

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

Notes of group committee meeting held on **Thursday, April 1st, 2004.**

Present: Alex Beelich Stew Hamill Tammy Glaser
 Liz Collinson Hope Gray Allan Yates (Chair)

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, April 29th, 2004 at Hope's house with the agenda focusing on registration.

7:30PM Allan called the meeting to order. It was noted that the date was wrong on the minutes of the last meeting and then they were okayed.

Thank-you to Liz and family for their hospitality as they hosted the meeting.

Items Discussed:

- Colony Report - Liz reported that there have been lots of Beavers in attendance and they have been running well planned events.

- Pack Report - It was reported that a sponsor, Solstar Enterprises, has been found for the 1st annual top Cub award. A trip to Carters' Corners for go-kart fun could possibly be awarded to the winning lair in the badge competition. The meetings have been averaging 22 youth. The winter camp at Limmerick Forest was a success with 18 Cubs, 17 Scouts, 6 Leaders and Stew in attendance. The camp had a profit of \$70.00.

- Troop Report - It was reported that the Scouts have been and will continue to be busy. They have started to paint the paddles that they have individually designed, to be finished at next meeting. The Scouts will be running the snack bar at the "Hobbies and Wheels" and are on a last rush to get the 18 wheelers ready for the rally. The planned June canoe trip to Kilmarnock is being prepared for. There are 8 youth going to the patrol leader conference and all Scouts are going to camp. The new t-shirts for the troop have come in, the cost was \$13 each with \$3 coming from the dues and \$10 from the Scouts themselves.

- Financial - There were some large purchases made since the last meeting. Allan purchased 6 tents for \$1,173.00 (\$169.00 each on sale + a discount). They are being silk screen printed with the group and tent numbers (on bags and tents). Allan also purchased 2 camp stoves for \$1,059.22. An invoice came in from Scouts Canada for registration for \$99.00, if we submit a coupon the fee would be \$70.00. The following cheques were issued:

- 1- Allan - \$1,497.64 for tents, engraving, postage, necker material
- 2- Allan - \$1,059.22 for camp stoves
- 3- Hope - \$64.19 for badges
- 4- Scouts Canada - to be determined (either \$70 or \$99)

The cheques were moved by Stew and seconded by Alex. The group bank balance at the beginning of the evening was ~\$4000.00 and was ~\$1600.00 at the end of the evening. There is still \$450.00 outstanding in donations and \$225.00 to come from the region. A motion was presented to carry over \$2000.00 to the next year and was approved (Stew, Alex, Hope, Liz, and Tammy all voted 'yes'). Stew moved to switch our bank account from Merrickville RBC to Smiths Falls TD Canada Trust because the account fees would be less. The group let the motion drop as there would be minimal difference and it is preferred to stay in our own community (Merrickville).

- Area Meeting News - Allan handed out the Group Scouter's Guide. Leader award information was also handed out. The Commissioner's award is up to the group to decide if wish to do.

- Hobbies and Wheels - Our Cubs and Scouts will be running the opening and our Scouts will be running the canteen (and keeping the profits). The kars and trucks need to be brought to the community centre on Friday April 18th between 6:30 and 8:00PM. Before the rally all kars and trucks need to have numbered

labels on them and registration forms filled in.

- Scout Trees- There are two scheduled plantings, one on May 1st at Drummond for those youth not attending the camp and one on May 9th at Whispering Pines. The Scouts may plant on the morning of May 7th. Stew has 350 trees to be planted in two locations possibly on May 1st by the Scouts. Allan has 500 trees to be planted on Kilmarnock Rd, donation and time to be determined. Solstar is interested in sponsoring tree planting.

- Fundraising- Stew mentioned the possibility of the Scouts selling drinks, etc at the hike day at Limerick Forest on May 22nd. Hope is to look into the Scouts helping out at the garage sale day on May 1st for a cut of the proceeds. The group has volunteered to help out at this summers Rideau Craft Antique Show in Merrickville for a cut of the profits. Allan mentioned that the Scouts could do a "bag packing" fundraiser for donations. Merrickville Day Care is asking to take over one of our days at the Merrickville Fair admission gate. We agree but wish to keep Friday night.

- Soap Box Derby - There is still \$450.00 outstanding from donors from last year. Most donation receipts have been sent out. There was a net profit of approximately \$1,900.00 made last year. Soap Box has been a fundraising success this year but the group decided to try to find one or more large sponsors for the next year. The public has taken notice of the derby and it brings Scouting to the minds of potential youth. Hope has volunteered to act as Prime for the coming years derby, Liz will help with a possible sponsor. The sections participating need to provide support/help in the organizing/workload. No decision was made regarding whether to go with St.Lawrence St. or Collier Hill. If a larger sponsor is found from a neighbouring town then the packs from that town should be invited to participate. Information regarding the event should be added to the newsletter & registration.

- Miscellaneous - Alex has a friend who is willing to paint the group crest on the trailers. The finer points of the design for the group crest for the uniforms are still being worked on with the manufacturer. The group approved the letter to parents regarding spring registration which will be handed out after the May 7-9th camp.