

1st Merrickville Group Committee

Minutes of the Meeting

Held August 27, 2009

In Attendance:

Allan Yates, Stew Hamill, Alex Beelich, Liz Collinson, Sheila Cornelisse

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Review of Agenda - No changes. Approved as presented.

Review and approval of Minutes from June 25, 2009

There were no comments or changes. The minutes were approved as presented.

Phoenix Article and Group Committee Secretary

We are still looking for a volunteer to write the monthly Scouting article for the Phoenix and to be the Group Committee Secretary. Committee members were asked to canvas parents for interest in these positions.

Financial Report

Stew presented the following financial update

bank balance (includes in-trust funds)	\$ 1,330
minus short term commitments	
in-trust funds	\$ 507
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equals current available amount	\$ 823
short term receivables	
registration Simon	\$ 103
kayak sale	\$ 800
future costs	
insurance (estimate)	\$ 500
owing to Venturers	\$ 863
owing in Sept for Kub Kar track	\$ 500
owing to Cubs	\$ 100

to be confirmed with receipts

in-trust funds	
Venturer	\$ -
Scout	\$ 496.06
Cub	\$ -
Beaver	\$ 11.30
total in-trust	\$ 507.36

As per the agenda (V1) the following activities were noted:

- \$260 registration outstanding from Frank Vena
- \$26.67 received from Venturer crate sales (group 1/3 cut)
- \$5 received from Venturer crate sales (group 1/3 cut)
- \$142 to be received from Scout tree planting donations (group 1/3 cut)
- \$750 grant received from the Village of Merrickville
- \$500 grant received from the Legion
- \$800 + \$62.92 received from the sale of SuperFun Kayak
- \$70 received from the sale of two climbing harnesses
- \$360+\$200+300+120+\$60 received from canoe rental
- \$19 received from Korectype for cartridge recycling

Expense approvals:

- \$111.66 to Allan for expenses incurred in the sale and shipping of the climbing harnesses and kayak. – APPROVED
- \$46.87 to Alex for equipment and engraving – APPROVED
- \$29.53 to Allan for courier delivery of CIAF report and Trillium grant application – APPROVED
- \$1,095.26 transfer to Venturers for safety equipment – Approved pending itemized receipts
- \$332.88 transfer to Venturers for leader whitewater canoe courses – Approved pending itemized receipts to confirm a price discrepancy between this amount and \$279.75 previously quoted.
- \$100 transfer to Cubs to cover camp subsidies – APPROVED transfer pending available funds.

Cheques written:

- \$594.96 to Allan for CIAF debt for equipment purchase
- \$594.67 to Allan for miscellaneous expenses previously approved and outlined in minutes from June 25, 2009 meeting.
- \$46.87 to Alex for equipment and engraving

Section Financial Reports:

- Beavers – submitted at June 25th meeting
- Cubs – Liz presented the Cub Financial Report: Balance was -\$310.35. This deficit will be partially offset by the reimbursement of \$171.60 to cover awards. A cheque for this amount will be made out to Jim Wiggins.
- Scouts – submitted to Stew by Alex
- Venturers – still outstanding, awaiting expenses/revenue from the Canteen being run at the Polo Match.

Correspondence

- CIAF grant file report submitted by Allan and file closed

- Trillium grant application submitted. Subsequent questions arising from grant request answered and submitted by Allan.

Quartermaster Report

The missing cooler was located.

A question arose as to whether we should be signing out equipment. It was decided that if it was for a section activity, there was no need to formally sign out equipment.

Canada Day Parade

Nothing to report.

Apple Day

Apple Day will be held on Saturday October 3rd with a rain date of Sunday Oct 4th.

The Beavers will be going to Mountain Apple Orchard on Saturday Sep 26th to pick apples. Six bushels will be picked.

Beavers and younger Cubs will be going door-to-door and the older Cubs can stand on the street corners. Scouts will be selling on the street corners on Sunday Oct 4th.

Meet at Sheila's house (425 Brock St. E.) for 9:30 am . Maps will be done ahead of time to ensure all areas of Merrickville are covered with the option to do Jasper, Easton's Corners, Burritt's Rapids.

Hot dogs will be provided for lunch with the cost split between the Cubs and Beavers (based on numbers attending).

Require the canopy and picnic tables.

If the Soap Boxes are to be used, Jim will have to contact the Village for permission to close the road.

Taylor and Liz will make posters to put up in the Village.

Registration 2009/2010

Thursday September 17 at the Fire Hall. 6:30-8:00pm

Stew will be writing out the receipts at Registration.

Noted to add the Scout Shop address and website to the info packages for uniform purchases and to provide a "kit list" to the parents.

School Talks

School talks to take place on Monday September 14th at Merrickville, Wolford, and Ste. Marguerite Schools. Confirmations still needed for Oxford-on-Rideau, Kemptville, and Holy Cross. Sheila and Jim to action.

Personal Record Checks

PRC's needed for Steve A., John, Vic and Paul.

Potential new leaders

Theresa Edmunds (Beavers) and Dave Smith (Scouts)

Google Calendar

Allan has placed a Google Calendar on the website in lieu of the HTML version previously used. If we have a personal Google account, we can change our own info; otherwise let Allan know and he will update the calendar.

Training

Beaver Woodbadge ! – Frank Vena is planning on taking this winter.

First Aid – A course is tentatively slated in Merrickville early in the new year. Alex stated that the Area is in the process of organizing this course.

Plaque on Cairn in Block House Park

The Village is taking care of having the Commemorative Plaque placed on the cairn. The wording is going to council on September 14th.

Colony Report

A tentative schedule has been developed for the year. The first meeting night will be Thursday September 24.

Beavers will be visiting Mountain Apple Orchard (just outside Kemptville) on Saturday September 26 to pick apples and enjoy the mazes and wagon rides.

Copies of schedules will be available for Registration night. No changes in financial report from last meeting.

Pack Report

Liz was filling in for Jim.

Jim would like some of his other leaders to take a more active role in planning camps and activities. He will be stressing this in the upcoming season. There was a suggestion that the Venturers could assist at the Cub camps.

Cubs will start on Wednesday September 23.

Troop Report

A planning meeting was held and a schedule for the year has been organized.

A Skeet shoot has been tentatively planned for the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend (Detail TBD).

An area bike camp will take place two weeks following with the Patrol and Assistant Patrol Leader camp taking place that same weekend.

Scouts will start on September 14 with a Canoe Night.

Venturer Report

Venturers are no longer meeting at the Community Centre. Meetings will be held at Allan's house.

Venturers have decided to wear uniforms only on formal occasions and if doing activities in the public.

The Venturers will not be doing Apple Day due to Crazy Canuck being held on the same weekend.

Other Business

Merrickville Agricultural Fair Participation

Discussion arose as to whether it would be possible for us to set up a display at next year's agricultural fair. Some ideas included setting up a marquee to race cub kars, sponsoring a category in the hall exhibits. Sheila will bring this up at the next Fair Board Meeting.

Neckers

Let Sheila know how many neckers you will need and for when.

Next Group Committee Meeting

Thursday September 24, 2009. 7pm at Liz's house.

Minutes prepared by Sheila Cornelisse