



MINUTES OF 1ST BOLTON SCOUT GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING

October 6th, 2010

Present:

Theresa Calderone, Group Commissioner	Andy Dunn, Troop
Sandra Hautot, Group Secretary	Steve Vickers, Group Scouter
Brenda Newell, Group Treasurer	Ron Strong, Group Committee
Julie Dunn, Beavers (Monday)	Jim Hunter, Beavers
Karen Matson, Duke of Edinburgh Advisor	Erma Quintal, Beavers (Thursday)
George Court, Troop/Quartermaster	Lianne Austen, Pack (Monday)
Darlene Garratt, Pack (Thursday)	Laila White, Group Registrar
Tim Rossi, Beavers (Tuesday)	Ted White, Troop, Quartermaster
Robyn Soward, Popcorn Co-ordinator	

Apologies : Janice Greaves

1. Minutes of September 8th, 2010

The Minutes were proposed by Steve and seconded by Jim.

2. Section Reports

Beavers – have had a welcome meeting, a fall hike, a beaver basics evening, JOTA and Apple Day prep and done some great crafts. Future events include an outdoor evening, mug up, a combined Halloween party at the Fair Grounds and a visit to Crawford Lake in November. There are about 60 Beavers in total.

Cubs – they have had a camp prep evening, a parents meeting, code of conduct and enjoyed a fall camp which was a great success. Future events include Investiture on October 18th, JOTA and Apple Day, Tenderpad Day, a communications evening, leathercraft and Halloween.

Troop – they have 22 youth, have appointed Patrol Leaders and a Senior Patrol Leader. CEC camp was cold and damp but lots of fun. Ten badges have been awarded.

Venturers – they have had a planning meeting, a D of E bronze meeting, followed by a bronze D of E overnight hike from Glen Haffy to the Wellness Centre. They have been swimming. Future events include participating in Apple Day on the Friday night, there will be a bronze D of E pre trip, an archery evening, Genesis Camp and a Winter camp.

Rovers – they have had one meeting and decided to become proficient in leatherwork. There is a proposal for a \$25 fee for Rovers, if this is approved, monies will be reimbursed to parents who have paid the full registration fee.

3. Marketing

Registration

Current numbers are as follows:

		Youth	Leaders
Beavers:	Mon	22	5
	Tues	19	5
	Thurs	18	5
Pack	Mon	30	9
	Thurs	17	5
Troop		22	7
Venturers		7	3
Rovers		3	
Group Comm			8
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Total		138	47

Laila handed out a list of youth/leaders in each section and asked key leaders to make corrections and hand back. She suggested that the process of dealing with registration forms and the handling of cheques be reworked to make it an easier process.

4. Group Secretary

Sandra handed out a draft Group Directory and asked for corrections. She will aim to circulate copies to all sections at Apple Day.

5. Leader Development

Modules 1 – 5 are now on line. There will be a Colony, Pack, and Troop Part 1 offered November 25-27th. Some registrations are coming in. A Part II will be offered the first and last weekend of April 2011.

If you are interested in a First Aid course please e-mail Steve.

Prize Money

\$1,000 has been allocated to leader training/retreat. Janice is asking leaders to come up with some dates for this event, possibly a Saturday in late spring. Please discuss with your section what kind of topics/skills you would be interested in, and what skills you possess and report back at the next Group Committee Meeting.

6. Fund-raising

Apple Day – Saturday October 16th

Janice is working on a flyer for this event. The timetable for the day was discussed. Brenda has ordered the apples and contacted the stores. It is noted that the Cadets will not be tagging that day.

Leader Christmas Social

The dates of December 10th and 17th were suggested. It was decided that this event would take place on December 10th.

Popcorn

Leaders are asked to give any additional packages to Robyn. Orders are due in the week of October 18th. She will look into the warehouse details. The Pep Rally came in under budget and was well attended, even though several schools were in the process of a lockdown. It was thought that the pizza was a good idea. It was suggested that presentations that are repeated, ie how to sell and the scholarship program, be given once to everyone. Next year's theme will be '2011 – A Popcorn Odyssey'. There has been a slight problem with popcorn selling in Palgrave as our group has members who live there and wish to sell and the Palgrave Beavers also wish to sell to the community.

7. Treasurer's Report

Brenda handed out a Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual September 2009 through August 2010 and explained the items, noting that the group made about \$18,000 last year. She is looking for a person to take on the Grocery Tape task. She then handed out a Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual Sep 2010 through August 2011. This is the proposed budget and numbers will clearer next month when the Group has completed Apple Day and the Popcorn campaign. Leaders are asked to take it home and study it.

The current balance is \$43,509.06 (which includes \$20,233.20 Prize money and registration monies)

Leaders are asked to please pass on cheques within a 2 week time frame.

8. Yellow Briar Meeting / CEC

Highlights from the meeting:

- New CEC slogan "it starts with Scouts"
- Quality standards awards for each section

- Leader handbooks on line
- New Scout shop opening in October, Central Parkway and Eglinton
- YB looking for youth reps, each Group to have a rep
- Yellow Briar will stay as ‘Yellow Briar’
- YB crest, possible change
- All registered members will receive a new crest if there is a change paid for by CEC
- Registration nights are October 14th and 25th
- Kub Kar Rally, there may be a North and South – tbd
- Tenderpad Day – May 7th, 2011
- HSR – July 23rd-30th, 2011
- All sections will be referred to as Scouts, eg Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts ...
- A new prototype program is being worked on for the Beaver program – 2 Beavers colonies will be participating in this. Badgework will be involved in this updated program

9. Equipment Inventory/Building

The white trailer is undergoing renovations. The shelving is in place. A lot of equipment has now been moved. The Rovers are looking for some cupboard space. There was a discussion regarding tents. Please let Ted/George know what needs to be fixed when returning tents that are broken or have missing parts. Please put each tent in its correct bag.

Neckers

Lianne has placed an order for new neckers. There will be a \$7 charge for replacement neckers. Please let Erma know how many neckers each section requires for investiture so she can get them ready. Lianne will be in charge of placing orders for neckers, and Ted will look after them.

There was a brief discussion regarding a telephone for the office and the possibility of display cases.

10. Events

Remembrance Day November 7th, 2010 – this event may not happen

Santa Parade December 4th, 2010 – Sandra has booked United Church for refreshments
Theme – Music of Christmas

JOTA October 16th, 2010 - Several Guide units will be joining us. Crests and Participation cards are ready for distribution at the event. JOTA staff would like to start packing up around 3:00 pm so please time your visit accordingly

Fall Fair Jim thanked everyone who helped man the booth. It was very successful.
Garbage pick up was wonderful.

11. Rotary

They would like to buy the Group an item. The price range is not known but leaders are asked to think about some ideas, eg tents, light weight canoe

12. Guidelines for Subsidies

Theresa had made some enquires about this and found that there are no specific guidelines. When dealing with this situation, we should be discreet and have due diligence. One of the Scout mandates states 'be generous'. 1st Bolton is in a position to be able to look after its own community. It is reported that 6 families were on subsidies (2 made partial payments) and 5 families were on payment plans.

Theresa reminded leaders to watch how they act and speak when wearing the Scout uniform.

Any Other Business

Jim had received a request from a group from Barrie who would like to run a Child Find program. Jim was asked to find out some more information and ask them if they would like to make a presentation to Group committee.

Next Meeting – November 3rd 2010 at 7:30 pm at the Bolton Rotary Youth Centre