

1st Merrickville Group

Committee

Valley Highland District, Merrickville ON K0G 1N0, Canada

Notes of the Group Committee meeting held on **Thursday, June 5, 2003.**

Present: Allan Yates (Chair) Alex Beelich Peter Cornelisse
Sheila Cornelisse Steve Catton Marion Fuller
Hope Gray Stew Hamill Doug Miron
Keith Skelhorne Tammy Glaser Sarah Barney

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, June 12, 2003 - sections
Thursday, July 17, 2003 - group

7:05pm - Informal meeting to look back and plan ahead.

Items discussed:

- Welcome to new group committee member, Tammy Glaser, who will be taking over as group committee secretary from Marion.
- Minutes - all in agreement that minutes to be mailed to the Legion monthly
- Year end leader party - Hope has offered to host the party, tentatively dated June 28 or 29, 2003.
- Registration - mail in registration packages to be sent to current members, package to include a letter promoting the new years increased activities,
 - section leaders to touch base with members who dropped out this year to determine why left and if possibly coming back,
 - school talks will be held again this year, Monday/Tuesday, September 8/9, 2003,
 - it was decided to send information letters home with Scout aged youth instead of doing a presentation,
 - the program will be promoted as english only
 - date of registration (in coordination with Guides) September 11, 2003 at the Community Centre from 6:30pm - 8:00pm.
 - two section leaders (full uniform) and treasurer to attend.
- Financial - \$500 in bank account
 - reports to be in by the end of June,
 - two cheques cut- one to Hope for medication expenses for last camp, and one (Alex to deliver) for a donated uniform shirt,
- Fundraising - Stew announced \$2000 raised through fundraising in the past year
 - discussion on how to improve results in fundraising endeavours suggested the following: ensure youth excited and parents prepared for the event, Scout Trees should be

local and more prominent in community, and possibly limit events to major ones.
- Allan, Peter, and Alex to meet with Howard Osterer to get his advice on fundraising strategies

- Fees - Scouts Canada has increased their registration fee from \$69 - \$99 per youth,
 - group not sure how much parents would be willing to pay
 - need to get plans ready and discuss new years needs to make better decision on group fee to be added to Scouts Canada fee
 - suggested increasing weekly dues from \$0.50 to \$1.00 per youth - not decided upon
- Enhanced Program - agreed upon 9 year program
 - increase in activities to keep youth interested, parents satisfied, and leaders proud
 - set level of skills for each youth to have before they progress to next level
- Uniforms - staying with current uniform, Scouts not changing to new format
 - possible use of section T-shirts for some activities
- Group Crests - Hope to go to Lion's to discuss
- Legion - Allan to have discussion(s) with new president
- Soap Box Derby - date: Sunday, September 28, 2003
 - location: proposed site - Main St at St. Ann's Catholic church - Hope to bring to township
 - if Kemptville cannot attend will ask Smiths Falls
 - need to set clear plan for repair and painting of cars
- Trillium Foundation - all in agreement of Allan submitting application