

1st Merrickville Group Committee
September 27, 2010
Minutes

In attendance: Alex Beelich, Sheila Cornelisse, Hope Gray

Review agenda, changes, additions, or omissions

Alex requested that, with the introduction of a new Group Commissioner, "Changing cheque signing authority" be added to New Business.

Review minutes from previous meeting

The notes sent out by Allan following the August 26th meeting were reviewed and accepted as the minutes of the previous meeting.

Financial

Treasurer's Financial Report – according to Stew's financial update, we have \$1,101 available as of September 23, 2010. Future costs total \$1411 at this time. There was concern expressed over this.

Annual financial statement and receipts from Cubs were given to Alex by Simon. Alex still has these. The Scout financial statement is still outstanding.

Tent donations of \$1420 have been collected from local businesses to help purchase new tents. Primarily smaller backpacking tents to be used on canoe trips.

Approval of cheque to Allan Yates for \$650.90 to cover equipment repairs and domain renewal fee (\$14.63) - We did not have enough voting members at the meeting to approve this cheque. Note: Following the meeting, it was recommended that Stew provide an itemized list and a request to the voting members for approval. This was carried out on September 28. It appears that there will be enough responses to approve the cheque.

Operating contribution requested from Village – Allan was looking into this. No update/

Alex stressed the importance of having our Registration forms and money submitted to Council by January (and no later than February of 2011).

Cairn Plaque

A question was raised as to who was manufacturing this plaque. In previous discussions with Carl Feige at the Foundry, Hope was told by Carl that he wanted to have the Scouts involved in the making of the plaque. However, if the plaque is being made elsewhere, we do not want to contact Carl about doing this. Hope will call Frederick to confirm before approaching Carl.

Quartermaster

No one was present to report on the completion of the work outlined in the August 26 Agenda.

Printer cartridges

Part of the Scout meeting on Monday October 4 will be dedicated to getting the cartridges sorted, boxed, taped and removed from the Scout hall. Hope will bring boxes and Sheila will bring tape and be available to supervise. The packaged cartridges will be brought to Sheila's house where arrangements will be made to pick them up. We need to discuss if this is still a worthwhile venture.

Registration

Alex brought forms and cheques from the Cubs. Sheila has one cheque from Beavers. Exact registration numbers are not known yet. Sheila has originals and copies of the forms collected at registration and at the first Beaver and Cub meetings. Does Allan have the forms for early registration? All forms need to be gathered and given to the Group Commissioner. Sheila will provide copies of the forms for the individual sections. Cheques need to go to Stew.

Apple Day – Saturday October 2 – Beavers and Cubs are to meet at Sheila's house (425 Brock St. E.) at 9:30 am. Sheila will contact Amanda to confirm details for the Cubs. The Scouts will meet at the Community Centre at 10 am. Beavers and Cubs will sell apples door-to-door and the Scouts will sell them on the street corners. Sheila will get 5 bushels of apples from Kilmarnock Orchards. A hotdog lunch will be served. Alex will drop-off the water left over from Ride the Rideau and Sheila has the hotdogs and buns.

Christmas Parade – December 18 – A decision will have to be made as to what we plan to do for the parade. This should be decided at the October meeting so that Alex can make arrangements for the wagon.

Remembrance Day – Sheila will talk to Debbie Skelhorne about co-ordination of school pick-ups. Sheila will make permission forms to be signed and given to the school offices.

Google Calendar – We need to confirm if Allan is still doing the updating for this. If not, who will?

Banquet – 23 February – We need to begin planning the slideshow, decorations and program.

Group Activities – Do we want to have any Group activities this year involving all sections? Ideas?

Training

- Woodbadge – Carleton Place November 19-20. Also available online of the Scouts Canada website
- First Aid – Beckwith December 11-12

Colony Report – There are eight Beavers registered. No Brown Tails. A tentative schedule for the year has been put together.

Pack Report – No formal report. Alex has the financial and camp paperwork from Simon.

Troop Report – There were about 16 Scouts present at the first meeting. A schedule of events has been created. Last year's financial report and camp paperwork is still outstanding. Permission form for Scouts to attend the area camp 15-17 October 2010 was approved and signed by Hope.

Venturer Report – No formal report. The Venturers will be participating in the Crazy Canucks 2-3 Oct.

New Business

Election of Group Commissioner and Secretary – Hope Gray volunteered to step in as the Group Commissioner. The voting members were approached by email and her appointment to this position was approved. The secretary position is temporarily being filled by Sheila until a volunteer can be found. Arrangements will have to be made for Hope to get cheque-signing authority from the bank.

Other Business

It was proposed that we review our financial policy.

Next Group Committee meetings

Group committee meetings will now be held on the third Monday of every month to enable the Group Commissioner to bring a report to the Area meetings which take place on the third Thursday. Meetings will take place in the Community Centre and begin at 7:30pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday October 18th.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.