

1st Merrickville Group Committee Meeting

February 21st, 2008

Minutes

Present: Allan Yates, Alex Beelich, Jim Wiggins, Stew Hamill

Meeting started at 7:00pm.

Reviewed Agenda. Agenda approved.

Minutes From Last Meeting

Only Alex received a copy of the minutes, nobody else received the attachment. Keith to be asked to resend.

Minutes from January 24th, 2008 approved with the following corrections:

- Fundraising does not need council approval. This comment may have been in relation to some councils that try and enforce that Scouts Canada fundraisers must be done before any others. No such attempts in Voyageur.
- Typo in comment regarding Keith checking for Kim and Keo neckers.

Note that all correspondence for the Legion should be addressed to Anne Dutcher.

Colony Report (Sheila)

- Did Scottish highland games, France, Chinese new year, and valentines day.
- Upcoming space camp, easter egg hunt, and Japan.
- Four Beavers attended the area Beaver Burr.
- Planning a sleep over at the Playtrium in Kingson for April. Inviting other colonies to participate.
- Friends coming in for Friendfest.
- Balance of \$130.67.
- Attendance ranging from 11 to 15 per meeting.

Pack Report (Jim)

- Cubs working a little bit on their paddles each meeting.
- Went skating.
- A keeo is working in the colony.
- A number of Cubs at the area Cub Winter Challenge.
- Friends coming in for Friendfest.
- Winter camp planned for March 1st/2nd at Rock Dundar. Trip plan forthcoming.
- Balance of \$237.

Troop Report (Alex)

- Winter camp March 1st/2nd in Alex's back 40. Trip plan approved.
- Scouts and Pathfinders planning activities for Baden-Powell Day after the church parade. Will have a slide show at the church.
- Four Scouts on track for Chief Scouts award.
- Upcoming bottle drive.
- Planning a spring camp in addition to NiteVent.
- Main spring activities will be in preparation for summer canoe trip.
- Paddles completed, camp chairs in the final stages of completion. Both will be on display at the banquet.
- Photos given to Peter for the banquet slide show.

Venturers (Allan)

- Did ski trip to Calabogie and winter snow shoeing camp in the Adirondacks. The Adirondack trip was great.
- Climbing wall built for the banquet.
- Balance of \$213.52 plus \$200 placed in-trust with group.
- Running an activity at NiteVent.
- Upcoming first aid course (hopefully), white water canoe courses, summer white water canoe trip on the Noire river, rock climbing camp.
- Spring bottle drive. Bottles should be sorted right away and returned the same day.

Linking

- Conflict with Cub and Scout winter camps on the same date mean that the Scout camp won't be a linking activity for the senior Cubs. Another activity will be found.
- Senior Scout linking will be rock climbing camp, white water canoe courses, and a meeting night. Alex doesn't think the meeting night should be a planning night as it would not interest the Scouts.
- Cub will be looking for something to do with senior Beavers.

Banquet

- Tasks reviewed. Jim to get banana split ingredients and plates. Allan to get drink stuff.
- Discussed Alex's suggestion to have Scouts at the head table instead of the leaders. Consensus to put Scout/Venturer Patrol Leaders and Sixers at the head table instead of the leaders. Kids will be given cue cards to help run the banquet. All in the interest of developing leadership. Legion representative would be seated at the head table to talk with the kids.
- Beavers have a skit for the banquet, Cubs have a jungle opening, Scouts have their paddles and chairs to display, Venturers have built a climbing wall.
- Next year it would be nice if Beavers and/or Cubs made decorations.

Church Parade

- This Sunday, February 24th.
- Scouts and Pathfinders organising activities.
- Jim to create flyer and Allan to email out to parents.

Child Fitness Tax Credit

- Registration fees and some camp fees paid in 2007 are tax deductible.
- Flyer approved for distribution.

Hobbies and Wheels

- Discussed restarting Hobbies & Wheels as our kids are missing out.
- Would be a single day event targeted at Cub and maybe Scouts. Not intended to compete with area race days.
- Consensus that this would be a good thing to do.
- Need to canvas groups (our area and others) for interest.
- Thoughts are that groups would chose either our event or an area event and thus it might split attendance.
- Information received that Chris Tyler will be the new Valley Highlands area commissioner in September and that it would be a good idea to let him know of our plans in case the area wished to support our event. Allan to send email.

CIAF Grant Application

- Grant application approved.
- Jim Wiggins is a friend of our government contact.

Quartermaster Report

- 400 group crests received. Mike has asked that they not be kept in the Scout room but handed out with each newly registered kid.
- Voyageur council and provincial crests now in stock in the group cupboard.
- Hope Gray has been asked to purchase a supply of area crests.
- Scouts would like two water filters for their canoe trip. Cost \$200.
- Consensus that Scout room needs a cleanup once camp chairs and paddles completed. Patrol boxes should move to the tractor trailer.

Website

- Need photos from all sections; especially Scouts.

Centenary Camp

- No report.

Financial Report

- Received \$50 (community centre rental + group fee) from new Scout.
- \$1001.66 retention registration kickback received from council.
- \$200 received from Venturers to be placed in trust.
- Cheque approvals
 - \$581.39 to Allan Yates for 400 group crests.
 - \$86.45 to Allan Yates for 50 Ontario and Voyageur crests

bank balance (includes in-trust funds)	\$ 2,527
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short term commitments

group crests (pre-approved)	-\$ 500
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in-trust funds	-\$ 966
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current available amount	\$ 1,061
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short term receivables

GST rebate	\$ 681
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future costs

annual Kub Kar payment	\$ 500
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insurance	\$ 500
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canoe barrels & harnesses	\$ 400
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100 Tent Event	\$ 1,000
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in-trust funds

Venturer	\$ -
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Scout	\$ 965.51
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Cub	\$ -
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Beaver	\$ -
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Next meeting

- Thursday March 27th at Stew's house.

Meeting ended at 9:30pm.