

1st Merrickville Group Committee

September 28th, 2006 Minutes

Present

Sheila Cornelisse (Beavers), Peter Cornelisse (Cubs), Robert Sargent (Cubs/Scouts), Allan Yates (Chair), Stew Hamill (Treasurer), Mike Jackman (Cubs), Steve Anderson (Cubs).

Start

Meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. at Mike Jackman's residence.

Minutes

- Minutes from August 24th, 2006 approved.

Colony Report

Provided by Sheila

- Vic Weatherall to be interviewed on Thursday October 5th.
- Tails distributed.
- No contact from area service Scouter.

Pack Report

Provided by Peter

- Cub badge challenge reward, trip to Brockville Speedway, was a success.
- First meeting with bicycling and geocaching was a success.
- Financial report and receipts not yet submitted.
- Fall camp plan approved.
- Apple Day and Soapbox Derby went well.
- No contact from area service Scouter.

Troop Report

Provided by Robert

- Financial report and receipts not yet submitted.
- Permission forms from last year received before meeting.
- No contact from area service Scouter.
- Fall camp plan approved.

Bingo

Revenue: June \$243, July \$246.

August: Sheila, Joanne Huels (Beaver parent), Jim Wiggins (Beaver parent)

September: Sheila/Christine Bleackley (Beaver parent)

October will require three people.

There was a shortage of \$20.50 at the September Bingo. Split equally between Drummond and ourselves.

Joanne Huels declined her Bingo payment and said to keep it for the kids.

Revenue and expense graph distributed by Allan.

Numbers down due to no smoking policy.

Sheila donated her \$25 March Bingo payment to the group.

Church Parade

The Guides indicate it is always the Sunday before B-P's birthday. February 18th, 2007.

Financial Report

- Financial statement for 2005/2006 approved. Stew distributed details report, Allan distributed summary.
- Stew requesting all receipts to be submitted for GST rebate application.
- Ken Richardson has agreed to audit group and section accounts for 2005/2006.
- Policy discussed that sections hold no more than \$200 in cash. Any excess should be deposited with the group in trust. Consensus that this makes sense, but official decision deferred to next meeting as head Scout leader, Alex Beelich, was not present. Comment made that while the group should always know how much each section has in trust, the sections financial records should also maintain this information.
- Discussion around money identified in minutes from October 2002 as Soapbox Derby. Discussion as to whether this was actually Scout money left over from Hope Gray's CJ fundraising. Consensus that the money be allocated to troop as a sign of good faith.
- The current in-trust amounts are Colony \$63.92, Pack \$239.01, Troop \$232.17.
- Reminder of policy decision last year that families with more one child in a section only pay 1/3 camp costs for second and subsequent children.
- Applying for \$240 registration subsidy from Voyageur Council (6 kids)
- Cheques approved:

Doug Snow	\$120.00	Refund for Sam Snow withdrawal (\$105 regn + \$15 cc)
Steve Catton	\$30.00	Refund for registration overpayment
Mike Jackman	\$48.00	Apples for Beaver/Cub Apple Day
Alex Beelich	\$36.00	Apples for Scout Apple Day
Scouts Canada	\$4,575.00	Registration
Sheila Cornelisse	\$45.00	September Bingo coordinator
Allan Yates	\$31.25	Valley Highlands crests (25)
Allan Yates	\$33.63	Apple Day crests (50)
Allan Yates	\$43.43	Voyageur and Ontario crests (25 each)
Allan Yates	\$377.18	Uniform consignment sale at registration
Allan Yates	\$59.92	Cub tent number and group silk screening
Allan Yates	\$99.02	Marketing photographs
Allan Yates	\$131.10	Rock climbing harnesses
Sheila Corneilsse	\$25	August Bingo participation
Jim Wiggins	\$25	August Bingo participation
Sheila Cornelisse	\$10.25	Shortage at September Bingo
Allan Yates	\$61.56	Knot rope
Roger Cloutier	\$1,000	Cargo trailer payment
Allan Yates	\$300.50	Kub Kar track shipping and GST
Gunnebo Security	\$412.28	Cargo trailer padlocks

Registration

- All current leader PRCs and registration forms have been received!
- All leaders that we pre-registered in the spring have returned.
- Collected \$1,060 in group fee; leader registration costing \$1,365 so far.
- Group subsidy is \$330 so far; the Legion directs part of their funding to cover this.
- 19 Beavers, 24 Cubs, 16 Scouts; total of 59 kids and 13 leaders. Still second largest group in Valley Highlands, and largest by population.
- Youth retention rate is 64%; up from 59% last year. Overall retention is 71% qualifying us for a \$15 rebate on all our full price registrations. This money will be kept in the group (not refunded to parents. Otherwise the late paying parents will have paid the same as those who paid in the spring to get a better price).
- Kelly Banks, paid staff, has agreed to do School Talks in Merrickville Public and Ste-Marguerite. She will use our slide show and schedule with schools.
- Uniform sales had a net profit of \$61. Would have been a bit higher except that Scout shop prices increased between publication of our price list and our purchase of the items. Detailed report distributed by Allan.
- Registration night went well. Suggestion to have adult registration forms available at the section desks and also have them available in the filing cabinet in the Scout room.
- Voyageur council still indicating they will not accept the registration from John Chambers and Simon Eadie as they have not taken a Woodbadge course. Allan in discussions with the council. A number of our leaders actually haven't taken a Woodbadge course, and most of the leaders haven't taken it for their primary section.

Quartermaster

- Padlocks purchased for cargo trailer. Keyed to match tractor trailer padlocks. Lubricate with silicone spray only.
- Who has padlock keys and which number? Mike has #3. Alex has a key. Looking for #1, #2, and #6.
- Shelves needed in both cargo trailer and tractor trailers.
- Inventory in progress.
- New necker sewer needed; Amy retiring from this position after two years.
- Canoes ordered.
- 104 group crests remaining. 200 purchased in December 2004 at a cost of \$460.58. During this time, 59 should have been issued to kids, leaving 37 being given to leaders or unaccounted for.
- New knot rope purchased. 30 – 6' lengths each of two different colours. 3/16" diameter. The terrible white rope that was donated last year will be used by the Cubs as belts for their Guys.
- Will be soliciting donations from local businesses to cover the cost of shelves and a canoe trailer.

Apple Day

- Revenue down significantly due to bad weather.
- Detailed report distributed by Allan.
- Overall revenue at \$797.74 so far with a profit of \$680.11. Down from a profit of \$1,346.14 last year.
- Allan requested by Mike to write thank you letter to Jasper Orchard as they gave us a very good price on apples.

Rock Climbing Training

- October dates canceled due to instructor injury. Working on new dates.

Community Centre Usage

- Letter sent to Jill Eagle requesting \$15/kid flat rate.

Eager Beaver & Wolf Cub Spirit Awards

- Thank you letter received from Cub Aaron Kinch; forwarded to Solstar Enterprises.
- Beaver Taylor Collinson was not able to attend this summer, but will go next summer.

First Aid

- Refresher course; evening of Monday October 16th and evening of Monday November 27th. Arranged by Alex.
- Jayd O'Neill's mother is also a first aid instructor.

Next Meeting

Next group committee meeting Thursday, October 26th.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.