

SCOUTS CANADA – NICOMEKL AREA
SCOUTERS' CLUB AGENDA: March 19, 2015
AGENDA - Notes

PLENARY

1. Welcome – Kaitlyn Taylor, our AYC, ran the meeting in the absence of Pam Smith's voice.
2. Scouters' Silence
3. Honours & Awards:
 - a. Warrants of Appointment – Corena Ferridge handed out to groups present.
 - b. DAC/H&W urgently needed
 - c. Invested Earl Earl into his role as GC for 10th White Rock. Service Team donned silly hats and red noses for the occasion.
4. Training Announcements - Bernie
 - Scouting Skills April 11 – 13, at risk of being cancelled. Sign up now.
 - Trainer's Forum April 22 Camp McLean 7:00pm
 - WBI May 8 – 10, All sections, GC/GYC
5. 5 Minute Training: Scouters' Kids – Lesley Knox
 - a. Why can they be a challenge?
 - i. Arrive early, leave late from meetings & events, and often expected to help with set-up or take-down of activities
 - ii. Waiting around while their parent meets with other parents, Scouters
 - iii. Higher (or lower?) expectations – for behavior, badge work
 - iv. Can be perceived as receiving 'special treatment'
 - v. Know how to press Mom or Dad's 'buttons'
 - vi. May be privy to information not available to other youth (program/activity details, other issues)
 - b. How to Counteract?
 - i. Help them recognize Mom or Dad is not a 'parent' at Scouting events, so as a Scouter, their parent has responsibilities to the WHOLE group
 - ii. Encourage them to take questions, concerns etc to other Scouters (including – or especially - about badge work)
 - iii. Scouters need to work as a team – be willing to allow (& trust!) each other to deal with issues
 - iv. Avoid over reacting to own youth's activities (overly praising or critiquing your youth's efforts, 'silly' behavior etc)
 - v. Discipline should be left to other Scouters so isn't 'Mom or Dad nagging'. Learn to 'bite your tongue' or discreetly ask another leader to step in.
 - vi. Remember that when you are in a leadership role, and especially when in uniform, people don't see a parent dealing with an obstreperous offspring, they see a Scout leader dealing with a Beaver (or Cub or Scout), and may make judgments accordingly.
 - vii. Have a plan! Discuss discipline strategies at planning meetings (remember that discipline is about self control NOT punishment!)
 1. Expectations about behavior in general
 2. Best way of dealing with specific youth issues
 3. Ways of encouraging appropriate behavior
 - viii. Remember: Contact any member of your Area Service team to arrange for help/suggestions in dealing challenging youth

6. Safety Moment – Make sure the youth – and the parents - know the name (Scouting & real) of each leader
7. Cub Summer Camp Presentation – Jim Bryce, Rovers- Izzy & Brent
www.fvsummercamps.ca
 Cubs July 5 – August 8, 5 weeks
 Scouts August 9 – 15, 1 week only
 Monthly planning meetings. Volunteers attend camp at no cost. Venturers and Rovers are staff and cabin counsellors.
 Schools & Scouting are also looking for Rover aged youth for paid positions for the summer.
8. Announcements – George V – A big thank you to Walnut Grove Scout group for fixing the fire pit at Ponder Park
9. Door Prizes

SHORT BREAK AND MOVE INTO SECTION MEETINGS

GROUP COMMISSIONERS

1. Reports:
 - a. Commissioner's
 - i. AC
 1. Groups must have clear account (no outstanding registration money!!) before donation money will be released (eg United Way)
 2. Goal of 3 non-section Scouters on Group Committees – make sure parents know there are non-section roles where they can help out.
 3. Encourage your Pack leaders to learn about and share information with the parents about Summer Cub Camp. Also encourage your Venturers & Rovers to volunteer
 4. One of our groups had their Casino Funds audited. One thing requested is that receipts from the Area be collected for any money paid to the Area – cancelled cheques are not sufficient
 5. Sears/Scoutrees – see attached info letter. If interested Pam will send on the contact information. Hopefully we can negotiate for better locations than last year.
 6. Reminder that 'Bits & Bytes' came out yesterday with information on Good Turn Week, NEW application for Chief Scouts Award (make sure your Troop leaders are aware of this), Nite Hike, Scouting Skills – please promote this valuable training weekend!!, BC Photo Contest.
 7. 'Scouts Scene' came out today: contains info JOTT, New property standards, info on 6 program areas of Can Path, recruitment tools and more!

AYC's – Melissa Vincent,

- GYC meeting held before Scouter's Club to finalize details for stations for Cuboree & Beaveree, Fall Fair.
 - GYC WB training May 8 - 10
- b. Program – Lesley
 - April 11 QVA Ceremony
 - April 18 Cuboree
 - May 2 Beaveree

- CSA deadline to have package into Dianne is April 25. Award Ceremony June 6.
 - c. Registration/Membership – Terry Campbell ASM
 - Nicomekl membership is now up over last year and well on the way to our 10% growth goal.
 - d. Treasurer – Landrie Davies
 - A few outstanding financial reports still.
 - A few outstanding Scouter Tracker fees
 - e. Special Projects – Reg Mack
 - CSA binder is being updated with new information.
 - 2 Funds available for assistance for those with financial difficulties. Rob Weibe fund for youth members, and the Nicomekl Benevolent fund for adult members.
 - f. ASM Report –Terry
 - Scout Scene has new information on the 6 program areas of the Canadian Path
2. Re-Chartering Meetings – Terry/Pam
 - a. Remember to ask your GYC if they would like to attend
 - b. If you haven't yet done so, please book a date asap.
 3. Section Support: Section Visits – Terry/Pam
 - a. March/April are a good time to visit sections and/or section planning meetings – before Registration starts
 - b. Touch base to find out how the Section team is feeling (are they on track for QPA?) What do they feel good about? Need help with?
 - c. Mentor New Scouters: new Scouters may have new questions, concerns, need guidance, suggestions etc. now that they have a bit of experience
 - d. Opportunity to discuss 3 month plan to year end (for most groups)
 - e. Start to look ahead to the needs for next year
 4. Communication
 - a. Reminder that one of your key roles as GC is communication. When you are asked to share information with your sections, or your Scouters, parents etc, please make sure it is passed on.
 5. Group Time
 - a. What's new? How are things going? Any issues? Questions? Etc.
 Questions:
 Asked question in regards to GC & GYC's working one on one. Parents of the GYC should be informed that this will happen on occasion as the youth plays an important role within the group and meetings with the GC are part of that.
 Asked question in regards to Scouter's driving other youth. Parents are responsible for transporting their youth to and from activities and events. As a parent you can make carpooling arrangements as they see fit. Scouts Canada insurance does not start until arrival at the event. Use your common sense!

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 16, 8:15pm