

1st Merrickville Group Committee

June 22nd, 2006 Minutes

Present:

Sheila Cornelisse, Peter Cornelisse, Bob Sargent, Allan Yates, Susanne Pilon, Alex Beelich, Stew Hamill, Liz Collinson, Simon Eadie

Meeting commenced at 6:50 p.m. at Alan Yates' residence.

Minutes from last month approved by Committee.

Colony Report

provided by Sheila:

Attendance:

May 3: 18 - Pitch in Canada

May 9: 19 – Baseball

May 16: 26 – Swim-up

May 23: 20 – BBQ

Saturday, May 13th, Marlborough Trail Hike: 6 Beavers, 6 parents, 2 Leaders 1 Scout

Total owing for Hall Rental: \$16

Finances: Paid out \$45 from Beaver money for May Bingo. A cheque required for John Chambers for \$105.21 for the Beaver BBQ.

Pack Report:

Provided by Peter:

Pictures are way out of date....

Written financial update to come as Mike was unable to attend this meeting.

May meetings involved the following:

Pitch in Canada - which resulted in the highest turnout of cubs other than the banquet.
Clean up at Easton's Corners.

Spring Camp at Whispering Pines with a Swiss Family Robinson turned Pirates camp theme and this featured our picture in the Perth EMC newspaper.

Swim-up with Beavers

Going up to Scouts at Easton's Corners.

Area Camp Impeesa at Whispering Pines/Boot Camp. 72 total campers from across the board attended this very successful and fun camp.

June meetings were entirely outdoor based:

Games night.

Voyageur canoeing by the Merrickville beach.

Canoe games by the Merrickville beach area and some swimming.

Bike ride to Lower Nicholson's Lock.

Coming up: A summer camp in August – hopefully with an Arborist and Geologist featuring a water theme.

Troop Report:

Provided by Alex

May was a month of outdoor activities.

May 3rd – Pitch in Canada – joint effort by all three levels. Clean up around the Community Centre, beach area and Lions Park.

May 5th -7th – Tour de Whispering Pines. Weather played havoc with our plans. All attendees enjoyed various biking activities. Steve Catton reviewed bike safety and general maintenance. All participants traveled the course in good time. General consensus included the desire to have a bike camping weekend during the next Scout year.

May 8th – Scouter Hope Gray attended our meeting and we discussed CJ07 and what it takes to get there. Discussed various fundraising ideas. Our thrust will be to raise sufficient funds to assist with upwards of eight Scouts attending. Estimated cost at \$600 per attendee plus travel expenses. This does not include the cost of the leaders to attend.

May 11th – Nitevent at Whispering Pines. Merrickville placed 3rd out of all the troops. We need to work on increasing attendance for next year.

May 24th – was held at Easton's Corners. This was a joint meeting with Cubs and Tenderfoots Scouts joining the Troop in various activities.

May 29th – was our last official meeting of the year. This event is turning into an annual BBQ at Kilmarnock locks.

Swimming and cannonballs off the lock walls were a couple of the activities enjoyed by all the Scouts. In addition, Scouter Hope was in attendance to assist with canoeing up and down the lower end of the locks. BBQ's are always fun.

Finally, this weekend we will have an adventure on the Rideau. As described in the plan, we will set up camp at Edmunds' locks on Friday evening. The following day we have instructions at the lock and general area. Following this we will canoe to Kilmarnock Island for lunch. At both Edmunds' and Kilmarnock we will have the opportunity to travel through the locks in the canoes (at no charge). After lunch, our objective will be to canoe around Kilmarnock Island and portage a fixed dam at the south end of the island. This is an area seldom traveled by anyone. Motorized boats will not be present. The intent is to simulate the experience of traveling in the wild. We will end up in Merrickville and spend the night at the Lions Park. Sunday morning will include canoe

safety and canoe games. Ultimately, each participant will have the opportunity to earn the canoeist badge.

Scouter Keith is reviewing the opportunity of a few scouts attending the Canada Day Parade.

We have begun to plan the next year. Included in the planning is a late summer camp at Murphy's Point Provincial Park. This is planned for the weekend of August 18th – 20th. Our start date in the fall will be around September 25th, 2006.

We expect to have four full-time adult advisors with PRC qualifications for the troop. Currently, we are looking to recruit a female leader to assist with the girls who have joined the Troop.

Proposed Canoe trip approved by Committee

Bingo

April 2006: \$420 May 2006: \$357
\$29 to be credited back to Beavers as per Sheila – cheque written by Stew

April: Simon and Sheila May: John and Sheila

Three people needed for July and August for the fourth Sunday of each month. The Bingo hall is now non-smoking. Sheila proposes at registration day to make the parents aware that participation at the Bingos can be a credit towards the cost of Beaver/Cubs/Scouts. The same individuals have repeatedly assumed the responsibility of Bingo dates and out of fairness to their free time this task should be shared amongst other parents.

Financial

Cheques issued by Stew:

Alex:	\$744.41	Camping miscellaneous
Sheila	\$79	Bingo (\$50 plus \$29 reimbursement for Beavers)
John Chambers	\$25	Bingo
Simon Eadie	\$25	Bingo
John Chambers	\$105.21	BBQ food
Allan Yates	\$114.17	
Liz Collinson	\$141.87	Easter event – Pinnies

Cheques approved by Committee

\$3,390 Scouts Canada Registrations

\$250 donation received from Grenville Pumping (Cub John Laprade)
\$450 received from Solstar for Cub Spirit Award
\$2000 received from the Legion

Section financial reports are required by year end August 30/ Sept 1 (receipts, costs, expenses)

Canadian Recreational Canoe Association equipment disposal

Allan Yates to represent 1st Merrickville for possible purchase of the following:

Committee approval of \$4,000 for the purchase towards 6 canoes, trailer, 20 PFDs, 6 throw ropes and bailers, 30 paddles

Committee approved non-aggression pact with Ted Hitsman regarding purchase of trailer. He maintains it and we get priority usage 'x' weekends per year.

Maximum for canoe \$800

Breakdown:

5 Kevlar canoes @ \$600 each max \$800

1 Polyethylene canoe @ \$400 max \$600

20 children's PFDs @ \$10 each

30 wooden paddles @ \$5 each

6 throw ropes @ \$10 each

1 canoe trailer \$500

Registration

Pre-registration at 15 kids: 38% of Beavers, 18% of Cubs, 8% of Scouts (10 leaders, 24 kids pre registered)

Registration forms missing from Steve, Kevin, John, Peter, Keith

New PRCs required for registration from Steve, Kevin, Liz, Peter, Stew, Mike

Area event dates for 2006/2007

Lombardy Fair	August 4-7, 2006
Boat Rescue course	August 26-27, 2006
Scout JOTA Camp	October 20-22, 2006
Scout PL Conference	October 27-29, 2006
Scout Camp Zero Hike	December 9, 2006
Winter Camp Skills	January 10, 2007
Scout Camp Zero	January 27-28, 2007
Cub Winter Challenge	February 3, 2007
Beaver Burr	February 17, 2007
Almonte Display/Banquet	February 25, 2007
Hobbies & Wheels	April 7, 2007
Scout Trees	May 5, 2007

Scout NiteVent	May 4-5, 2007
CJ Pre-Camp	May 11-13, 2007
Council Cub Camp	May 11-13, 2007
Scout Camporee	May 25-27, 2007
Cub Impeesa Camp	June 1-3, 2007
Beaveree	June 9, 2007
CJ	July 25 – August 1, 2007
Lombardy Fair	August 3-6, 2007

Almonte will be sponsoring the Anniversary Banquet February 25th and there will be an historical display. Bill and Stella Lawrence invite any group who may have items they wish to display at the banquet.

Photo CDs are nearly complete.

Annual Report will be produced. Send input or make do with what gets written.

First Aid Course will take place after summer.

Next group committee meeting Thursday, August 24th location yet to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.