Ken Richardson Peter Cornelisse Lee Horning

REGRETS: Alex Beelich, Tara Piepers, Sheila Cornelisse, Hope W. Gray

7:00 pm – Allan called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the last meeting (17 October 2002) were approved, as circulated, with one change to the Financial Report – the minutes stated that three signatures required with Stew as the main one – should read - two of three signature required. Stew's signature is required, then either one of Allan or Lee.

Matters Arising - Allan reported that he had notified Scouts Canada that two Beavers had dropped out after their parents learned the word "God" was in the promise. There was comment on the U.S. Scout that was required to declare belief in a "supreme being" to comply with Boy Scout policy or leave Scouting.

Items discussed:

Troop Report – Hope and Paul submitted a written report that gave information on:
T-shirts ordered and received for Scout use as casual/camp uniforms;
3 Scouts attended the area Patrol Leader Conference at Whispering Pines Camp;
November meetings spent working on the Personal Development Activity Award, also went to YMCA Brockville for a swim night, 7 Scouts attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony;
In December Scouts will visit the Diefenbunker Museum and work on forestry and soil and water management badges with the help of the Biodiversity Museum personnel;
Popcorn and Tupperware sales have been successful;
4 Scouts are working towards Chief Scout Award – standard First Aid course and community service hours remain to be completed;
Scouts are performing upkeep on Wolford Trail and will take part in an Ontario Federation of Naturalists volunteer program (Spring) as well as the Heritage Badge activity at Upper Canada Village.

Pack Report

22 Cubs at Remembrance Day, also went to camp and Sixer's Council and glass making - very successful.

2 Cubs still misbehaving consistently. Ken will be coming to the meeting to help out and utilising peer pressure to try and bring them in line, i.e. nobody gets a game until everybody is quiet.

Colony Report – no Beaver leaders present

Merrickville Christmas Parade – Saturday, 21 December 2002. Christmas Parade
Keith is organizing - Wagon from Pinecrest Farm. No candy to be handed out (or thrown!) A waste, too expensive, and kids throw at people.

Craft Show Fundraising – Sheila organizing popped popcorn sale on Sunday November 24th, 10am-4pm, Community Centre. Parents/youth to man the unit in one hour stints. Stew/Devon volunteered for a shift. Keith digging up volunteers. Allan will get the unit (and supplies) from Ottawa and return it.

Financial Report - \$6,500 in bank, but haven't paid registration yet. Cheque book has gone missing. Pack has submitted a budget, but can't read the format - Alex to re-submit in a readable format
Still need Scout budget - sections need to submit financial information as part of their monthly report - Region requirement.

Security checks – still needed – Tara, Sarah, Paul

Leaders and helpers – Keith has found a new Cub leader – Doug Miron - will interview next week.

Registration – 31 Beavers, 29 Cubs, 13 Scouts
The financial support to two families was discussed and agreed to.

Popcorn – orders will be available week of 1 December - Total Sales \$1,717 – Surplus \$483.50 and an additional \$193 in ScoutBucks.

Tupperware – sales underway – going well – deadline 2nd week in December.

Gateway Training – all leaders/group committee members need to attend if they have not done it – Thursday 28 November 2002 – 7 pm, Health Centre

Group Crest contest– update – there was discussion of what to do with the entries and next steps.

Soapbox Cars – George still looking – Lee also. Discussion of approaching the large transportation company near North Gower.

Still need someone needs to lead next year's plans – Hope and George agreed to be involved.

Remembrance Day – Agreed it was very successful - 6-8 Beavers, 7 Scouts, 22 Cubs participated. It was decided that flag belt holders would be helpful for all sections. It was agreed to purchase 4 flag holders from the Scout Shop for Group use – Marion agreed to do the shopping.
Bus needs to pickup youth (6 this year) from St. Margurite as well. Request from several parents.
Lunch at community centre worked better than at the Legion. More room, less smoke and doesn't interrupt the legion members. Switching youth between flags was good.

Other Business:

Community Service - there was discussion of Cubs undertaking community service and the approach from high school students who want to help for their community service. Agreed they need to be registered in order to do this and it was stressed that they should be given a specific project to work on to benefit both sides.

First Aid - Keith reported that he is taking the St. John Ambulance First Aid Course and Level B CPR in January 2003 at the Kemptville Fire Hall:

Saturday 18 – 8.30 – 4.30 pm Sunday 19 – 8.30 – 2 or 3 pm

\$55 fee to be paid by 14 December (can be postdated to 3 January 2003) – cheque made out to Elizabeth Greenberg – please contact Karne Kondert at 283-8521 if you are interested in attending.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday 16 January 2003 – 7.00 – 9.00 pm. - Community Centre.
No meeting in December, then Thursday 20 February 2003

**ACTION ITEMS FROM GROUP COMMITTEE
Meeting held Thursday 21 November 2002**

ITEM/DIRECTION	ACTION REQUIRED/BY WHOM	ACTION TAKEN
Submit budgets	Alex and Hope	
Group crest – next steps	Allan	
Security checks needed	Tara, Sarah, Paul	
Find trailer or storage for soapbox cars	George and Lee	
Continue soapbox discussion, including forming 2003 committee	January meeting	
Get 4 flag holders from Scout Shop	Marion	
Christmas Parade – give out details to groups	Keith and Alex	
First Aid Course – Jan 03	Anyone interested	