

1st Merrickville Group Committee Meeting
March 22nd, 2007
Minutes

Present: Liz Collinson, Simon Eadie, Allan Yates, Robert Sargent, Peter Cornelisse, Stew Hamill, Sheila Cornelisse, Keith Skelhorne

Meeting commenced at 7:20 p.m.

Reviewed Agenda/Agenda approved by Committee.

Previous Minutes approved and passed by Committee.

Colony Report (Sheila)

- One new Beaver registered; sister of existing Beaver. \$90 registration fee + \$10 for community centre rental.
- Asking Roger Nuttall to talk to the Beavers about trees.
- May 12th is Jamboree on the Trail. Crests are \$2 from www.jott.org.
- Allan might have found a compass game applicable to the Beaver age. Allan to send to Sheila.
- 11 friends invited over the month, 1 joined.
- Good feedback on Woodbadge I course.
- Allan asked the status of the gateway course activity that Vic and John were supposed to do. Allan to send Sheila the details and Sheila to follow up.
- Did: Little Rays Reptiles, super heroes, UFOs.
- Coming up: Vehicles (remote control cars, toy cars, make your own vehicle), Easter egg hunt, western night (water pistol show down, cow milking, lassoes), X marks the spot (Maps and compasses), trails and trees (nature hike at St. Marguerite and around the track, yuck! (pitch-in-Canada).
- Bought craft supplies and snacks. Balance \$23.73.

Pack Report (Peter)

- Woodbadge I training reported as pretty good.
- Area Kub Kar racing on Saturday March 24th at Smiths Falls mall.
- Did: table maze game, sling shots, Kub Kar race night and tuning.
- Coming up: orienteering, spider woggles, pioneering bridge building, Ron's archery, Pitch-in-Canada.
- Sold Kub Kars, bought badges. Balance \$78.62.

Troop Report (Keith)

- No financial report submitted. Complete itemized financial report covering all activity since the beginning of the year required for the April group committee meeting.
- Medical incident at troop meeting should have been reported to Allan immediately following the meeting. Allan needs to know before he gets a call from a parent.
- Incident report form required immediately for above incident. This should have been done immediately following the incident.
- Gateway course has been done with Kevin by Hope. Keith to follow-up to ensure course is registered with the council and that on the job activity has been done.
- Winter linking camp attended by five Cubs and seven Scouts. No Freezie award as the temperature did not drop to -10C.
- Working on environmental badges.
- Considering fund raising ideas: Car wash, Pampered Chef, tyre check, bottle drive, cheese selling.
- Attending NiteVent on May 4th-5th and CJ pre-camp on May 11th-13th.
- Canoe trip from Merrickville to Rideau River provincial park on June 8th-10th. Using canoes from Guides.

Medical Forms

- Discussion of medical incident at Scout meeting uncovered that all sections were not being diligent in ensuring that medical forms were available for all youth and adults at all activities.
- Allan to make two copies of all medical forms and place them in the filing cabinet in the Scout room. The intent is that one copy will always remain in the Scout room, while the other can be taken offsite as needed.
- Beavers and Cubs to supply next higher section with medical forms for those youth moving up.
- Leaders from one section, attending another section's activity/event as a leader, are responsible to ensure the other section is in possession of a copy of their medical form.
- Leaders must have medical forms for all youth and leaders in their possession at all activities. They must be in a position to hand the form to a paramedic on the spot.

Bingo

- Same couple of parents always volunteering for Bingo, no takers anywhere else.
- March attendees will be Sheila and maybe Simon. Third person unknown
- Still owe Sheila \$25 for February.

Financial Report

- Financial policy document passed first reading. As it was only distributed at the meeting it will be up for final approval next month. Comment that cheques written for funds in trust do not require approval.
- No information received from Alex on equipment insurance.
- Subsidy (\$280) from council not yet received; have escalated to council commissioner.
- Awaiting \$425 donation from Solstar for Cub award.
- Cheque approvals. Moved by Stew, seconded by Peter. Approved.
 - \$14.03 to Allan Yates for banquet photos and Cub award frame.
 - \$19.79 to Amy McKay for banquet plates, cups, and Beaver award frame.
 - \$25 to Christine Bleackley for February bingo.
 - \$90 to Scouts Canada for new Beaver registration.
 - \$250 to Scouts Canada for replacement Eager Beaver award cheque for Taylor Collinson from 2006.
 - \$160.20 to Sheila Cornelisse for Little Ray's Reptiles. Beaver in trust balance to be emptied against this item before using regular group funds.

Registration for 2006/2007

- Scouts Canada registration fee has risen to \$125 (\$110 for early registration).
- Estimated leader registration cost is \$1,475; based on this year's leader count (10 in spring, 3 in fall).
- Group fee set at \$35. Revenue estimated at \$1,365 (39 families); nearly covers leader registration, not taking into discounted group fee when financial assistance given.
- Overall registration fee is \$125 + \$35 + \$15 (community centre) = \$175. Or \$160 for early registration.
- New PRC needed for Sheila, Robert, Simon, and Allan.
- Our deadline to submit early registration fee to Scouts Canada is June 30th. The parent's deadline will have to be around the middle of June to allow time for the paperwork and the cheque to be approved.

Broadway Bar & Grill in Kemptville

- Liz has arranged an account for our group. Anyone eating there, and mentioning our team # (161) will have 10% of their bill (excluding sale items) donated to us. We will receive a cheque at the end of the year.
- Flyer produced and given to sections. Should be handed out at section meetings.
- Allan to send email to all parents as well.
- Address: 2777 County Road 43, 258-1414
- Hours: Monday – Saturday, 7am - 1am; Sunday, 7am – 11pm

Canoe training

- Sunday June 10, 9am – 3pm by Rideau Roundtable; leaders invited, no cost to us.
- Peter asked if there was a minimum age as he would like to bring Mack. Stew to follow-up.
- Our canoes will be used for this training.

Quartermaster Report

- Inventory ongoing.
- Canoe racks.
 - Design completed by Mike and Murray Jackson.
 - Murray was to manufacture using donated material, but he has just been posted to Kingston.
 - Allan to follow-up to ensure work gets done by some one.
- Canoe trailer.
 - Design in progress by Mike and Murray Jackson.
 - Keith would like to review the design. He recommends aluminum as being the best overall value.
 - Keith would like to know the size of base trailer desired and will see what he can find.
 - Simon has a friend, Sean Foster, who designs and builds trailers as a part time business. He may be able to do the work at a good rate. Simon to follow-up.
 - Allan to follow-up with Keith and Simon.
 - Pre-approve up to \$2,000 for a canoe trailer. Motion Stew, second Peter. Approved.
- Canoes bookings
 - Donations are being requested from borrowers to cover wear & tear.
 - Need to ensure borrowers sign acceptance of responsibility for equipment and absolving us of any responsibility for anything that happens.
 - Brockville Air Cadets: May 26 (May 24-29?) (Brockville)
 - 1st Kanata Lakes Scout Troop: August 11-18 (Algonquin)
 - 1st Kanata Beaverbrook Scout Troop: July 1-4 (Algonquin)
 - 7th Kanata: July 7-11 (Frontenac)
 - Rideau Roundtable: May 7-11, June 10 (Merrickville)
 - 3rd Kanata Scout Troop: May 11-14? (Algonquin)
 - 1st Metcalfe Venturers: June?
 - Cubs June 6, 13, 20 (Merrickville)
 - Allan: June 26-30 (Algonquin)
- Cave simulator bookings
 - Canalfest: July 21-22
 - Merrickville Public School: May 26
 - Kemptville Scout Group: May 25-28?
- Potential offer of property from Liz.
 - Empty lot across from new day care.
 - Would be some sort of lease or in-trust arrangement.
 - Discussion on potential uses and costs. Could be used as a piece of land for activities, a storage hut could be built, a larger building could be built for meetings.
 - Put a Quonset hut on it or an old school portable.
 - Though we don't like to pay for the community centre, it is good value for the ~\$1,000 a year it costs us.
 - Questions raised regarding washrooms, electricity, and the cost of heating.
 - No water on the property.
 - Scout huts are common in the UK, but rare in Canada.
 - Liz raised possibility that she might be able to donate the property tax cost each year.
 - Tabled until the next meeting to allow people to think about the idea.

Rock Climbing Training

- Attempt was being made to be schedule for April.
- Holding off on finalizing date until Mike is available.
- Simon and Keith might be interested in the course.
- A Scout leader from Kanata is also interested, he has been told he is more than welcome but would have to cover the \$290 cost himself.

Next meeting

- Thursday April 26th at Sheila's house.
- Next meeting after that is June 28th.

Meeting ended at 9:20pm.