

1st Merrickville group committee meeting
Minutes
June 23, 2005

Present: Robert Sargent, Allen Yates, Alex Beelich, Peter Cornelise, Lea Anne McCarthy, Sandra Stewart, Sheila Cornelise, Keith Skelhourne

Regrets: Stu Hamell

Agenda: approved

1. **Colony Report:** Sheila reports balance forward for next year is \$110.42

2. **Pack Report:** financial report will be provided by Mike.
Events report - Pitch in Canada, Spring Camp, Catapult fun, scout trees, wide games, last official meeting night at Kilmarnock, and area camp - a successful year
Summer cub camp at Whispering Pines coming up August 27, 2005

3. **Troop Report:** report by Alex Beelich
Financial report: Balance at end of Kub Kar Race Day - \$290.40
April theme: construction, decorating and racing scout trucks- good effort by all
May theme: Outdoor month. - pitch in Canada, canoeing workshop at whispering pines, duck boxes at limerick forest, Nitevent - well attended, loads of fun (Note: not intended for new cubs going up to scouts - too late for 11 year olds)
June: last meeting at Kilmarnock locks - BBQ supper, fishing, canoeing
August : Early kick off camp at whispering pines: focus on canoeing and water safety. Anticipated cost - \$15.00 - 20.00 per scout.
Equipment Request:
4 tents. Capacity to sleep 3 to 4 youth and equipment
Cost at scout house: Eureka lite4 - 249.99 plus tx each
Total: 1,150.00
Cooking pots, pans and misc items - at Lebaron's
2 world famous large family stainless cookset - **\$54.54** each
Or 2 Alpine Guide cookset - **\$69.94**

Cheque for \$1300 given to Alex Beelich for Tents and pots and pans

4. **Camp/Outing forms** permission forms handed in

5. **Year of the Veteran Crest:** given to leaders to give to Kids who are to give them to a veteran. Section leaders will decide how they will organize this for their group in September.

6. **Website:** Peter Cornelise reports that the Website is up to date. He will add some new pictures and a few other changes (ie sponsor information)

7. **1st Merrickville Financial Report: *Bank Balance = \$ 3,022.00***

Receipts are to be given to Stew at the end of the year for GST rebate.

8. **Business Donations:** Sid Boal with Legion would like to a fundraiser with the beavers, cubs and scouts

- a car wash was suggested

- also suggested was that the scouts, cubs and beavers assist the legion with some odd jobs that need to be done.

Herb White and Jeff Trew of Larkspur Lane have offered to make donations to the group.

Alan will approach them and other businesses that have supported us in the past.

(Sample Letter attached)

9. **School Talks:** Jeff Benson of Scouts Canada is refusing to do school talks for us as our retention rate is too low. (“ have serious reservations about recruiting new members to a Scouting Group when the back -door is so readily open for them to leave”)

Discussion ensued regarding the legitimacy of this refusal. Request was made that Alan email the letter to committee members. Questions arose as to whether the regional portion of registration fee be paid?

Vote: Yes we should pay it, but followup with Scouts Canada regarding this issue.

Flyers will go out to schools regarding fall registration.

Peter and Sheila are willing to do presentations at Wolford, Merrickville, and Ste Marguarite schools for Beavers and Cubs.

Oxford Mills Scouts is shutting down, we might want to recruit there.

10. **Spring Registration:**

Colony: 6 preregistered (2 new)

Pack: 12 preregistered (1 new)

Troop: 4 preregistered

24 total preregistered

Adult forms needed for Kevin, Robert, Alex, Keith, Mike, Sarah, Liz, Stew

Youth forms needed : Bradly Skelhorne, Lillian and Mackenzie B

11. **Trailer:** Discussion about necessity of trailer. It was agreed that a trailer would be very useful for keeping gear packed and ready for camps. Discussion about size of Trailer needed. A used 6'x12' cargo trailer is for sale for \$3,000 from Merrickville antiques; payable over three years. (These trailers are \$7800.00) discussed feasibility fo paying \$1000 per year towards trailer. Donations form local businesses might cover this. Suggestion made that we might not need a trailer this size. Suggestion that we might need new fundraising activities to sustain this.
Conclusion: motion made that we purchase the trailor. Vote: Yes majority agreed that we put a \$500 deposit on trailer.

12. **Lions Club:** We are still awaiting receipt of funds from Lions Club

13. **Fall meeting Dates and Registration dates:** Leaders need to start planning for the fall, info will go out on flyers.

14. **Cub and Scout Summer Camps** - August 27, 2005
suggestion made that leaders talk to kids that dropped out last year.

15. **Leader Party** - Sunday June 26th at Alan place

16. **Next area meeting** is Thursday August 18th - Alex volunteered to attend

17. Agreement that we will not be in the **Canada Day** parade this year.

18. **Next group Meeting:** August 25, 2005 at Lea Anne McCarthy's place
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