

1st Merrickville Group Committee Meeting

April 27, 2006

In attendance:

Keith Skelhorne, Alex Beech, Alan Yates, Sheila Cornelise, Bob Sargent, Susanne Pilon and Stew Hamill

Meeting commenced at 7:20 p.m.

Nothing to add to agenda.

Colony Report

Balance in account as of April 27, 2006 is \$189.89 (\$63.92 held by Group). Awaiting receipts from Liz and John to cover expenses for Voyageurs Night, Easter and Beavers Buggy kits.

Village surtax for March 28 – April 25 is \$71.00 – given to Group Committee

March 28 – 19 Beavers

April 4 – 17 Beavers

April 11 – 16 Beavers

April 18 – Collar Hill Hike – Approved by Committee

April 25 – 19 Beavers

During the period of March 28th – April 25th, we had a games night, invented things out of recycled treasures, did a hike up Collar Hill, had a sleepover at the Brockville Museum, had an Easter egg hunt and had a Voyageur night.

Planned for April/May:

April 30 – Beaver Buggies

May 03 – Pitch-In Canada

May 09 – T-Ball

May 13 – Jamboree-on-the-Trail

May 16 – Beaver swim up

May 23 – BBQ

Pack Report

Pictures (Peter):

Beavers – John gave me a CD with some pics that need to go to the web

Cubs – Alan gave me about 6 rolls of film that I need to scan and put on the web

Scouts – Alex gave me a CD just prior to the banquet that need to go to the web

Finances (Mike)

Attendance report (Bob)

What has happened (Peter)

- Mini-catapults – Cubs built catapults using wooden spoons and shot marshmallows. Several leaders were targeted at close range. Cubs enjoyed it immensely.
- Operation junkyard
- Mackenzie, Retired MNR and taxidermist. Cubs were entertained by various stuffed animals from his collection
- Ron's Archery – Cubs were provided with more of a structured learning environment for archery. Ron enforced more safety and techniques than in past years. Zero tolerance.
- Kub Kar Race night. Cubs try out their cars prior to the actual event.
- Sixers decided on our Pack Specialty Badge – Master at Arms – still finalizing the shooting requirements

What's to come.....

- Pitch-In Canada
- Easton's Corners cleanup
- Spring camp at Whispering Pines (Please note physical address is 285 Long Lake Road) **Committee Approved**
- Fly Fishing fly making
- Going-up
- Camp Impeeza at Whispering Pines **Committee Approved**

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

Cub Spring Camp (May 12th – 14th) at Whispering Pines was **approved by Committee**

Troop Report

Summary of Activities:

April has been a month of hands on construction.

We conducted two meetings with the theme of Scout Trucks. Each Scout who completes the task will earn their Modeler's Badge.

Each Scout expressed their individual creativity while obtaining the following skills:

- proper use of a scroll saw
- use of a dremmel tool
- proper method to sand wood by hand
- gluing while not sticking fingers to the object

- paint and sticker application
- working as a team
- designing, planning and carrying out the plan

We invited the Pathfinders to a joint meeting. Scouts and Pathfinders were divided into two groups with each group constructing an outdoor structure similar to the type we built at winter camp. The objective was to demonstrate and assist the Pathfinders in construction. Again, Teamwork at play. Each group completed their portion. Upon completion, the two pieces were joined together as on large structure. We love it when a plan comes together. The past week we met at the Anglican Church and completed the following activities:

- set up and dismantled the wooden track to race Scout trucks
- weighed trucks – a lot of weights to be added
- Invested a new scout, Mac C.
- four scouts – Ben, Scott, Andreas and Bradley are organizing the “Tour de Whispering Pines”
- Scouts and Pathfinders worked together setting up the Church basement for an adult meeting

Future plans:

- Hobbies and Wheels – some scouts will race. We will be operating a canteen to raise funds for CJ’07
- Pitch-In Canada May 03
- Camp at Whispering Pines May 05-07 to include canoeing, biking, relay race, activity stations and baseball – this all in addition to regular camping. Continue on the theme of each Scout plans and prepares their personal menu. Each Scout is responsible to bring their own supplies. Approved by Committee.
- Nitevent: Area activity May 12th and 13th. Approved by Committee.
- Canoe practice at the beach head. Hope Gray
- Going up Ceremony: Joint with the clubs: welcoming the tenderfoots scouts
- Year end bbq at Kilmarnock Locks
- June canoe weekend and camp – details to follow

August Camp – details to be finalized. Unsure of date. Need to formalize adult availability.

Expect four to five new tenderfoot scouts joining the troop. Anticipate total membership in the range of fourteen to sixteen.

Also expect one adult leader to be added from cubs and a parent volunteer registered as a leader to bring our total to four.

We will need a female leader going forward.

Plans have begun for next year's programme: Wood working projects

Attendance for Village child tax as follows:

March 29 06 – 10

April 03 06 – 9

April 10 06 – 7

April 17 06 – 0 (Easter Monday)

April 24 06 – Anglican Church

Re Christmas in Merrickville: No hot dog fire barrels as the Scouts are too young for this type of fundraiser.

Re Selling dog tags as fundraiser: no go as too much work as per Alan

Financial

\$3,585 as of April 27th, 2006

Lions Club cheque for \$250.00 forthcoming

Miscellaneous expenses:

3 cheques for approval/

City of Brockville \$288.00 re: Beaver's sleepover

Alan for CD photos software: \$289.07

Village for occupancy: \$161.00

All approved by Committee

Alan is applying for a grant from the Communities in Action Fund for the purchase of canoes, climbing, caving, and rapelling equipment.

This application is approved by Committee

Community Centre Usage

It was suggested by Alan that a flat fee be paid to the Community Centre at the beginning of the year for hall services and collecting monies per beaver/cub/scout at the beginning of the year (possibly \$15 per head) instead of collecting weekly. Negotiating a flat rate with the Village and writing them one cheque would make things simpler.

Discussion.....

There was shared concern amongst the group present regarding proper wording in 1st Merrickville Beavers/Cubs/Scouts notices to parents about upcoming overnight camping events that "should" have a female leader or female parent in attendance. There is a possibility of changing the requirements for cub and scout camps and female leaders. More discussion to follow as this seems to be of ongoing concern.

Please get PRCs to Alan

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. and a few things were left unattended to on the group
Agenda due to time constraints.