



MINUTES OF 1ST BOLTON SCOUT GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING

March 2nd 2011

Present:

Theresa Calderone, Group Commissioner	Blair Krauter, Pack (Thursday)
Sandra Hautot, Group Secretary	Graham Garden, Group Committee
Brenda Newell, Group Treasurer	Alex Court, Venturers
Julie Dunn, Beavers (Monday)	Jim Hunter, Beavers
Karen Matson, Duke of Edinburgh Advisor	Lianne Austen, Pack (Monday)
George Court, Troop/Quartermaster	Ted White, Troop, Quartermaster
Darlene Garratt, Pack (Thursday)	Andrew Soward, Beavers (Monday)
Tim Rossi, Beavers (Tuesday)	Steve Vickers, Group Scouter
Derek Mumford, Beavers (Thursday)	Ron Strong, Group Committee
	Andy Dunn, Troop

1. Minutes of February 2nd , 2011

The Minutes were circulated and a change was agreed to 10. Marketing "... putting Scouts Canada posters on local recycling containers ..." This was agreed. This minutes as amended were proposed by Jim and seconded by Steve.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Section Reports

Beavers – enjoyed a Chinese New Year evening, attended the Banquet with a good turnout, been tobogganing, and had a Moon night. Some of Monday Beavers joined the Tuesday Beavers as the building was closed on the Monday for Family Day. Tuesday and Thursday Beavers have had their photos taken. A new Tuesday leader has been invested. So far 28 youth, 4 parents and 9-10 leaders have registered for the trip to Jungle Cat World.

Cubs – they held a Kub Kar Clinic and trials, attended the Banquet, had an indoor camp fire night with mug up and did a weather night. Thursday Pack had gone snow shoeing on a golf course. Upcoming events include the YB Kub Kar Rally, a sleepover and decorating T-shirts.

Troop – they have been orienteering, did some Voyageur requirements and handed out a Voyageur badge , and had a cooking night,. Future events include a light weight camping evening, and a Duct Tape night.

Venturers – they enjoyed cross-country skiing, been dog sledding, ran the canteen at the Kub Kar Rally, and held a planning evening. Next week they are going to Laser Quest.

Rovers – nothing to report.

4. Registration

We currently have 56 leaders and 148 youth. Sections reports were handed to the key leaders.

Rates

It was thought that there will probably be no increase to rates this year; this should be clarified in the next couple of weeks. Registration sessions are held each year at Swim-up in April for current members, and then in June and the Fall. Key leaders are the first contact with parents and are asked to encourage as many as possible to re-register.

New Screening

Theresa explained that new screening is being put in place. If you have the same birth date or name as a known criminal, you will be required to have extra screening ie finger prints, which could take 100 days to clear through the system. With this in mind, we need to recruit new leaders now so they can be on board for start-up in the Fall. Please note that acceptable documents for PRC's include a Birth Certificate, Driver's Licence and Passport (no OHIP cards).

5. Group Secretary

Sandra reported that most sections have had their photo sessions. Sessions for Thursday Pack, Monday Beavers, Troop, Venturers, Rovers and Group Committee will be taking place in the near future. Any leader wishing to participate in the Group Committee photo should come along on March 21st.

6. Leader Development

The following training/opportunities are being offered:

Apr 30th Outdoor Skills by CEC at Blue Springs (register by April 9th, see CEC website)
May 14th Dutch Oven Demo at the Scout Shop

ORCA training

Steve has received some names of leaders interested in this training, along with the Venturers who are also interested in participating.

First Aid training

Tentative dates for the above training are April 2nd & 3rd and 16th & 17th. Please e-mail Steve if you are interested in attending.

Tent Training

This is scheduled for Friday April 1st in the BRYC.

7. Fund-Raising – nothing to report

8. Treasurer's Report

The current balance is \$42,115.08. Brenda handed out a Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual dated 03/02/11 and asked leaders to take it home and study it. She noted that there is no new income, although we still looking for the Rotary money. We collected 100% of popcorn sales and the vouchers are starting to come in. There is still money in the budget for Leader Training and have spent approximately \$1,200 in discretionary subsidies. Please let Theresa know if you have a parent who may need help in this matter.

Brenda reminded leaders that Zehrs tapes are still being collected. Please give them to Alex Court.

9. Marketing

We have been 'Snapped' in the March edition of SNAP with photos from our Leader/Parent Annual Banquet. SNAP has also been invited to take photos at the Leader Retreat and Swim-up. If you have any events which you would like SNAP to cover, please let Theresa/Sandra know.

10. Yellow Briar

- *Blue Jays Game*

More information to follow. We are looking for a co-ordinator – please e-mail Theresa if you are interested.

- *Kub Kars – Saturday March 5th – Humberview Secondary School*

Set up will take place between 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Jenny will be heading up the kitchen.

- *Good Turn Wrist Band, March 27th – April 2nd*

Each registered member will receive 2 bands this year. They will be distributed once they have been received.

- *Scouttrees*

This event is slightly different this year in that there will be 2 occasions to plant trees. The first opportunity will be at Glen Haffy and is part of the "Take It Outside" program on April 30th 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, \$4 fee which will include lunch and a crest. There will be an opportunity to building picnic tables as well. This will be followed by a visit to Boyd Conservation Area to visit the tree nursery the following weekend. A flyer will be sent out once information is finalised.

On May 29th, 30th and June 1st there will be an event to document plants at Paradise Grove, Black Oak Savannah. More information to follow. There will also be an opportunity to plant trees at Etobicoke Park on May 7th.

- Sears

There are plans to have a booth promoting Scouting in Sears during the month of April.

- MMS

A new and easier to use program will be rolled out in the Spring and will be ready for September registration.

11. Equipment Inventory/Building

Nothing new to report. It is noted that we will not be using the BRYC during March Break.

12. Events

May 29th Kids of Steel Triathlon

Nothing new to report.

Tim Hortons Community Clean-up

A date has not been published yet for this event. It was felt that we cannot use our youth as labour and if we participated in this event wearing Tim Horton's T-shirts we would be working for Tim Hortons.

Group Camp – June 3rd – 5th, 2011, Camp Nemo

A planning meeting had taken place, along with a preliminary site inspection. This camp offers many programs for the youth, along with HICOP centre. We plan to take 2 sites which would include a lodge with a full kitchen. The cost for camping is \$5 a night per person. The next planning meeting will be on March 23rd at 7:00 pm at the BRYC. A date for another site visit was discussed – possibly April 9th or 16th.

13. Rotary – no report

14. Any Other Business

Communication

Theresa gave a friendly reminder to leaders to communicate with each other to avoid confusion and stress over events taking place and to know who is in charge of them.

Caledon East Scout Group

Some of our leaders helped out the above group with their Kub Kar event and also lent them snow shoes.

Next Meeting – April 6th 2011 at 7:30 pm at the Bolton Rotary Youth Centre