

1st Merrickville Group Committee Meeting
June 21st, 2007
Minutes

Present: Allan Yates, Robert Sargent, Sheila Cornelisse, Steve Anderson, Alex Beelich, Mike Jackman, Peter Cornelisse, Liz Collinson

Meeting started at 7:21pm.

Reviewed Agenda/Agenda approved by Committee.

Minutes from May 24th 2007 approved and passed by Committee.

Legal Matters

- All laws and regulations must be followed and obeyed.
- Specifically, no youth or adults may ride in the back of pickup trucks or in trailers on public roads.
- When youth are being transported by it by leaders or other adults, each person must be wearing a seatbelt. One seatbelt per person.

BP&P

- There was a discussion on the number of leaders required to be present at meetings and activities. Further investigation of BP&P found sections 4008.2 and 10001.
 - Colony -> 1:5 (plus an additional 1:3 adults for sleepovers)
 - Pack -> 1:6 (plus an additional 1:6 adults for camps)
 - Troop -> 1:6 (Scout patrols may camp without adults)
 - Senior Scouts -> Minimum 2 adults when adults present, one of which must be a registered leader.
 - Activity leaders (ages 14-15) count as youth.
 - Colony/Pack/Troop must always have a minimum of 2 adults present.
 - Colony/Pack/Troop: 50% of adults in basic ratio must be registered leaders, and a minimum of two registered leaders must always be present.
- Also found that Camping & Outdoor Activity application forms should have been submitted for all hiking, canoeing, and swimming activities. i.e. Scout swimming/canoeing at Kilmarnock, Scout evening hike, Cub evening hike, Cub evening swimming/canoeing. Basically, anything which is described in the Camping & Outdoor Activity Guide. We need to discuss at the next group committee meeting.

Canada Day Parade

- Alex is having the Scouts participate in the Canada Parade and asked if the Beavers and Cubs would join him.
- Sheila to talk to Beaver leaders to see if any are available.
- Peter to talk to Cub leaders. Allan to send email to Cub parents.
- Meet at Hill Top Manor at 11am.
- Alex asked that the 2008 Canada Day parade have a good turnout. Should discuss at the August group committee meeting when the section year plans are reviewed.

Colony Report (Sheila)

- In the past month have visited Little Ray's Reptiles.
- Highlights of the year were the skating pizza party and the JOTT hike on the Cataraqui Trail.
- Feedback from one of the Beavers was that the meetings were too much of the same thing and Beavers should get out more.
- John Chambers was supposed to have done Woodbadge I on Monday nights. Unknown if he was able to attend.
- One Beaver was sent up to Cubs a year early without the agreement of the Cub leaders. While the age ranges are only guidelines, agreement from the receiving section is required anytime youth are sent up before the normal age. Ideally, leaders from the sending section should discuss all the youth going up
- Financial report submitted.

Pack Report (Peter)

- In the past month have done paper rockets, council 'Rumble' camp at Apple Hill, water rockets, voyageur canoeing with Smiths Falls pack, a canoe fun night, and a canoe expedition along the Rideau.
- Control of the waterfront while the Cubs were swimming at the beach after canoeing was not adequate. A headcount needs to be accurately controlled. Key BP&P requirements:
 - One waterfront supervisor per 10 youth.
 - Youth supervisors must be 16 and have the Bronze Cross. No certification requirements for adults.
- Financial report submitted.
- Hoping to have a summer Cub camp in August.
- Tentative schedule for 2007/2008 published. Cub meetings start September 12th.
- Badge challenge reward discussed. Mike suggested that the Air Cadet glider in Brockville might be possible. The Brockville speedway was another possibility as none of the Cubs in the winning six participated in last year's trip. Also fair ride bracelets so they could watch the demolition derby.
- Cubs submitted designs for two demolition derby cars for the Merrickville Fair. Trophies for the designs were awarded.

Troop Report (Alex)

- Did a fundraising bottle drive. Raised \$480 in a very short period of time. Planning to repeat in the fall. Recommend to not have too close to Apple Day. New question: Would the troop be willing to have other sections participate?
- Canoe trip along the Rideau from Lower Nicholson's Locks to Rideau River Provincial Park on a Saturday. Saturday night spent at the park. 17km over 7 hours of paddling.
- Trip plan for CJ needs to be submitted to the group committee for approval.
- Financial report submitted.

Senior Scouts (Allan)

- A few comments made after the meeting that were forgotten as they were not on the agenda.
- The hope is to get the senior Scouts together over the summer for some planning and training activities. Naturally, no camping without first obtaining group committee approval.
- Likely attending an Adventure Race at Opemikon on Saturday September 29th and RoVent at Opemikon on the weekend of October 19th-21st.

Common Calendar

- It was agreed that a common calendar would be beneficial for the scheduling of common events and to ensure sections didn't trip over each other's events.
- Sharing Outlook calendars was discussed, but determined to be infeasible.
- A calendar on the web was suggested.
- Peter and Robert agreed to take the first go at maintain a common calendar using with Outlook (and publishing it PDF) or using a Microsoft Word document.
- Key dates for 2007/2008 so far:
 - School talks September 10-12
 - Registration September 13
 - Apple Day September 22/23, 29/30 (dates of artist tour)
 - Cub Odawa area camp @ Apple Hill September 21-23?
 - Senior Scout adventure race September 29?
 - Senior Scout RoVent October 19-21?
 - Family banquet February 20? 27?
 - Church parade February 23?
 - Pitch-in Canada April 21-27
 - Canada Day July 1

Bingo

- Sheila owed \$50 for May (herself and one paid person) and \$95 for June (herself, paid person, and organiser).
- Announcement being made regarding bingo from Stella Lawrence, the organiser, but unknown yet what the announcement is.

Registration for 2006/2007

- PRC not received for Simon.
- Leader registration forms not received for Kevin Bacon, Paul Woodward, Simon Eadie.
- New Cub leader, Jim Wiggins, being interviewed.
- Pre-registered youth are: Beelich, Andreas; Boyd, Derek; Brown, Sean; Catton, Sam & Ben; Collinson, Taylor; Goldsmith, Daniel; Jackman, Gregory; Pilon, Adrien; Ricketts, Austin & Dustin; Sargent, Stacey; Skelthorne, Bradley; Snow, Grace & Sam; Terpstra, Joshua; Weatherall, Donald; Yates, Heather & Laura.
- One Cub from Oxford Mills Pack joining our troop. Message left with Kemptville/Oxford Mills group chair to let them know.
- Allan to arrange school talks with the three local schools. Will ask Kelly Banks, paid council staff, to do the talks. Liz and Sheila mentioned that they may be available to help as well. Peter's banquet slide show will be used.
- The council is planning on sending flyers out with all the kids in all the schools in the council. Information on our group will be included.
- Allan will hold a Gateway course in the fall for new leaders.

Quartermaster Report

- Equipment returned to the Quartermaster must be clean and dry; ready for storage. Any broken or missing items must be noted.
- Cubs tents were returned wet.
- New bags required for Cub tents; old ones are split.
- One sponge missing after Cubs used canoes; Cubs need to replace.
- One freezer pack leaked after use by Cubs on council camp; Cubs need to replace.
- Cave simulator at Village Social (Merrickville Public School) was very successful. Mike and Steve manned it for the day. Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts were initially let through with no ticket. Allan to follow-up with village social organisers for a ticket count for our records.
- Mike has completed fabricating two new Scout patrol boxes and two trek carts for CJ.
- Mike constructing storage for life jackets in tractor trailer.
- Manila pioneering rope needs a better storage method; garbage bags aren't good enough.

Financial Report

- 1st Stittsville donated \$100 for use of the canoes for a weekend, and threw in a tire lug wrench and jack.
- Cheque approvals:
 - Mike Jackman – \$17.09 for water jug (general equipment) a Scout tent pole repair. Tent pole repair to be charged against Scout account.
 - Mike Jackman - \$131.26 for patrol box and trek cart construction (general equipment).
 - Alex Beelich - \$417.20 for CJ transportation, crests, and luggage tags. Charge against Scout account.
 - Alex Beelich - \$48.99 for cases for two white gas lanterns.
 - Sheila Cornelisse - \$50 for May bingo.
 - Sheila Cornelisse - \$95 for June bingo.
 - Sheila Cornelisse - \$397.40 for Beaver Little Ray's Reptile trip.
 - Scouts Canada - \$2,983 for pre-registration (12 adults and 19 youth).

Website

- Photo CDs received from Beavers and Scouts. These photos have been published on the website.
- Received positive feedback from on the website from two Scout group recently.

Financial Update (as of June 8th)

Bank balance	\$2936 (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
Registration	\$ 695
= current uncommitted amount	\$ 1446
CJ07 subsidy paid to-date	\$ 658.84 (We had agreed to pay \$1000)
Bingo profit to-date 06-07	\$ 963.75
In-trust funds	
Scout:	0
Cub:	0
Beaver:	0

Next meeting

- Thursday August 21st.

Meeting ended at 9:45pm.