



75 YEARS OF GOING  
IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION



MINUTES OF 1<sup>ST</sup> BOLTON SCOUT GROUP  
COMMITTEE MEETING

May 4<sup>th</sup> 2010

Present:

Theresa Calderone, Group Commissioner	Karen Matson, Duke of Edinburgh Advisor
Brenda Newell, Treasurer	Eric Gunter, Pack (Thursday)
Andy Dunn, Pack (Monday)	Laila White, Group Registrar
Jim Hunter, Colony	George Court, Troop
Darlene Garratt, Pack (Thursday)	Julie Dunn, Colony (Monday)
Erma Quintal, Colony (Thursday)	Ron Strong, Venturer Company

1. Minutes of April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010

The Minutes were distributed and read by those present. Small corrections were made to some leader names under “leaders for next year”. Ron moved that the Minutes be adopted. This was seconded by Julie.

2. Section Reports

*Monday/Tuesday/Thursday Beavers* – Beavers built a box maze, attended the sleepover on April 9<sup>th</sup>, prepared for Swim Up, sang songs, attended Swim Up, and went on a cleanup/hike in various locations around town including Riverside Parkette and Mill Park as part of the Disney clean-up challenge event. This week is Bring-A-Friend night with outdoor bottle rockets, and future meetings include bowling and a year-end party.

*Pack (Monday and Thursday)* –The Cubs have learned about nature identification with a rep from the Toronto Region Conservation Authority, attended Swim Up, launched their model rockets as part of the Pack Specialty badge this year, and are visiting the Peel Integrated Waste Facility in Brampton to learn about recycling. Future events include a bicycle safety night, parent meeting, spring hike, and year end party, plus participation in Tenderpad Day and JOTT this coming Saturday, the Yellow Briar Cuboree next weekend, Area Camp and Campcraft Camp plus the Cub Jamboree in July.

*Troop* – The troop have been busy! The Chief Scouts organized a lightweight hike and camp which was enjoyed by all including open fire cooking. Scoutrees was good hard work on a tough site, but there were trees left over to plant (some were very large trees this year) and there were problems with food for those who worked the longest. Frog Watch in Palgrave was attended by 24 out of 27 youth eligible, and the recent parent night was a great way to pass information on to the parents of new Scouts.

Upcoming Scout events include D.I.B.C. this coming weekend, Canoe Camp in late June, another Frog Watch, a lightweight cooking night, a stove and lantern night, and Haliburton camp in August.

*Venturers* – participated in Scoutrees, went to Great Wolf Lodge, are helping with the canoe program for the Cubs at the Area Camp next month, have planned a trip to Algonquin in late June and a visit to the Hindu Temple.

### 3. Marketing

#### *Registration*

Laila provided an update on registrations for next year which are coming along well, and reminded everybody about June 2<sup>nd</sup> registration night from 6 to 8 p.m.

Currently there are 33 paid returning youth registered, 2 new youth, and 17 returning leaders who have signed their registration forms.

The group discussed who needs to know about which youth are subsidized, and it was agreed this information will be kept confidential between the Group Commissioner, Registrar and key leader of the section.

Jim indicated he is willing to forward any marketing information to the newspapers. The group discussed having a marketing pamphlet that could be handed out to interested families, at Bring-A-Friend nights, and so on.

### 4. Secretary's Report

Brenda reported that Sandra will take care of the newspaper ad for spring registration.

### 5. Leader Development

#### *Training*

A Woodbadge I course is being tentatively planned for the summer months (evenings like last year) but dates are yet to be announced. The recent Woodbadge II course was attended by five 1<sup>st</sup> Bolton Scouters – Julie Dunn from Colony, Lianne Austen and Eric Gunter from Pack, and George Court and Ted White from Troop. Congratulations to Julie, Lianne, Eric and George on earning their beads for the first time, and a second time for Ted.

### 6. Fund-Raising – no report

### 7. Treasurer's Report

Brenda reported an account Balance of \$22,342.71

An updated Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual report dated 05/04/10 was handed out (attached).

Discussion points included how well used uniform sales are doing, that most of our year's income was pretty much in at this point, and what we should name the discretionary (subsidy) budget line item.

The group agreed to purchase sample uniform shirts and Beaver vests in a few sizes to be used as “try-on” sizing aids, given that people have to either mail-order uniform parts or ask somebody to pick them up at the Yorkland Scout Shop until Brampton re-opens.

We have not received the popcorn cheque yet, but it is reported to have reached COAC at Yorkland.

#### 8. Yellow Briar/CEC

Area Camp will be held at Rockwood Conservation Area the first weekend in June. There is no handout yet but the cost is expected to be around \$45 per person. The group decided it will subsidize the cost down to \$0 for leaders attending if there is an Area charge for leaders.

Theresa has the most recent set of Commissioners' Camping Challenge segments but these need to be sorted out as they did not come with any information on who has received what. Ted has the previous set of them with a similar problem.

We have been asked to submit some 5-year goals to the Area. One major goal identified by the group is to solve (permanently and properly) our equipment storage problem.

#### 9. Equipment

The quartermasters have purchased an assortment of tarps and will work on storage solutions for them. GPS tools and the associated mapping system are being researched and considered.

Building dates for the coming year were discussed, with the following items on the list:

Every first Friday of the month

September – Fall registration, Popcorn Rally

October – Apple Day/JOTA/Tenderpad Day

November – Sixer/Second Pow-Wow, Special Needs leader development night

January – Troop pre-Winter-Camp sleepover

February - 1<sup>st</sup> Bolton Kub Kar Rally – some date question due to Family Day weekend in 2011

March – Yellow Briar Kub Kar Rally

April – Beaver Sleepover, Swim-Up

May – Tenderpad Day

#### 10. Events

There were no items to discuss for D.I.B.C. or Haliburton. The lack of Rotary Clean-Up was discussed; other local groups have pretty much scoured the area for Earth Day. We will offer to do a fall clean-up at a date to be arranged later.

A tentative date of June 12<sup>th</sup> was set aside for a Leader Social, with Jim volunteering his back yard. It will have to be later in the afternoon into evening, to avoid the Chief Scout Award ceremony that day. Other weekends are fully booked in June with various section events.

#### 11. Rotary – no report

### Any Other Business

Erma handed out necker kits, and indicated that we need to make neckers over the summer. We have kits with enough material to make 100 neckers. They cost \$4 for us to make, but would cost \$2 more to buy pre-made. The group voted to purchase neckers in the future once the ones we're making this year have run out.

*Next Meeting Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010 at 7:30 pm at the Bolton Rotary Youth Centre*