

1st Merrickville Group Committee

August 24th, 2006 Minutes

Present

Sheila Cornelisse, Peter Cornelisse, Robert Sargent, Allan Yates, Alex Beelich, Stew Hamill, Mike Jackman.

Start

Meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. at Allan Yates' residence.

Minutes

Minutes from last month approved by Committee with the following modifications:

- Alex removed from list of registration forms required. His was handed in at that meeting.
- Wording regarding who has been helping at Bingo was clarified.

Colony Report

Provided by Sheila

- Schedule for the year submitted.
- Vic Weatherall identified as potential leader.
- Financial report and receipts submitted.

Pack Report

Provided by Peter

- Schedule for the year submitted.
- Cub badge challenge reward coming up. Trip to Brockville Speedway.
- Financial report and receipts not yet submitted.
- Starting the year with a bicycle expedition and geocaching.
- Left over crests from Impeesa spring area camp received. These will be turned over to the area.

Troop Report

Provided by Alex

- Hard copy report submitted.
- Schedule for the year submitted.
- Financial report submitted, but did not include revenue/expenses for all camps. Updated version required along with receipts.
- Starting the year with a bring-a-friend BBQ/canoe session at Kilmarnock locks.
- Spring canoe trip was a success.
- Are Cubs helping with a float for the Christmas parade? No answer at this time. Scouts will have a float on the CJ07 theme.
- Regrets in advance for next group committee meeting.
- Aiming to have each Scout pay \$100 towards the \$600+ CJ07 cost with the rest obtained from fund raising.

Motion for group to provide \$100/attendee financial assistance towards CJ07 attendance from funds raised for non-capital purposes. Motion passed 3 to 1. Estimated cost is \$1,000. Discussion focused on why should Scouts receive the benefit of these funds when Scout parents do not contribute to fundraising. It was recommended that Scout parents attend Bingo for Sep-Dec to earn this money.

Service Scouters

The area is attempting to provide service Scouters. These would be Scouters at the area level that would be available to visit section meetings and provide assistance and advice based on their experience. Their purpose is not to spy or report on the sections. It was recommended that the sections take advantage of this offer as they have everything to gain and nothing to lose. Joan Smith has been identified as the Beaver service Scouter for Merrickville; none found yet for Cubs or Scouts.

Quartermaster

With the amount of equipment we have acquired and the new items in the pipeline, we need to maintain better control of the assets. This will also ensure that all sections have easy access to all equipment. The equipment is available for all to use. Mike Jackman has volunteered to fill this role. He will be creating a list of all the equipment and its location. Paul Woodward will assist with tracking the equipment usually used by the Scouts. All sections agreed to support this effort.

Canoe purchased for \$500 from CRCA auction. All life jackets and paddles were taken by Rideau Environmental Action League for the Voyageur canoes.

Bingo

June: Peter/Sheila/Christine Bleackley

July: Sheila/Christine Bleackley /<Hire>

August: Sheila/Joanna Huels/Jim Wiggins (both Beaver parents)

One person hired, at a cost of \$25, for the July date as nobody was available. We still get that person's share of the revenue.

No cheque received for these months yet. Bingo coordinator on holiday.

CIAF Grant

- It was felt that lighter canoes were better and worth the extra cost. Skid plates thought to be a good idea, and a set should be thrown in for auction bought canoe.
- Aluminum/plastic paddles were not liked. Preference for wood paddles with resin tips. Two sizes, one for Cubs and one for Scouts. Three per canoe.
- It was suggested that a six canoe trailer would be enough, assuming people could carry canoes on their cars.
- As we are going to the trouble to have a rock climbing instructor brought in, as many people as possible should be sent on the course. We should find the extra funds if necessary.
- Scouts have been told to supply their own PFDs. A minimum set of PFDs are needed for the Cubs (and maybe Beavers) who don't have their own. Suggested six of 30-60 lbs and twelve of 60-90 lbs. Note that inflatable PFDs are not approved by Transport Canada for kids under the age of 16. PFDs must have an attached whistle.

Financial

Cheques written:

Sheila Cornelisse	\$30.00	Canalfest canoe race registration
Sheila Cornelisse	\$75.00	Bingo
Peter Cornelisse	\$25.00	Bingo
Christine Bleackley	\$50.00	Bingo
Allan Yates	\$43.40	Postage/courier for grant applications

Cheques approved by Committee

\$11,480 grant received from the Government of Ontario Communities in Action Fund. This is for canoes, a caving simulator, rock climbing training, and rock climbing equipment.

Total in cash in bank approximately \$14,000.

\$1,000 payment on cargo trailer due at the end of October.

Need old receipts from previous Hobbies & Wheels to submit to the area. These were being used for GST purposes only.

Apple Day

Beavers and Cubs will do Apple Day on Saturday September 23rd. The Beavers will start at 9am. The Scouts will be going on Sunday September 24th from 11am to 3pm. Mike to source apples.

Pitch-in Canada

Date agreed as Monday April 30th. To rotate through the three section meeting nights each year.

Community Centre Rental

Allan to attempt to negotiate flat rate fee with Jill Eagle at the Village.

Police Record Checks

New PRCs still needed from Steve A., Liz, Kevin, and Mike.

Website

- Peter in the process of updating photographs.
- More photos being sent from Alex for Scout spring canoe trip.
- Section schedules will be updated shortly.

Lombardy Fair / Merrickville Fair

Area planning historical display and hands-on area from the Lombardy Fair. Potential plan is to use the Merrickville Lion's Club stage trailer to house the exhibits. The organiser, Ron Lyons, is getting help from Klaas (for some landscaping). They have asked if the display could be setup at the Merrickville Fair as well. Consensus was, by all means.

Registration

- Peter volunteered to do Beaver/Cub/Scout school talks on Monday September 11th. The slide show from the banquet will be used.
- Allan will send flyers home via the schools on the week of September 5th.
- Registration is Thursday September 14th 6:30pm-8:00pm at the community centre.
- Photo CDs will be complete by registration night.
- Registration forms still needed from Steve A., Kevin, John, and Keith.
- Voyageur region will theoretically refuse John Chambers as he hasn't completed WBI. They apparently haven't noticed the rest of our leaders that haven't completed WBI either. There is an exemption/extension form available but Allan refused to fill it in as a waste of time. We will cross the registration refusal bridge if it actually materialises.

First Aid

Alex has arranged a first aid refresher course. \$120-\$150 for up to nine people. Evening of Monday October 16th and evening of Monday November 27th.

Calendar

- A combined Merrickville/Valley Highlands calendar is being maintained this year as an experiment.
- Debate on whether the Christmas Parade is on December 16th or 23rd.
- Unsure of date for Church Parade. Allan sending query to Guides to determine correct date.
- Alex participated in Lombardy Fair food booth this year.

Special Events Ideas for the Centenary

- Canada Day
- Canalfest
- Village Social
- Canoe trip on Rideau
- Artist Tour
- Soapbox Derby
- Invite all previous leaders to banquet
- Village campfire
- Canoe outings by Scouts
- Rent Scouts Canada climbing wall

Next Meeting

Next group committee meeting Thursday, September 28th at Mike Jackman's house.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.