

1st Merrickville Scouts Group Committee Meeting
2011 03 21 Monday @ 1930
MINUTES

In Attendance: Hope Gray, Stew Hamill, Alex Beelich, Amanda Muirhead-Smith, Keith Skelhorne, Sheila Cornelisse, Eleanor Beelich

Pre Agenda: Long Service Awards were presented to those leaders who were previously missed -Stew Hamill 5 years
Amanda Muirhead-Smith 10 years
Keith Skelhorne 10 years
Paul Woodward 10 years
Peter Cornelisse 5 years

Review Agenda: We will make additions as we go.

Review Minutes: Minutes for January 19th meeting approved as circulated by Amanda
Seconded by Hope. Carried.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Currently have \$1239.00 as available funds
Cheques written: Hope-\$493 for registration
Alex - \$50 for PA rental
Valley Highlands- \$126 for badges
Insurance due: Decided we would stay with Crain and Schooley
\$30,000 coverage for \$835.92
Hope moved we pay insurance and approve cheques
Seconded by Amanda. Motion carried
GST Rebate coming
Scouten White Cedar has been paid \$2107.45 for wood to build
a footbridge (Venturer project)

Scout Trust Funds: Troop should hold a Court of Honour to decide what to do with the
money in the Scout Trust Fund

Other: Need to pay the Village for occupancy cost. Money is available for same.

Registration for leaders is free as of next year (2011-12)

Fundraising:

Scout Trees: Scout tree weekend is May7. Brian Billings will come and speak to the
groups about trees. 85% of the money raised from planting trees stays with
the local group and the group needs the money. Information packages are
coming

Trillium Grant Report: Completed and sent.

Yard Sale: Many Scouters have extra camping equipment in their basements and garages that could be sold at the annual yard sale. This could double as a fund raiser for Merrickville Scouts and equip new campers at a reasonable cost. Is there anyone who would donate a corner for this?

Reports:

Beaver Colony: Busy as usual. They have skated, visited the OPP, had a Bring a Friend Night, attended Beaver Brrrr, visited the library, ate pancakes and have many more exciting activities planned for the future.

Cash on hand- \$111.65

Report on file

Cub Report: One new cub to be enrolled

Cubs working on completing Red and Tawny Star badge work

They have been skating, to the library, had a science and an airplane night.

Cub Car Rally this weekend at County Fair Mall in Smiths Falls.

Carol-Ann still needs to be interviewed.

Report on file

Scout Troop: Scouts spent 2 days winter camping at Whispering Pines

Scouts have been tying themselves up in knots

Remainder of schedule on file

There are 4 potential Scouts who could move up to Venturers.

They may stay back to get their Chief Scout Award. Hope will speak to them about this and their future in Scouting.

Hope will also ask if any senior scouts wish to attend whitewater canoe training.

Venturer Company:

Adirondack Adventure cancelled due lack of participants

Detailed planning for upcoming activities ongoing

Reports on file

Training: There is a Scouting Leaders Conference being held at the High School in Smiths Falls on Sat., April 9th. There is a brochure available or you can find it at www.scouts.ca/dnn/voy. It is on the middle of the page.

The cost is \$25.00 and this *includes lunch*

Old Business: Hope and Stew will go to the bank this week and have the signing authority changed over to Hope.

Outdoor Activity Guides: Please bring to Hope. They need to go to Scout Headquarters

New Business: *Yellow Fish Road Initiative*- paints fish stencils at storm drains to remind people that whatever goes into that drain affects fish etc.

It is ultimately up to the Village to decide if and how it is done.

Girl Guides have also expressed an interest in this. There are probably

enough grates to accommodate both groups.

Decals for Paddles: Hope and the Group approved the purchase of 250 waterproof decals from Jukebox Printing for \$105.00

The remaining decals from Murray Jackson will be used to label the whitewater canoes when they return in April

New Business...

Youth Commissioner National needs us to have a Group Youth Commissioner to give us the youth perspective. Please ask your youth about this and perhaps nominate someone.

New Uniforms will be introduced March 25th. Sections will have new colours

They will be the same price or less. No one is forced to change.

Sashes are gone. Adult and Rover uniforms are the same.

Registration for new Beavers - \$73.00

Next Meeting; Monday, April 18th @ 1900hrs

Adjourned at 2045hrs

Submitted by Eleanor Beelich