

1st Merrickville Group Committee

October 26th, 2006 Minutes

Present:

Alex Beelich (Scouts), Stew Hamill(Treasurer), Bob Sargent (Cubs/Scouts), Susanne Pilon (minutes), John Terpster (Cubs), Allan Yates (Chair), Steve Anderson (Cubs), Sheila Cornelisse (Beavers), Peter Cornelisse (Cubs).

Meeting commenced at 7:10 p.m. at Bob Sargent's residence.

Minutes from September 28th, 2006 approved.

Beaver Colony Report (Sheila):

Finances: Opening Balance: \$71.58 Revenue (dues): \$69.75
 Expenses: \$91.15 Balance: \$50.18

Attendance: October 3rd – 16, Oct. 10th – 19, October 17th – 14, October 24th – 17
Total: 66

Activities:

October 3rd – Campfire at Merrickville Beach. Campfire songs and smores
October 10th – Dark Skies – Astronomy and telescopes
October 17th – Exercise and Investitures at Easton's Corner's
October 24th – Fright Night

Upcoming for November.....

November 07th – making memorial crosses to lay at the cenotaph for Remembrance Day
November 11th – Remembrance Day Parade
November 14th – Marshmallow Golf Tournament
November 19th – Hayride at Big Sky Ranch
November 21st – No Beavers
November 28th – Make Ice Cream

Pack Report (Peter):

Pictures are out of date and a replacement is sought.

Finances and Attendance: Allan
Cubs seem to be a couple of hundred dollars in the red but Allan will determine after looking at the paperwork. Details next meeting.

What's been going on.....

- Fall Camp (girls outnumbered the boys)
- CP & OPP night rained out/ games night instead and intro to compass board
- Night hike
- Fire Department Safety visit
- Investitures and making of Guys for Guy Fawkes night

What's to come.....

- Guy Fawkes campfire
- Open evening
- Remembrance Day parade
- Knots and orienteering
- Tracking signs
- December 28th family swim at Perth Indoor Pool 6:30-8:00 p.m.

It was brought to the Group's attention that when the Troops are congregated at a meeting it should be referred to as a "circle" instead of a "horseshoe".

Troop Report (Alex):

Recent Activities.....

Bike camp at Whispering Pines and Murphy's Point included 5 Guides, 17 youths and 5 adult leaders.

There is a need to increase the difficulty of the activities as the skill levels are steadily improving.

Scott Croghan and Paul Woodward are our designated Quartermasters. All equipment after camp is sent home with a designated Scout for repacking and cleaning. Paul and Scott control this activity.

Last meeting was a hike from County Rd. 16 on to the Limerick Forest and back again. Hiking in the dark was an interesting experience. 12 Scouts were out for the evening.

October 30th is set as our investiture meeting and CJ'07 information night.

Next outdoor camp is set for November 25/26 including a hike to Carley's corners. The Pathfinders are interested in joining in this activity. A walk about is set with Christine and Carole tomorrow morning to check the camping area. A joint planning meeting is scheduled for November 6th to ensure all activities are equally planned and exercised.

A meeting will be planned to finalize the balance of our Scout year and outdoor activities. We are still planning to have one outdoor activity each month.

There are plans to have a Leaders campfire.

Keith Skelhorne – Troop Treasurer – has the attendance records. Report to follow.

Draft financial report provided to Allan and receipts will follow next month.

Bingo:

Revenue: August: \$180/September \$201

Updated chart will be provided by Allan, approximate monthly revenues are \$200

October attendees: Sheila Cornelisse, Cynthia Yuschyshyn and Sharon Thompson

Financial Report:

\$17.51 in Apple Day silent selling baskets received. This year's apple sales (\$660.15) were the lowest since 2001.

Recommend policy that sections hold no more than \$200 cash in hand and deposit excess with group In Trust.... It was brought to the committee if we want to revisit separate bank accounts for the separate groups. Stew indicated that it would mean one more audit and Allan added that it would mean keeping track of three financial records.

Alex presented the motion: Do we want the 2001 policy in affect changes so that each section has the option of maintaining their own bank account. Motion seconded by Sheila. Motion denied.

Motion by Stew that no more than \$200 in cash from regular attendance and dues be kept by each group. Special events and camp funds are excepted.

Motion seconded by Susanne. Motion passed.

It was decided that no fees will be charged for NSF cheques.

Cheque approvals:

- \$30 to John Terpstra for reimbursement of group fee as he is now a Leader.
 - \$30 to Vic Weatherall for reimbursement of group fee as he is now a Leader
 - \$25 to Cynthia Yuschyshyn
 - \$12.83 to Amy McKay for yellow necker fabric
 - \$79 to Sheila Cornelisse for September Bingo participation plus October
 - \$25 to Christine Bleackley for September Bingo participation
 - \$136.24 to Allan Yates (\$96.91) for band aids, lantern globes and 1 lb propane cylinders. Charge against Cub restricted funds. (\$39.33) for replacement regulators for Scout two burner stainless steel stoves. Charge against Scout restricted funds
 - \$315 to Scouts Canada for two additional leaders (John Terpstra and Vic Weatherall) and new Cub. No cheque required as we have a credit at the region for our 70% retention kickback (they haven't cut us a cheque yet)
 - \$10,260 to Jenda Paddlesports for canoes (CIAF)
- There is currently \$5,800 in the bank now.
Cheques approved by Committee and passed.

Remembrance Day

Falls on a Saturday this year and we need to ensure that all the kids turn out.

All attending will meet at the Legion at 10:15 a.m.

The Legion is providing a hot dog and hot chocolate lunch at the community centre

Quartermaster Report (Mike)

- Padlocks requested for cargo trailer. They will be keyed to match existing tractor trailer padlocks. Lubricate with silicone spray only.
- Key control.....Mike has padlock key #3, Alex has #6, Peter has #1 and it is unknown who has key #2.
- Shelves needed in both cargo trailer and tractor trailers.
- Inventory is in progress
- New necker sewer is needed
- Equipment should always be cleaned after use before storage.

Website Report

Peter is retiring from Website photo work function. No replacement mentioned.

First Aid re-certification course (Andrew Earl):

To qualify for re-certification existing certificates must still be valid or have expired no longer than one month by the date of the re-certification course. Sheila offered to find out the definition and differences between Emergency First Aid, CPR and Standard First Aid and which of these course(s) are the satisfactory minimum for our Colony/Pack and Troop. Alex advised us that a weekend course – which would take about 6-7 classroom hours – would be possible but it would have to be done on a weekend and not many people have that kind of time on the weekends. We will await further information from Andrew Earl, the instructor.

Additional.....Hockey

Allan: Regarding the memo from the Ottawa 67's as a possible fundraiser as the game tickets can be purchased for \$9 from the 67's and potentially sold for \$14. We need to see how many are interested in attending the hockey game and how many tickets would be required. The tickets can be advanced free of charge. The sections are to get the numbers to Alex and the profits will go to the Scouts CJ. Alex would appreciate a response ASAP so he can place the order for tickets. Transportation will be the parent's responsibility and car-pooling would be a good idea.

The last group committee meeting of the year will be on Thursday, November 23rd at Susanne Pilon's house in Burritt's Rapids (4 East Street).

**This date was changed due to conflicting schedules to November 30th.