



1<sup>st</sup> Merrickville Group Committee  
Valley Highland District, Merrickville, ON K0G 1N0, Canada

Notes and Action Items of the Group Committee held on **Thursday 16 January 2003**

PRESENT: Allan Yates (Chair) Hope W. Gray  
Stew Hamill Keith Skelhorne Marion G. Fuller  
Ken Richardson Peter Cornelisse Alex Beelich

REGRETS: George Clarke, Sheila Cornelisse, Lee Horning

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

The minutes of the last meeting (21 November 2002) were approved, as circulated, after correctomg the Colony Report from “no Beaver leaders present” to “no report given”.

Matters Arising – covered under agenda items

### **Items discussed:**

**Troop Report** – Hope submitted a written report with information on Scout activities, including skating and forestry/soil/water badgework with Andrew Howard on Jan 20. Preparations took place on January 11 for the one night Winter Camp to be held at Ken Richardson’s wood lot on Feb 1 and 2.

There was discussion of the Scouts taking part in the Envirothon (3 info. sessions om April/May on soil, water, wildlife etc). The cost is \$300 to enter a 5-person team (rather than being just observers) - a one-time charge for the Group. It was decided that we should approach the Lions Club as the Scouts are to visit to speak to them soon. If the funds are not available, we should as observers this year and report back for future years.

The Scouts will go with Stew and the Friends of the Rideau to help with clean-up and monitoring.

After discussion of a Scout fundraising suggestion,

It was Moved by Hope Seconded by Ken

That the Scouts may sell chocolate bars in the next few weeks to fundraise specifically for Scout activities.

*Carried*

Stew will record any proceeds separately.

**Pack Report** – Keith reported on the Christmas party and the Parade at which 20 cubs participated. He stressed the need for another female leader – very difficult at meeting without a second one to

comply with rules. Mention of number of cubs doing badgework and need to ensure that all the work has actually been done by the cub.

**Colony Report** – Peter submitted a detailed written report of Beaver activities, expenditures and attendance record. Some of the many activities planned during January and February include a skate party, Highland Games, Stuffed Pet Show, Shadows and Groundhog Day, Valentines Day, a Beach Party as well as the Annual Banquet and Church Parade for Founders Week – February 16-20. Busy Beavers!

**Merrickville Christmas Parade** – Saturday, 21 December 2002. It was agreed that the Christmas Parade participation was a success and Keith was thanked for his help. He had already arranged to thank Pinecrest for the loan of the wagon and bales.

**Financial Report** - Stew reported on the financial situation - \$95.54 in the account after latest bills paid and \$172 should be dedicated to the Soapbox portion.

There was discussion of the funds expected from the Legion, an update of what has been going on and their request for past three years of financial statements. Allan is preparing a letter and will discuss the situation with the current Legion President.

There was discussion of one “bounced” cheque and what action should be taken.

It was Moved by Stew    Seconded by Peter

That the list of cheques paid, provided by the Treasurer, be accepted into the minutes/files.  
*Carried*

It was Moved by Stew    Seconded by Peter

That the following payments by the Treasurer be made from the bank account

Marion Fuller	4 flag holders	\$45.77
Allan Yates	popcorn prize	\$37.40
Allan Yates	popcorn	\$69.22
Allan Yates	pins and crests	\$20.00
Scouts Canada	4 registrations	\$207.00
Peter Cornelisse	Christmas gifts	\$86.02
Peter Cornelisee	Supplies	\$120.65
Hope Gray	Diefenbunker	\$96.30
Hope Gray	EOBM visit	\$40.00

*Carried*

**Annual Banquet/Church Parade** – it was agreed to send notices for the potluck Annual Banquet – Wed. 19 February – 6.30 – 8.00 pm. Leaders will plan skits, etc. and the Anglican church minister will be invited to attend and say grace. The Church Parade will be at 10.30 am on Sunday 23 February at the Anglican Church this year.

**Security checks** – still needed – Tara

**Registration** – 33 Beavers, 29 Cubs, 13 Scouts

**Tupperware** – sales went well – agreed to do again in the Spring.

**Gateway Training** – a few leaders/group committee members still need to attend.

**Group Crest and Commissioners Award** – update and discussion .

**Group website** – being worked on by Peter Simonyi

**Soapbox Cars** – No suitable storage space has yet been found.

It was suggested that the Soapbox event be held in September this year – for several reasons, but to allow more time to work on the cars.

**Other Business:**

**First Aid** - Keith reported that he is taking the St. John Ambulance First Aid Course and Level B CPR this weekend at the Kemptville Fire Hall.

Suggestion that we keep samples of event notices/programs and forms for Annual events such as Banquet, Remembrance Day etc. for use each year rather than ‘reinventing the wheel’.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Thursday 13 February 2003 – 7.00 – 9.00 pm. - Community Centre.  
*Decided to change date in order to finalize plans for the Wed. 19 February banquet.*

**ACTION ITEMS FROM GROUP COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting held Thursday 16 January 2003**

ITEM/DIRECTION	ACTION REQUIRED/BY WHOM	ACTION TAKEN
Scouts to visit Lions and discuss funding for Envirothon	Hope/Allan	
Try to find another pack female leader	Keith etc.	
Security checks needed	Tara	
Find trailer or storage for soapbox cars	George and Lee	
Continue soapbox discussion	Next meeting	
Notices of Banquet/Church Parade etc	All	
Tupperware – another go in the Spring	All	