

1st Merrickville Group Committee

January 26, 2006

Present: Peter Cornelise, Alan Yates, Stew Hamill, Simon Eadie, Liz Collinson, Keith

Minutes: Approved by Committee

Agenda: Approved by Committee

Colony Report: Balance in account January 24, 2006 \$177.73

In Dec/Jan = Sign language, Pirates, Skating x 2, Old West.

On the Horizon = library, when I grow up, St. Valentine, and Princess' Ball

New Business:

Bibs over kids jackets/multi use

Hard to keep track of Beavers

Sign in/Sign out is important

Hall = Short notice about unavailability of hall is a problem

Can't give notice to parents

Discussion i.e. difficulties with use of hall

Mike Jackman warrants further discussion in dealing with town

Pack Report:

Balance in Account: Mike not present and will report later

In Dec/Jan - see report

On the Horizon – see report

Winter Challenge Item: approved by Committee

Combined Report – Peter Cornelise

Pictures

Beaver, Cub and Scout pictures are up-to-date with what I have

Slide show is progressing with pictures that I currently have

What has happened.....

Sixers decided on our Pack Specialty Badge – Master at Arms. Still finalizing the shooting requirements

Map reading

Mountain Climbing at Blue Mountain, Charleston Lake cancelled due to lack of participation

Orienteering, compass and maps

Swimming at Perth indoor pool, December 15th
Christmas shutdown, December 21st/28th
Cubs resumes January 4th, changed to 11th due to last minute booting out of the hall
Preparation for banquet
St. George the Dragon, Smarties Memory Game @MPS
Skating

What's to Come
Model airplane building
Operating Junk Yard (not scheduled)
Electric circuits and morse code (not scheduled)
First aid, winter specific
Winter Camp at Damp Dunder
That's all ('til next group meeting)

We are attempting to put more fund activities into our meetings and less repetitive items to address a normal attendance drop this time of year

Troop Report:

Balance: Unknown
See Report

E-mail from Leahanne Lowry requesting child's pictures removed

Process: please notify us in writing from this point child will be excluded from future picture taking. Alan will reply.

Financial Report:

\$33.55 Account balance as of January

Cheques – Village \$ unknown – approval from Committee

Alan picnic tables \$865.31 – approval from Committee

Open/Closing bank balances reply from Scouts Canada

Bank account needed for monies from Scouts Canada. Financial reports would be meaningless without this info.

Committee response – give opening/closing bank balances

- not willing to give account number
- Alan – Christmas lights donation box

Bingo: Parental interest not high as of yet

Offer of \$50 credit towards registration modified to giving \$25 cash each time participating.

Where should money go?

Participants from each section bring money back to their section unless they wish to go to another section. The third portion for the weeks in which three portions of revenue are received will go to the group.- retroactive.

Website:

See Agenda

Liz requested pictures to be taken of: "When I Grow Up" meeting.

Slide show given to Legion recently/Q. and A. session well received.

Gang show: Variety show

See handout

- possible 2006/07
- 100th Anniversary Celebration
- Long-term project

Pitch-in-Canada

May 3rd Scouts organizing

Banquet:

Group dessert

Allergies are a concern

Banana splits

Serving of food:

Leahanne will supervise monitoring children

Church Parade:

Catholic Church Sunday, February 26, 2006 at 11:00 a.m.

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers committed

Activity Day after at Community Centre at 3 p.m. and campfire at end.

Keith, Alex, Deb to organize planning meeting

Hobbies and Wheels: Cost has increased from \$5 to \$10 for Cubs and Scouts

Options:

Fund Raise

Ask the Region

Cut expenses for trophies by eliminating them

Add lunch with cost

Committee response

Keep cost down by cutting out cost of trophies, area kick in money

Aim for \$5

Scout Report

Review of our past activity including the month of December 2005 and month to date January 23, 2006. We started the month with a Troop visit to the Diefenbunker museum on December 5th. The objective of the outing was to assist each participant understand a bit of our history. This type of outing is also a requirement to obtain the citizenship badge associated with the "Pathfinder" Award.

On December 12th, we had an evening of games and fellowship to help celebrate "Christmas". Our last meeting of the year 2005.

December 17th saw eight Scouts enter a float in the Merrickville Santa Claus Parade. The theme was enjoying our outdoors. Our sponsor "Legion" borrowed four scouts to distribute candy to the children along the parade route.

After the Christmas holiday, we resumed on January 9th in the Anglican Church. We were very fortunate to locate on such short notice to the church. We have one Tenderfoot Scout left to infest and this should occur within the next couple of weeks.

I am of the opinion, as we pay a head fee to use the community centre a reasonable notice is required to cause us to relocate. A reasonable length of time should be a minimum of 14 days prior to the meeting date. A letter of concern should be forwarded to the council requesting adequate notice. If the group committee is not prepared to act on this request then I personally as a Tax Payer am prepared to consider this action.

A notice should be printed in the Phoenix for the public's knowledge outlining our situation. This is an election year at the municipal level as well.

January 16th, 2006, we were back to the community centre. Inside the centre three stations were set up to help everyone prepare for winter camp. Station #1 demonstrated and allowed each scout the opportunity to practice wrapping food in tinfoil to cook over a bed of coals. Objective is to reduce the number of dishes to wash at camp and provide an enjoyable meal. Station #2 allowed the troop to practice their knots in a warm dry well lit environment. The troop lashed together a small frame for the outdoor shelter to be built in a couple of weeks. Station #3 showed how and what to pack for winter camp in and on a backpack. Why it is necessary to change your clothing before retiring at night. How to identify the "UMBLYS" and why this could be a sign of hypothermia.

January 23, 2006, meeting held as a night hike as Scouter Grouch's property. All participants hiked back to the winter camp location. Here we began to construct a single structure where all the Scouts will spend the night. A large tarp will cover everyone. All will sleep on a mattress of straw. A programme has been designed with outdoor survival and fun in mind.

Upcoming events include planning an afternoon of fun to top off Founder's week. Guides and Scouts will plan and execute the activities for the benefit of Sparks, Beavers, Brownies, and Cubs. This follows our banquet. We need to know if Beavers and Cubs will participate and how many will attend.

A second winter camp will be discussed at our next meeting. Also, Scout trucks are ramping up. We also plan to operate a canteen to aid in our fundraising efforts.

In summary:

Use of Merrickville community centre:

December 12th – 12 scouts

January 16th – 10 scouts/8 scouts paid

Credit resulting from Remembrance Day

Financial Report to follow upon request