

1st Merrickville group committee meeting
Minutes
September 22nd, 2005

Present: Allan Yates, Peter Cornelisse, Sheila Cornelisse, Sandra Stewart, LeaAnne Lowry, Sean Lang, Stew Hamill

Regrets: Lea Anne McCarthy, Hope Gray, Alex Beelich

Agenda: Approved

Minutes from August meeting: Not Available

- 1. Colony Report:** Beaver meetings started.
Visit to Alpaca farm coming up.
Sean Lang new Beaver leader. John Chambers to be interviewed.
- 2. Pack Report:** Apple day and soapbox derby coming up.
Cessna flight for winning six went over well.
Section is closed to new registrants, unless they are currently “trying” it out. 31 currently registered.
Fall camp plan reviewed and approved.
3rd year Cub radio control aeroplane flying plan reviewed and approved.
Need milk crates for fall camp, Sandra to supply a number from Drummonds.
- 3. Troop Report:** No troop leaders present.
- 4. Camp plans and group committee approval:** Agreement was reached with pack and troop ahead of the meeting that all camping plans to be distributed ahead of the group committee meeting for review. Approval would be at the group committee meeting. Alex indicated that the plans should really be available two group committee meetings ahead of the camp.
- 5. Keo/Kim:** These positions should be filled. Action on sections to discuss and arrive at an agreement.
- 6. Cub/Scout camps at same time:** It was generally felt that it’s easier on parents for Cub and Scout camps to be on the same weekends, even if they are in different locations. This is not a rule, just something to keep in mind. Currently the Cub and Scout winter camps are on the same weekend.

7. **Website:** Lots of new information on website.

Send softcopies of notices and schedules to Allan for inclusion.

Take pictures of key meetings, activities and events and submit to Peter. Digital photographs preferred.

LeaAnne to ask Janet Watson (Matthew Sheets (Beaver) mother) if she will create a "Favorites Icon" for the website.

7. **Financial Report:** Approximately \$1,400 in the bank after all outstanding expenses.

\$500 cheque approved for Roger Cloutier for cargo trailer.

\$812 cheque approved for Allan for new uniforms, apple day/remembrance day crests, and pioneering broom sticks.

Waiting until next month to pay Scouts Canada so all registrations are in.

Section financial statements outstanding from last year.

8. **Wreath Laying:** Four leaders (Allan/Robert/Peter/Mike) participated in a year of the veteran wreath laying at the Cenotaph on Sunday September 18th. Meet and greet at the Legion followed, along with the receipt of a \$500 donation. It was good for the Legion to see Scouting involved. Plans made for Beavers to distribute Year of the Veteran thank you crests at the Legion dinner on Tuesday. Allan to get more crests (no cost) from Scout HQ.

9. **Registration Night:** Went well.

\$65 profit on used uniforms.

\$100 profit on new uniforms.

One shirt remains unpaid, and one registration remains unpaid.

Should have had a least one Troop leader present.

10. **School Talks:** Peter and Sheila's school talks were very well received. Comments received from many parents that their kids would not have been interested if not for these presentations. Teachers liked local leaders doing the presentation. Kids liked seeing their friends in the slide show.

10. **Village Child SurTax:** Will be collected weekly/monthly/yearly by the sections. Their discretion. Attendance records and funds to be submitted at each group committee meeting and a cheque will be cut to the village. There was a number of comments that this was going to be confusing and hard for the parents and that a standard set yearly fee for all kids should have been considered. It was noted that a disassociation of the community centre fee from the registration fee was desired.

12. **Lion's Club:** We are still awaiting receipt of funds from Lions Club. Ted Hitsman to raise at next Lion's Club meeting.

13. **Valley Highland Senior Cub Camp:** Warren Goving looking for a troop to host; he would provide the plan. This is a camp run by troop scouts for 3rd year Cubs. Occurs in March time frame. Cubs do Scouts things like making hobo stoves, knife work, etc. Intended to increase retention from Cubs to Scouts. Has succeeded well in the past.
15. **Remembrance Day:** Allan to contact the Legion with respect to bus/etc. Crest is the same one as last year.
16. **New Year's Eve Party:** Allan offered to host.
18. **Next group Meeting:** Thursday October 27th, 7:00pm. Potentially Hope's house.