

1st Merrickville Group Committee Meeting

October 25th, 2007

Minutes

Present: Allan Yates, Sheila Cornelisse, Alex Beelich, Liz Collinson, Jim Wiggins, Stew Hamill

Meeting started at 7:10pm.

Reviewed Agenda. Agenda approved by Committee.

Minutes From Last Meeting

Minutes from October 25th 2007 approved and passed by Committee with the following corrections:

- Cubs will only be collecting \$1 in dues, not \$2.
- Missing cheque approvals:
 - \$11.09 to Allan for postage.
 - \$433.17 to Allan for equipment.
 - \$40.21 to Allan for Venturer book and leader manual.
 - \$49.49 to Allan for EMC registration advertisement (group will be reimbursed by area)
 - \$48.91 to Sheila for Beaver storage containers and small cooler.
 - \$14.28 to Allan for annual 1stmerrickville.ca domain registration.
 - \$12 to Allan for Sunrise Ceremony & CJ photo CD.
 - \$915 to Village of Merrickville for 2006/2007 community centre rental.

Colony Report (Sheila)

- Did flight, trains (made huge wooden train track layout), cars, and Halloween.
- Upcoming fire prevention, war veterans, post office, chef, EMS services.
- Balance of \$10.48.
- Attendance ranging from 17 to 22 per meeting.

Pack Report (Jim)

- Trophy and framed newspaper story from Demolition Derby on display in library.
- Did jungle dances, night hike, Kims night, and Halloween.
- Upcoming investitures, tuna can stoves, and possibly a swim night.
- Being kicked out of the community centre, especially at short notice, is a pain!
- Need to get Christmas Parade float plan in place.
- Balance of \$43.28 with some Halloween expenses outstanding.
- Group approved that group picks up the \$110.12 overdraft on the Cub finances from last year since it is essentially a new set of leaders.

Troop Report (Alex)

- Did bottle drive with Venturers, skeet shooting, and investiture.
- Upcoming bicycle camp at Limerick Forest, sale of cheese in village, building of camp chairs, canoeing camp at Whispering Pines.
- Hope Gray working with Scouts that want their Chief Scout award.
- Canoe camp plan approved with the following addition:
 - Two canoes to carry a supply of warm blankets in watertight containers. These for the event that one or more canoes dump far from camp and the Scouts need to get out of their wet clothes and be warmed immediately.

Venturers (Allan)

- One Venturer dropped out, Kyle Vanderstrom.
- Did Crazy Canuck Adventure Race, pioneering practice, bottle drive with Scouts, flyer deliver for bottle drive, RoVent.
- Upcoming potential all night Laser Quest event organised by Rovers, investitures.
- Balance -\$418.71. Some camp registrations outstanding and RoVent budgeting off.
- Laser Quest plan approved. Some reservation expressed that no leaders would be in charge and responsible for the Venturers.

Remembrance Day

- We will be cooking hotdogs in the community centre for our kids (Guides not participating in lunch this year).

Registration for 2006/2007

- Retention from 2006, including adults, is 73%.
- Receipt of group fee/community centre rental pending from Max Taylor. The refund of his group fee from Smiths falls (also \$50) has been concluded.

Total and Comparison with Last Year

Section	2007	2006	Delta
Colony	20	20	0%
Pack	23	25	-8%
Troop	14	16	-13%
Venturers	9	0	N/A
Total	66	61	8%

Retention: 2006 -> 2007

Section	Same	Next	Overall
Colony	71%	100%	80%
Pack	60%	50%	56%
Troop	64%	80%	69%
Total	65%	69%	69%

Quartermaster Report

- New order of group crests required.

Apple Day

- \$979.21 profit. Separate report available.

Fundraising

- No sections interested in popcorn.
- Sections interested in popcorn collecting. Suggest that the collection be done at the group level and then the profits split 4 ways. 60 cents/pound at Glenview Iron & Metal in Smiths Falls.

Training

- Gateway course given by Allan Yates to Jim Wiggins, Steve Anderson, and Bill Ricketts.
- Bill Ricketts took Venturer WBI at RoVent and received his woggle.
- Mike Jackman and Allan Yates received WB I woggles for group committee. Not sure why.
- Jim Wiggins still requires Wood Badge I.

Website

- Need photos from all sections.

Centenary Camp

- All leaders in favour.
- Separate report issued and separate planning meetings will occur.

Financial Report

- Received \$153.25 cheque for toner cartridges.
- Cheque approvals
 - \$33.63 to Allan Yates for Apple Day crests.
 - \$437.76 to Allan Yates for paddles and tie down straps.
 - \$72.92 to Allan Yates for stainless steel coffee percolator.
 - \$132.19 to Allan Yates for canoe trailer padlock.
 - \$9.13 to Allan Yates for yellow necker thread.
 - \$16.17 to Sheila Cornelisse to yellow necker fabric.
 - \$80 to Allan Yates for group Venturer 1/3 2nd kids camp subsidy (2 @ \$13.33 - VenClimb, 2 @ \$10 – Crazy Canuck, 2 @ \$16.67 - RoVent)
 - \$915 to Village of Merrickville-Wolford for 2006/2007 community centre rental (61 kids @ \$15).
 - \$622.50 to Village of Merrickville-Wolford for 2007/2008 community centre rental (37 kids @ \$15 (Cubs/Scouts), 9 kids @ \$7.50 (Venturers meet every other week), Beavers (20 kids) not meeting at community centre).
 - \$6,015 to Scouts Canada for registration (47 kids, 4 leaders).
 - \$1,000 to Roger Cloutier for final cargo trailer payment.
 - \$10 to Bill Rickets for Woodbadge I training course at RoVent.

Bank balance		\$771 (includes in-trust funds)
Plus short term receivables		
Scout Canada kickback	\$765	
Solstar Award donation	\$450	
Less short term commitments		
Occupancy charge	\$623	
Trailer	\$1000	(cheque has been written, is on hold)
= current uncommitted amount		\$363 (includes in-trust funds)
Future costs		
Insurance	\$500	
Group crests	\$500	
Cub payment for past indiscretions	\$110	
In-trust funds		
Scout:	\$293.21	
Cub:	0	
Beaver:	0	

Next meeting

- Thursday August 21st.

Meeting ended at 10:00pm.