

1st Merrickville Group Committee Meeting
January 25th, 2007
Minutes

Present: Stew, Alex, Rob, Allan, Sheila, Susanne, Peter

Meeting commenced at 7:15 p.m.

Reviewed Agenda/Agenda approved by Committee

Previous Minutes approved and passed by Committee

Colony Report (Sheila)

Financial Report

Opening Balance	\$59.15	
Revenue		
Dues (5 Dec -23 Jan)	92.76	151.91
Expenses		
Craft Supplies	6.64	
Snacks	82.28	88.92
Balance		\$ 62.99

Attendance

December 05-17	December 12-16	December 19-13	January 09-14
January 16-18	January 23-15	Total December 46	Total January 47 (93)

Activities

December 05 – Joke Night – Comedy Hour at the Beaver Lodge
December 12 – Kevin Gray’s Glass Studio
December 19 – Christmas Party
December 26 – No Beavers
January 02 – No Beavers
January 09 – Lotto Fun Night
January 16 – Mystery Madness
January 23 – Noodles

Upcoming in January/February (Bring a Friend Month)

January 30 – Octopus
February 06 – Pizza Party and Skating
February 13 – Queen of Hearts – Friendship Frenzy
February 17 – Beaver Burr at Drummond Central School
February 18 – Church Parade
February 20 – No Beavers
February 21 – Annual Banquet
February 27 – Reptiles – Little Ray’s Reptiles

Pack Report (Peter)

Pictures are way out of date and a replacement is still desperately sought.

Allan has both financial and attendance report.

What has happened.....

Pioneering, catapults for tennis balls
Making ice cream
Easton’s Corners Star gazing – excellent
Swimming at the Perth Indoor Pool, poor turn out
Knots, knots, knots
First Aid scenarios for Cubs
Cubs put together their own mini First Aid kits

What’s to Come.....

Skating
Cub Winter Challenge
Preparation for Winter Camp
Cub Winter Camp
Preparation for Annual Banquet
Annual Banquet
Church Parade

Troop Report (Alex)

Financial report is with Keith and will be provided at next week’s meeting.

Annual fall hike to Limerick Forest near Carley’s Corners. Most of the troop was in attendance along with the Merrickville Pathfinders. As it turned out, we divided the camp into three sections comprised as follows: boys (scouts), girls (scouts and pathfinders) and adult leaders. Each group was adjacent to but separate from the other.

Each site included a tenting area, campfire, cooking and eating area. Latrine and pits were used at a communal zone. Competition was fierce between genders. We enjoyed ideal weather and despite the heavy rains previously, none of the support vehicles became stuck in the mud.

Troop participated in the Annual Santa Claus Parade and we distributed candy along the route. The trailer for our float was donated by Smith Farm Equipment Ltd. The Scouts constructed/decorated the morning of the parade.

We are now fully paid for CJ'07. The final deposit was submitted on January 16th. Each patrol has chosen 20 events to participate in at the jamboree. Scouts Canada will choose nine activities for each unit. We have two units #740 and #974. They are to be camped beside each other but will participate in different activities. Now our fund raising will begin in earnest.

The Legion has donated \$1,000.00. The cheque has been given to Stew this evening.

January 15th, our meeting was held at 442 Bolton Rd. at the home of Scouter Ken R. This was a night hike to help familiarize the troop with the site at night and to begin constructing our shelter.

Winter Camp: "Camp Zero" will be held on January 27th and 28th. Keith Skelhorne, Paul Woodward and Robert Sargent are planning to attend and sleep out. Kevin Bacon and Alex Beelich will be out for the day.

Our last meeting was held in conjunction with the Pathfinders on Monday, January 22nd. This was a planning meeting for Thinking Day which follows the Church Parade. A number of events are planned for the benefit of our younger Scouts and Guides. We are encouraging everyone to participate. The Community Centre has been reserved.

A joint Pathfinders toboggan night is in the works for February. Hoping the weather will cooperate.

A date will be put forward for a camp in March. Similar to last year this will enable the Senior Cubs to join the Troop in an outdoor activity. We are hoping to have the Pathfinders in attendance as well.

Bingo

October/November/December Cheques not received yet. No December Bingo – no cheque

No other parents yet to sign up for Bingo

Financial Report

\$1,500 cheque received from the Legion for the group
\$126.47 received in donations from Allan's Christmas lights. Funds at region for tax receipt
\$200 donation received from Frank and Diana Yates
Financial audit report for 2005/06 received from Ken Richardson
GST rebate of \$399.17 received
\$250 received from Lyons for Eager Beaver Award
Group vote to reimburse Allan for Kub Kar track @ \$576.98 per year. One cheque provided and three cheques owing.
Motioned by Alex Seconded by Susanne
Passed

Cheque approvals:

\$22.70 to Peter Cornelisse for Cub swimming pool rental (partial payment) from Cub restricted funds. This zeros the Cub restricted funds balance.
\$220 to Peter and Sheila Cornelisse for first aid training (\$110 x 2).
\$1,770 to Alex Beelich re CJ'07 – passed by the Committee

Before meeting:	\$ 6,245
Now	5,255
	(1,809) rec. equipment
	280 owed by Scouts

Balance approx. \$3,000

Quartermaster Report

New canoes expected in a month or two. Jenda Paddlesports offered to store as long as we want and will provide free delivery.
Metal racks being designed for canoes in tractor trailer
Donation asked for from Adams & Kennedy for the cave simulator. If they fall through, will try Perkins and KBC.

Centenary Celebrations:

Cave simulator
Lent to MPS for Village Social. No leader participation required
Offer for Canalfest? Rob asked if hot dogs can be sold as fundraiser. Committee thought that a good idea.
Climbing wall for Canalfest?
Cost - \$700 for one day \$950 for two days (Plus room and board for operator if taken for two days)
** Staffing. Extra belayers, if we don't have adults are \$75/day + room/board

Other ideas? Allan to call Canal people to see if there are hidden fees and what the insurance and liabilities are and how many belayers are needed and want this in time for their brochure if all expectations are met.

Training

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

Need to schedule rock climbing training; will be in the early spring.

Accepting Council's position regarding Wood Badge Course, Sheila will talk to Simon, John, Vic and John T. to see when and if they will take it. Sheila will reply to Heather requesting any necessary extensions. This email is to go out this week.

Vote in favour: Sheila, Peter, Alex, Stew

Vote against: Susanne

Passed

First Aid

Only four leaders currently have first aid certifications. We need more.

Banquet (Wednesday, February 21st)

Submit photographs to Peter for slideshow

Would gPhotoshow work easier the PowerPoint?

Potluck? Group to provide dessert? Banana splits decided upon. Susanne to pick up supplies.

Letters sent to Solstar and the Lion's Club asking for confirmation of award funding. Cheque received from the Lion's Club.

Church Parade & Activity Day (Sunday, February 18th)

Alex has volunteered to organize again

All leaders to encourage their youth to attend

Website Report

Photographs not yet updated. Vic has volunteered to have a look into helping out here. Entry added for loop track in Wikipedia under Pinewood Derby (U.S. version of Kub Kars).

Several positive comments from people finding the site after reading the Hobbies & Wheels article in the Leader magazine.

Almonte Centenary Celebration

Open house, historical displays, and banquet on Sunday, February 25th.

Next group committee meeting: Thursday, February 22nd at Allan's house.

Additional:

A policy will be created for 1st Merrickville Group for new leaders to be able to read.

Sections will get a leader from another section to audit their annual financial report.

Stew: Between May 7th and 11th, the Rideau Round Table are interested in renting six canoes which represents \$1,800 revenue for 1st Merrickville.