

**1st Merrickville Group Committee Meeting
February 22nd, 2007
Minutes**

Present:

Mike Jackman, Alex Beelich, Allan Yates, Stew Hamill, Bob Sargent, Sheila Cornelisse, Peter Cornelisse, Susanne Barrow, Keith Skelhorne, Liz Collinson

Meeting called to order at 7:15 at Allan Yate's residence

Agenda approved.

Minutes from last meeting approved by committee with a request by Alex to clearly indicate that \$280 is owing from Scouts Canada not the Scout Troop.

Group Chair

Allan spoke to the committee regarding his interactions with Stan. Allan will continue to be Group Chair if committee wants him to but someone else needs to communicate with Stan.

Alex noted that everyone should have one role with the organization.

Group decision was to carry on as normal and discussion with Stan will be via other member.

Beaver Colony Report

Opening Balance	\$62.99	
Revenue		
Dues: January 29 th – February 13 th	<u>63.15</u>	126.14
Expenses		
Craft Supplies	54.12	
Snacks	<u>83.08</u>	<u>137.20</u>
Balance		\$(11.06)

Attendance

January 30 – 19 Beavers/1 Friends
February 06 - 19 Beavers/6 Friends
February 13 – 15 Beavers/9 Friends
February 21 – 11 Beavers
Total: 64 Beavers and 16 Friends

Beaver Burr February 17 – 6 Beavers/2 Leaders
Church Parade February 18 - 8 Beavers/2 Leaders
Founders Day Activities February 18 – 7 Beavers/ 1 Leader

Activities

January 30 – Octopus Night
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

Upcoming in February (Bring a Friend Month)/ March

February 21 – Little Ray's Reptiles
March 06 – Superheroes
March 13 – No Beavers
March 17 – Trains (possible sleepover at Smiths Falls Museum)/tentative
March 20 – UFO's – come dressed as an alien
March 27 – Volunteer Night (activity yet to be confirmed)

Troop Report

Camp Zero turned into a day activity instead of an overnight camp due to inclement weather

An overnight camp at Ken Richardson's property in -18 degrees. "Freezie Awards" to be handed out once printed.

The Church Parade was held at the Anglican Church in Merrickville and Scouts and Pathfinders organized activities associated with Thinking Day/Founder's Day after the Parade. Parade Attendance: 5 Scouts (33%), 5 Beavers (approx. 30%) and 0 Cubs. Total of 41 youths in attendance and our representation was unsatisfactory. These activities need to be supported by all levels. Next year is the 100th anniversary and the Church Parade should be held at the United Church. Hopefully, we will have a strong attendance for once.

Roger Collier (Ottawa Citizen) is writing an article on Scouting in Canada which is timely as we are celebrating the 100th anniversary. Roger and Pat McGrath (Ottawa Citizen) attended our meeting on February 19 and took numerous photos. Roger interviewed all present including Stan Lasenba our Area Commissioner for his article. This article is expected to appear in Saturday's edition of the Ottawa Citizen.

The museum in Smith's Falls currently has an exhibit related to Scouting. This may make a good field trip.

11 attended the banquet (3/4 of the troop).

Next activity planned is a joint camp including 3rd year Cubs and Pathfinders and will cost nothing.

Attendance and dues report: Keith Skelhorne

One more Scout for CJ'07 – Calvin Gale making it ten. Plans for funding in progress.

Gateway course needed for Kevin. No status yet, TBA.

Legion trying to start a youth darts club/ info passed to the Scouts

Winter linking camp plan submitted for review and approval. Peter noted that there should be a change in the medical facilities to hospital. Approved.

Camp plan template approved.

No cubs at the Church Parade & Activity Day – need more kids for the 100th Parade – Alex.

Banquet Review – great slide show. Wasn't the smoothest banquet as in the past. Alex: next year we start at the right hand side for supper.

Senior Scout section: 3 14/15 year olds indicating potentially not returning as Scouts in the fall. Is there interest to form a Senior Scout Troop: really need six youth for possible success.

Bingo

\$675 came in.

January attendees: Sheila and two others already paid b Sheila

February attendees: Sheila and Christine Bleakley

Financial Report

\$126.47 cheque from Allan's Christmas lights received from region.

Review, amend as needed, and approve financial policy document

Fire, theft, vandalism insurance for equipment? Alex will look into it for \$20 – 30k.

Cheque approvals:

\$10.38 to Allan Yates for Beaver and Cub award engraving

\$4.56 to Allan Yates for Cub award frame (receipt missing)

\$138.08 to Susanne Pilon for banquet food and drinks

\$120.00 to Sheila Cornelisse for Bingo

\$49.40 to Mike Jackman for t-shirt fundraiser. Susanne seconded for Stew.

Approved.

Quartermaster Report

Inventory Status

Mike designing metal racks for canoes in trailer. Murray Jackson is donating the materials and is manufacturing them at work.

22% discount offered by Adams and Kennedy for the Cave Simulator materials.

Proposals submitted to Perkins Lumber and KBC to see if they can do better.

Loop track lent to Valley Highlands Beaver Brr and to Bill Lawrence for the Almonte centenary celebration.

Planning on advertising our canoes in the Voyageur Vision. Try to get more use of them before the report to the government is due in November.

Website Report

Photographs not yet updated. Need to discuss this with Vic.

www.derbytalk.com has been discussing our loop track and rocket propelled cars.

Other

Stew proposes to buy the canoe that was purchased by Scouts at auction for the auction price of \$500. Seconded by Alex and passed.

Alex wants full length permission slips to be used so that the parents are fully aware of the activities to take place at events. Allan says we should be consistent: either long or short.

Motion by Alex: That we have representation at the Area Meeting to show our presence to maintain lines of communication between the group and the area.

Seconded by Stew. Motion passed.

Scheduled for March 15th meeting: Mike Jackman

Scheduled for April 19th meeting: Alex Beelich

May and June TBA.

Regarding the Merrickville Financial Policies: Under the Approvals section, to be added:

5. Identify signing officers. 6. Two signatures required for cheques.

Meeting closed at 9:20 p.m. and next Committee meeting to be held at Liz Collinson's house on March 22, 2007 at 7 p.m. @ 446 Main Street East 269-4335.