

*North Waterloo Gibwell Committee Meeting*  
*Wednesday, April 18, 2012*

**Present:** Ken Arnett, Bruce Boehmer, Scott Davis, Karen Devereux, Joan Driver, Bob Evans, Sarah Kassa, Sandra Kellar, Sylvia Maziarz, Chuck Myers

**Regrets:** Mary Ann Millar, Phil Lacasse

**January 25, 2012 Minutes**

- accepted with one minor correction - regrets were from Sandra Kellar, not Sandra Fischer.
- Moved by Ken, seconded by "Jolvia" (that's Joan and Sylvia combined ... it was a race to see who could get their hand up first!!)

**Treasurer's Report (Scott):**

- \$1,326.07 in the bank. The only activity since the last meeting has been the monthly account fee.
- Bill Yurkiw is still owed money for the insurance on the trailer (and if he ever showed up to a meeting he'd get reimbursed!! ☺).
- Scott will reserve the same sized marquee as last year (estimated cost will be \$675.00).

**Provincial Report (Phil):**

- No report. Phil was unable to attend but did pass along by phone to Bruce that he will be asking the Ont. Gilwell Committee for an advance to purchase additional memory sticks for this year's Log & Beads.

**Registrar's Report (Scott):**

- Annual membership renewal forms were distributed to those in attendance; all other members will receive theirs by email.
- Our annual membership fee remains unchanged at \$20.00.
- 2012 Reunion fees will be established at the June BBQ & Meeting following which registration forms will be emailed to all members for whom we have an email address

**Trailer (Bruce/Bill):**

- Bruce reported that Bill plans to oil the underside of the trailer this weekend (April 21st) and otherwise, the trailer is in good condition.

**Big Brothers/Sisters (Rev. John):**

- No report. Papa John ... AWOL.

**Quartermaster's Report (Bill):**

- No report. Bill was unable to attend the meeting; hence, the reason he has not yet been reimbursed for the insurance premium he paid!! Bruce reported that a complete inventory of our goods and wares has been forwarded to Bill.

**Accommodation (Don):**

- No report. Don was not at the meeting; instead, he was test-driving one of the many available bunks in the barn at Everton (just kidding).

#### Log & Beads (Bob):

- No report. Bob was unable to attend the meeting; although, a trusty source confirmed that he remains ecstatic!

#### Lighting (Wayne):

- No report. Wayne was flogging; oops, I mean golfing.

#### Hats (John)/Jackets (Sandra):

- No report. John was out trying to hawk our remaining hats on a street corner in Breslau instead and Sandra focused on her election campaign.
- We did discuss, briefly, raffling off our remaining inventory during this year's reunion.

#### Vests (Diane):

- No report. Diane was not at the meeting. Hmmmm, wonder if she stayed home to create a few more vests!?!

#### Gone Home:

- None to report, thankfully!

#### Social Committee:

- No report. They were being anti-social!

#### Campaign Committee:

- Sandra, Sarah, Mary Ann and Harry have been meeting to design and organize this year's campaign.
- The "Circus" theme seems to have caught on well and the group in attendance at this meeting felt it was a good fit too!
- Everyone recognized that, since we are handling Log & Beads as well as running an election campaign this year, we should incorporate the election theme into the Saturday marquee activities as well.

Some of the ideas that have been discussed include:

- dressing up as traditional circus characters (e.g., Grand Master, lion tamer, flame swallower, trapeze artist, clown, etc.)
- having a parade around Blue Springs (aboard a cut-out cardboard train)
- decorating the marquee as a circus tent (almost looks like one anyway – arranging for props for the inside as well)
- tight rope walking
- elephant rides (tie a decorated barrel between two trees)
- clown relay race (idea is to put on a new piece of clown apparel at each stop in the relay)
- face painting
- popcorn
- flag pole climb (Sandra only!!!!!!)
- stage a "Freak" or "Side" Show in the marquee for the evening event (e.g., bearded ladies, Siamese twins, giants, etc.) and games like sword swallowing, fire-breathing, snake charming, etc.)

The discussion with Sandra led to a broader discussion on the need to revitalize attendance at our meetings and to have as many hands as possible to help in advance, as well as at the reunion, with the campaign and the Saturday activities. The event is only as successful as the participants who make it!!

Our Gilwell meetings, and the reunion, are opportunities to offer service to our local scouting groups, Camp Everton or Blue Springs, to recharge our Scouting batteries, to share ideas, meet new people and/or renew acquaintances, be silly and just enjoy life for a weekend with fellow scouters. Sandra is ready, willing and able to take some new ideas to the Gilwell Committee in an effort to make the reunion more relevant for people and to establish some new traditions as we continue to train and welcome new Gilwellians.

APRIL 28<sup>th</sup> – please mark your calendar and participate in the annual Everton Spring Clean-up.

Meeting Adjourned.

### **2012 Meetings:**

- June 20, 2012 - **6:00 p.m. start**
  - BBQ @ ReMax Office, 901 Victoria Street N., Kitchener
  - BYO dishes and cutlery please for the BBQ
  - Regular meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 15, 2012 - **7 p.m. start @ Scout House**
- Sept. 19, 2012 - **7 p.m. start @ Scout House**

### **2012 Gilwell Reunion: September 7 - 9, 2012**

*Scott Davis*  
*Acting Secretary ... for one night only!*

P.S. Bet this is the one and only time Davis is allowed to take the minutes!?!