

1st Merrickville Group Committee Meeting
April 26th, 2007
Minutes

Present: Liz Collinson, Allan Yates, Robert Sargent, Stew Hamill, Sheila Cornelisse, Keith Skelhorne, Steve Anderson, Alex Beelich

Reviewed Agenda/Agenda approved by Committee.

Previous Minutes approved and passed by Committee.

Beavers and Cubs reminded to give next level sections copies of the physical fitness forms for those kids moving up a section.

Colony Report (Sheila)

- Other sections keep away from Beaver water pistols stored in Scout room.
- Opening balance \$23.73. Dues \$85.80. Paid Little Ray's Reptiles, craft supplies, snacks. \$112.54. Balance -\$3.01.
- Attendance 18/18/18/19/15 Beavers.
- Did Vehicles (remote control cars, toy car races, make your own vehicle), easter egg hunt, western night (water pistol showdown, cow milking, lassooes), X marks the spot (maps and compasses), Pitch-in Canada.
- Upcoming: Trails and trees (nature hike), T-Ball, Jamboree on the Trail (hike on Cataraquai Trail in Smiths Falls), white tails choice, swim-up, Little Ray's Reptile Zoo trip.

Pack Report (Peter)

- Spring camp approved.
- Council camp approved.

Troop Report (Alex)

- Mike Jackman to organise going-up ceremony.
- Financial report not received; target end of weekend.
- Pitch-in Canada to be on the official week each year. A common calendar is needed to keep sections in sync.
- CJ Pre-camp plan approved.
- NiteVent camp plan approved.

Bingo

- Sheila owed \$50 for March, Christine \$25 for March, Sheila \$95 for April.

Financial Report

- Financial policy approved with clarification of voting member wording.
- \$800 pre-approved for Scout equipment for CJ.
- Hold off on photo scanning. Try and get Elizabeth Jackman to do it locally.
- Pre-approve Sheila to purchase snakes.
- Cheque approvals:
 - Allan Yates - \$2,113.90 for CIAF.
 - Allan Yates - \$939.77 for canoe trailer.
 - Allan Yates – 397.40 for first aid course, equipment, office supplies.
 - Mike Jackman - \$690.86 for Scout equipment.
 - Alex Beelich - \$595 for CJ registration (Calvin Gale)

Bank balance \$1066 (includes in-trust funds)

Plus short term receivables

Scout Canada subsidy \$280

Wolf Cub Award donation \$425

Less short term commitments

Occupancy charge \$1000

Insurance \$ 500

= current uncommitted amount **\$ 271**

CJ07 subsidy paid to-date \$1311.35

Bingo profit to-date 06-07 \$ 753.75

In-trust funds

Scout: 0

Cub: 0

Beaver: 0

BP&P Additions

- Youth building pioneering towers or bridges is now a high risk activity. Group committee approval and parent consent forms required.
- All pioneering projects needs to follow plans.
- Area level aerial runways require engineer approval.

Registration for 2006/2007

- Deadline of Wednesday June 20th for completed forms, PRC, and payment.
- New PRC needed for Sheila, Robert, and Simon.
- Reminder email to be sent on June 15th.

Canoe training

- Date moved to Sunday May 27th.
- Mike, Alex, Sheila, Peter, Rob, and Steve indicated they would like to participate.

First Aid training

- Trainer will come to Merrickville if we had enough people for the course; about 12
- Possible multi-evening course in Kemptville shortly.
- Many leaders to not have current training.

Training

- John Chambers has not yet completed the Woodbadge I course.

Website

- Major upload of photographs completed. It is now a turnkey operation.
- Need some Beaver photos from 2006/2007 and Scouts photos from 2007.
- Suggest that photos be submitted on CD once per month.
- Web server died during a power surge. Website now running on Allan's main computer.

Quartermaster Report

- Inventory complete
 - One missing Scout tent.
- Canoe rack welding for trailer to be done by Herb White once we can afford the material.
- Canoe trailer construction in progress by Mike Jackman and Geoff Watson.
- Waiver to be written for groups borrowing canoes to sign.
- New broomstick and bamboo cane holder built for Scout room.
- New bookings:
 - Canoes:
 - 1st Greely, August 18-20, Algonquin
 - 3rd Kanata, May 11-15, Algonquin
 - Cave simulator
 - Council Cub camp, June 8-10
- Equipment purchased for Scouts:
 - 2 sets pots
 - 1 gas stove
 - 1 gas lamp
 - 5 wash tubs
 - Spoons, flippers, towel
 - 2 30 litre bear barrels
 - 1 dining tent
 - 2 collapsible water jugs
- Potential offer of property from Liz.
 - Alex to have a look at property.

Next meeting

- Thursday May 24th at Mike's house.