

1st Merrickville Group Committee November 30, 2006 Minutes

Meeting commenced at 7:15 p.m. at Susanne Pilon's house.

Present:

Alex Beelich (Scouts), Hope Gray, Keith Skelhorne (Scouts), Stew Hamill (Treasurer), Bob Sargent (Cubs/Scouts), Susanne Pilon (minutes), Allan Yates (Chair), Sheila Cornelisse (Beavers) and Peter Cornelisse (Cubs).

Group minutes from October 23rd, 2006, approved by group.

Beaver Colony Report (Sheila)

Financial Report

Opening Balance:	\$50.18	
Revenue (Dues) 7-28 Nov. '06	<u>86.05</u>	\$136.23

Expenses

Donation to Big Sky Ranch	\$22.00	
Snacks	<u>55.08</u>	<u>\$77.08</u>

Balance:		\$59.15
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Attendance:

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

Upcoming for December/January

December 05 Joke Night – Comedy Hour at the Beaver Lodge
December 12 Knots
December 16 Christmas Parade – just watching this year
December 19 Christmas Party
December 26 and January 02 no Beavers
January 09 Lotto Fun Night
January 16 Mystery Madness
January 23 Noodles
January 30 Octopus

Pack Report (Peter)

Pictures

Are way out of date and a replacement is desperately sought to update them.

Pack Report

Finances (Allan)

Attendance (Allan)

What has happened

Investiture of our last remaining Cub

Guy Fawkes campfire night

Survival kits, each Cub received and used signal mirrors with a spot light with an inflatable plane

Remembrance Day Parade

Knots, Orienteering, Campfire songs

Tracking signs

Pioneering, catapults

What's to come...

Making ice cream

Easton's Corners, star gazing and other outdoor activities

Christmas Holidays – two week break from Cubs

December 28th Family swim at Perth Indoor Pool

Cubs resume on January 10th, 2007

First Aid scenarios for Cubs

Making a First Aid Kit

Troop Report (Alex)

Highlights of activities since October 26th, 2006

October 30th - Investiture Night

Invested three leaders – Paul W., Robert S., Kevin B., and the following Scouts were invested: Lilly Bacon, Jayd O'Neill, Stacey Sargent, Aaron Kinch, Gregory Jackman, Calvin Gale, Adam Szalia, Grant Szalia.

Parents remained in the audience and took pictures.

November 06

Joint meeting with the Pathfinders. Compass instruction . Planning the hike, including: activities, menu, and equipment.

November 11th

Remembrance Day service. Thirteen Scouts in attendance followed by lunch at the Community Centre. Keith Skelhorne organized this successful event.

Continuation of outdoor badge requirements during the following meetings.

November 13th

All Scouts received a "Lock back Knife". Each Scout also received their knife permit after instruction and testing. Instruction included care of and how to sharpen a knife properly. Time was also spent on the components of building a fire and we reviewed hypothermia, frostbite, dehydration, and sunstroke and reviewed equipment needed for the hike.

November 20th

All hikers brought in their packs for inspection. Time was spent showing how to light a gas stove and lamp. First aid sling and donut was shown and all Scouts were given a "Blaze Orange Ball Cap" and 1st Merrickville Badge.

November 25th

Hike began at intersection of County Rd 15 and Armstrong Rd. In attendance there were ten Scouts, six Pathfinders, four Scout leaders plus Steve C., and two Pathfinder leaders. Competition of two patrols: Male Scouts vs. Pathfinders and female Scouts. Each patrol set up their own camp complete with fire pits Leaders had a separate fire pit. Latrine area tarped off for the Pathfinder leaders and the girls (email from Carol Roberts)

December is capping off with a float in the Christmas Parade on December 16th. Next camp activity: Area winter camp (Camp Zero) end of January 2007. No details to date.

Financial report attached – Dues on hand collected this year \$72.50

Planning meeting in December to finalize balance of the year.

CJ'07

Scouts to attend (deposit of \$350.00 received)

Andreas Beelich, Ben Catton, Scott Croghan, Gregory Jackman, Harry Hitsman, Bradley Skelhorne, Alex Mckay, Adam Szalia, Grant Szalia.

Other Scouts will be encouraged to attend if possible.

We are forming two units requiring four adult leaders.

Leaders that have paid to date: Alex Beelich and Mike Jackman.

Hope Gray has submitted registration forms and \$350.00 to follow

Paul Woodward has agreed to attend but would appreciate it if another adult attend also.

Sources of funds:

Group committee pledged	\$1,000.00	Minutes permit \$100 per participant (x10)
Cash raised	700.00	
Cash on deposit	250.00	With Group funds
Cheque	595.00	Industrial Alliance Insurance Company
Legion pledge	1,000.00	To arrive in January
Sale of cheese	125.00	Thanks to Hope Gray
Scout deposits	3,150.00	Cheques paid by parents
Leader funds paid	<u>700.00</u>	Cheques on hand

Total **\$7,520.00**

Funds needed at \$595.00 times 13 = \$7,735.00

Fundraising to continue.... the objective is to reduce the financial cost to all attendees. This includes letters requesting assistance, Hockey tickets for Ottawa 67's game. Extra costs: travel, potential administration last fees of \$50.00 each ([6@50.00](#))

Planned Registration

Group 1

2 Adults and 5 Scouts to be paid on December 1st - \$4,165.00 (\$595.00 each)

Group 2

2 Adults and 4 Scouts to be paid on December 1st - \$1,800.00 (\$300.00 each)

Subject to a surcharge of \$50.00 each or \$300 total.

Total needed **\$5,965.00**

Our fundraising will offset the extra costs.

Dues from September to November 20th, 2006

September 11 th	BBQ Kilmarnock	no dues
September 18 th	Fundraiser CJ 07	no dues
September 25 th	Community Centre	no dues
October 2 nd	Anglican Church	no dues
October 9 ^{th/16th}	No meeting	no dues
October 23 rd	Evening Hike	no dues
October 30 th	Investiture/C. Centre	\$20.50
November 6 th	Community Centre	\$11.00
November 13 th	Community Centre	\$22.00
November 20 th	Community Centre	\$19.00
November 27 th	No meeting	no dues
	Total dues	\$72.50

Merrickville Christmas Parade – Scouts are making a float

Bingo

October/November Cheques not received yet

November attendees: Sheila, Sharon paid \$45 for Charlie

December: No Bingo on our Sunday, need two parents in January

Financial Report

Additional Apple Day money received from silent selling basket at Robert Gray Glassblowing

\$585 cheque received from Voyageur Council. This is our registration fee kickback for achieving 70% retention (leaders and kids)

Cheque for registration subsidy reimbursement not yet received. Seven kids: \$280

\$105 cheque received from Hope Gray to cover her Scouts Canada registration fee so she can attend CJ07

\$1,500 cheque approved by the Legion for the group. Legion publicity person holding the cheque for a photo opp.

Cheque approvals:

\$12.83 Amy McKay for yellow necker fabric

\$1,279.89 Allan Yates for rock climbing equipment

\$5,965 to Scouts Canada for CJ07 deposit: nine Scouts and two leaders. Scouts providing individual Cheques totaling this amount

\$420 to Scouts Canada for registration of Harley Brown (cub), Vic Weatherall (Beaver Leader), John Terpstra (Beaver Leader), Hope Gray (Scout Leader). Had approved three of these last month with the intention of not submitting a cheque as the council has not yet agreed to send us our registration fee kickback.

\$119.40 Mike Jackman for Cub account overdraft from 2005-2006. Charge against Cub restricted funds.

\$95 to Sheila Cornelisse for November Bingo.

Motion made by Sheila. Seconded by Alex. Motion passed.

\$2,867 account balance

\$1,000 paid to Village

\$1,500 received from Legion

Total Balance \$3,367

CJ07 \$800 to Alex

Quarter Master Report

Existing canoe should be moved to trailer for storage
New canoes expected anytime. Jenda Paddlesports providing free delivery
Rock climbing equipment purchased. Training will be in the early spring.

Training

Vic, John T., Steve, and Kevin need to take the Gateway course. Voyageur council has agreed for me to give the course so we can arrange it to meet our schedule. Recommend that heads of sections consult their leaders and agree on a date/time.

All new leaders (John C/Simon/John T/ Vic) need to take WBI course. Otherwise, re-registering them next year will be problematic.

All leaders should ideally be taking WBI in their current section. Hopefully, some leaders will also take the WBII course. There was a general consensus from the group committee that people don't have the time to commit to these courses due to their family responsibilities.

First Aid

We are not qualified to judge which adults should be considered to have the equivalency of standard first aid when they have not successfully completed the course. (i.e. an individual with a medical background)

Only two leaders currently have their certification – Mike and Robert.

Sheila and Peter will be taking a First Aid course in Brockville December 15th and 16th. Bob suggested it should be covered by the Scouting Group and the committee agreed.

Hope motioned that a function or outing has at least one person who is appropriately qualified in first aid or that function is cancelled. Seconded by Alex and passed. Parents of children who require special medical attention (i.e. Sean) should train leaders how to react.

Website

Still no replacement for Peter.

Other...

Foodtown in Merrickville has offered one of their front windows for Scouts (see Hope Gray for updated info)

Scouts could possibly maintain the flowers at the cenotaph.

Annual Report from Scouts Canada shows an 18% drop in enrollment.

Stew suggested the rental of the Scouts canoes to (Rideau Round Table) make approximately \$1,800 in early spring. As long as there are no conflicting camp dates, the committee was very positive about this suggestion.

\$4,795.00 given to date to Stew from parents for CJ07. The current maximum from Group Committee is \$1,000.

Previous Scout camp took place without Group Committee approval. Alex wanted to know why there were so few responses to his e-mail. It was brought to the group's attention that e-mails need to be responded to quickly especially in those cases when group approval is required. Not responding is not a positive response and e-mails are sufficient as positive replies. Stew suggested that the names of people who have a vote be listed so we/they know who can respond.

Almonte Centenary Celebration: Open house, historical displays and banquet on February 25th, 2007

Family Banquet: February – Rent hall ahead of time to ensure space available

Next Group Committee meeting Thursday, January 25th, 2007 at Peter and Sheila's house.