



MINUTES OF 1ST BOLTON SCOUT GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING

September 8th, 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
Janice Greaves, Fund-Raising	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)	Hal Gregory, Rotary
Robyn Soward, Popcorn Co-ordinator	Ted White, Troop, Quartermaster
Julie Dunn, Beavers (Monday)	

Theresa warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting including Robyn Soward who is our new Popcorn Co-ordinator.

1. Minutes of June 2nd, 2010

The Minutes were proposed by Steve and seconded by Brenda.

2. Section Reports

Beavers – have already had a planning meeting and are planned until Christmas. They will start up next week with a welcome theme, then have a fall hike, and a Beaver basics evening. Calendars have been prepared for all the Beaver parents.

Cubs – have already had a planning meeting and are planned until Christmas. Future events include a camp prep and parent night, and a Fall Camp at Everton with a theme of Cubs in Wonderland. Monday Cubs have some new leaders from Brampton.

Troop – they enjoyed Great Lakes Jambo and HSR camps during the summer. They will be holding a planning meeting in the near future.

Venturers – Bruno Bertoni will be the key advisor and Ron Strong will be staying on Group Committee.

Rovers – the youth have asked Steve to be their advisor and he has accepted.

3. Marketing

Registration

Following registration tonight, numbers are as follows:

		Youth	Leaders
Beavers:	Mon	21	3
	Tues	15	5
	Thurs	13	5
Pack	Mon	24	8
	Thurs	15	3
Troop		15	5
Venturers		6	3
Rovers		3	1
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Total		112	33

Fall Fair

Jim has agreed to co-ordinate our booth again this year. We will need leaders to person it during the weekend. Please ask your leaders for their help and e-mail Jim with names. Garbage clean-up will start at 8 am on the Saturday and Sunday. Leaders will liaise to work out a schedule. Karen has received a cheque from the Fair Board for the clean-up.

Plaques

Janice reported that she is working to finalise names and is using a new company as the one we were using has been sold.

4. Group Secretary

Theresa thanked Sandra for organising the ads for registration. It had been a busy night with registrations. It was noted that the ad for registration should go in the paper earlier next year as parents look for it amongst the other fall ad registrations.

5. Leader Development

Modules 1 – 5 are now on line. Leaders are reminded to print out the completion certificate at the end of each module. There are modules being offered at Oakville and Wellington, as well as Bolton for Colony, Pack and Troop training on November 26-28. There is now a Scouter Welcome Kit available for new leaders, and a new Jump Start program on line as well as Section

Leader handbooks and an updated B P & P. There are new badges for colony and new Chief Scout Awards – Bronze for Beavers, Silver for Cubs and Gold for Scouts. Please let Steve know if you have any requests for workshops and contact Theresa if you wish to undertake training so it can be approved.

6. Fund-raising

Apple Day – Saturday October 16th

Janice is working on a flyer for this event. She is hoping to get permission from LCBO, Zehrs, Canadian Tire and Walmart for us to canvas on the Friday evening as well as the Saturday. If anyone knows of a possible corporate sponsor, please let Theresa know. McDonalds will donate apple pies and juice for Apple Day for which Hal was graciously thanked. Please inform your parents about this event so they can plan accordingly.

Popcorn

Robyn handed out a draft memo giving details of the campaign this year. Packages will be distributed to youth next week and an e-mail will be sent weekly to section leaders with relevant information. Due to the short turnaround of delivery of popcorn and submission of the cheque, it was suggested that payment be taken at the time of the order.

The 3rd Annual Popcorn Rep Rally will take place on Friday September 24th. Hot dogs will be available from 6:00-6:45 and the rally will commence 6:30 until 7:30 pm. The theme will be The Corny Chefs, there will be stations and door prizes.

There are some changes to the products this year – Trail Mix has been discontinued but Chocolately Caramel Crunch and White Cheddar Cheese Corn has been added. The decorative tins have been discontinued and replaced with re-sealable bags which will keep the product fresher, use less packaging, more durable and storable and more product has been added.

There will be a \$200 prize for the Top Selling Section and the most improved seller will get to throw a pie in the face of the Popcorn Co-ordinator! There is a new adult reward from CEC – every adult member who sells \$650 or more will be entered into a draw for Cineplex movie passes and Tim Hortons gift cards. The Fill-it-Up contest has been replaced by the \$600 Club and the chance to win a marshmallow crossbow. Walmart or Future Shop gift cards will be available for all sales levels. The Popcorn Pics competition will take place once again but there is no information available at the moment concerning the video competition. Robyn will look into this. After a brief discussion it was decided that we will offer Bolton Bucks once again.

Hal asked if Theresa would visit with Rotary next week to promote our popcorn campaign. No information has been received from Trails End regarding Scholarships this year, this will be followed up with the Area Popcorn Co-ordinator.

7. Treasurer's Report

Brenda did not update the committee with a bank balance as she felt that it did not reflect how much we actually have readily available and we have yet to put forward a budget. She will provide one for the next meeting. She handed out Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual for September

2009 through August 2010 (see attached) and noted that we had been fiscally responsible. There is still some clean-up and fine tuning necessary before it can be finalised. Sections are asked to work on creating a new budget. Section reps will then meet with Theresa on September 22nd at 7:30 so a budget can be presented for approval at the next Group Committee meeting.

Prize Money Allocation \$20,233.20

A committee had been formed to decide how the prize money from the Popcorn Video contest should be best allocated. A copy is attached. With a slight change to Miscellaneous Equipment, this document was passed by the committee.

8. Yellow Briar Meeting / CEC

There will be a meeting on Thursday September 9th, 2010. Seven groups from Bramalae have now joined Yellow Briar. It is reported that a new Scout Shop will be opening in the Erin Mills and 401 area to replace the Brampton Scout Shop. Exact location is not yet known.

9. Equipment Inventory/Building

Ted reported that a lot of equipment has been moved over to an MSM trailer due to the wet conditions of our current storage facility. Dedicated shelving will be put in the large white trailer for large items such as propane and BBQs.

T-shirts

Please ask your sections if youth will be requiring Bolton T-shirts so another order may be placed. It was requested that the colour be changed on the necker of the Scouter to reflect 1st Bolton.

Photos of new members

Please provide Steve with photos of new members so the Town has a current list.

10. Events

Remembrance Day November 7th, 2010
Santa Parade December 4th, 2010 – Sandra to book United Church for refreshments
JOTA October 16th, 2010 - Andy will co-ordinate this event this year and asked leaders to include a communications theme in their program prior to JOTA. Yellow Briar will be invited to participate as well and will purchase their own crests.

Ted has been asked if we would provide a colour parade for the Junior C Hockey Team on September 19th at a Caledon location. He will send out an e-mail to leaders and act as the co-ordinator.

11. Rotary

Hal informed the Group of two possible fund-raising ideas which could be beneficial to the 1st Bolton Scout Group. Operation Red Nose receives donations and sponsorships which are then donated to the community. Bus shelters are being proposed along the GO bus route on Highway 50 and revenue will be generated by selling ads. We could look after the maintenance of the shelters in return for some revenue. Hal will look further into these opportunities.

Theresa thanked Hal for everything that Rotary does for our Group and noted that we would still like to find a way of thanking them properly. Hal will mention this at the next Rotary meeting.

12. Planning

Theresa reminded leaders to communicate with parents. If you do not get a response from an e-mail, you can always follow-up with a phone call. She also urged leaders to be vigilant when we are with our youth and to make sure that we have enough ratio.

Any Other Business – None

Next Meeting – October 6th, 2010 at 7:30 pm at the Bolton Rotary Youth Centre