

SCOUTS CANADA – NICOMEKL AREA
SCOUTERS' CLUB May 21, 2015
Minutes

PLENARY

1. Welcome – Pam Smith AC
2. Scouters' Silence
3. Honours & Awards – Dianne Bouwmeester is our new Honours & Awards person.
 - Certificates of commendation were handed out to the Group commissioners for presentation.
 - Pam presented Earl Earl, Lesley Knox, Andrew Dallas and Tom McMath with Certificates of Commendation.
4. Training: Bernie Delahey:
 - Each Area is to sponsor one WB skills day for 2015/16. Nicomekl's day will be Saturday, Oct 17 so promote this date. ****Update:** As this is Apple Days Saturday, we are looking at choosing an alternative date. We will pass the revised date along as soon as possible.
 - FAST, FLEX, FOCUS – May 22-23
 - First Aid May 30 – BCIT
 - Plan Ahead! WBII Family Camp July 2 – 9, 2016 All Sections @ Camp McLean
5. 5 Minute Training: Pam
 - NEW Incident Report Form – Please begin using new forms immediately and destroy the old ones. It was noted that common sense should prevail (depending on the situation) when C of C concerns are raised as these issues are now included on the Incident Report Form. Contact Terry Campbell with any questions.
 - Scouts Day at the Legislature: Kaitlyn Taylor (our AYC) was one of several youth who shared the value of Scouting with the MLAs and had a very positive response. MLAs are willing to come out and talk at meetings. Contact them through their local offices.
6. Safety Moment: Tick season is here!
 - Encourage youth to do a tick check each night at camp.
 - Wear a hat, long sleeves and pants helps avoid ticks especially in long grass or bushy areas.
 - Check out online resources for information on what to do if you do find one.
7. Announcements:
 - Coupons for '2 Free Meetings' were handed out during the promotion at Willowbrook Mall. Please let Pam know if you receive any.
 - Cruise In: Earl Earl- Sept. 12 Street patrol and Promotion booth. Contact Earl to help out. Early start to early evening! Everyone is welcome to drop by and visit, or help out for an hour or two. It would be great to see some new faces there!!

- Calendar Updates, helpful links and information can be sent to Earl for placement on the website. Make sure your Group/Section contact information is up to date.
- Ponder Park trail maintenance and cleanup is needed. Contact George V to book time to come help out. Remember: Nicomekl Groups are able to camp for FREE, but we need to help out with the maintenance of the camp by – even a couple of hours on weeknight.

8. Door Prizes

Short break and move to section meetings.

GROUP COMMISSIONERS

1. Reports:

a. Commissioners:

i. AC – Pam

- Because there is now one National Registration fee, Council will no longer be adding on a fee, and the Council budget will be submitted to National, with funds being allocated back to the Council.
- Government is mandating that Sc. Can. produce one set of books
- There is a review/justification of all properties (including ones like Ponder Park, 2nd Aldergrove cabin) taking place
- Program events will be run on a break even basis
- Areas are being encouraged to facilitate the bringing together of Venturers to help plan/run Area Venturer events to increase the opportunities for youth in small Companies (We already do this ☐)
- Reminder to Groups that Scouters should be contacting youth who've missed a couple of meetings, or who haven't re-registered. This provides 'personal, caring contact' as well as feedback on why the youth is no longer attending. This can be a good way of identifying weak spots in the program/group etc.

Membership: ASM Terry Campbell

- Letters will continue to be sent out to those potential volunteers on the pending list when the 30/60/90 day point is reached. These will be cc'd to the GC & the ASM. Once someone has been made inactive, they need to have everything (training, PRC's etc) in order before re-registering. Once they are re-registered, there will be a 24-hour window for everything to be entered so they can be made 'active'.

- Electronic Code of Conduct is preferred. National is looking at moving the C of C away from registration time.
- Nicomekl membership is up over last year from 973 to 1005 as of last week. □

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- Troops should also be consulting official instructions, but here are a couple of things to think about:
- There will be an equipment vehicle loaded at Tsawassen and taken right to camp – but it is only for personal gear (backpacks). Patrol equipment is up to the Patrol to get it there.
- Patrols should be practicing hiking with packs & patrol boxes, as there is a long walk from drop-off to the sub-camps. Eg. The most distant subcamp is ‘Bear’ and furthest sites in it are 2 1/2 to 3 km away.

ii. AYC – Kaitlyn Taylor

- Nothing new to report this month

b. Program – Lesley Knox

- Cuboree April 18 – 219 youth and 88 Scouters attended
- Beaveree May 2 – 355 youth and 122 Scouters attended
- Jungle Camp was held May 9 at Redwood Park with 6 groups attending. A huge Thank you to Ed Brierly for once again running Jungle Camp.
- 4 Youth from Nicomekl will receive their Chief Scout Award on June 6 at the Church of Latter Day Saints on Blue Ridge Dr. in Abbotsford at 2:30pm.
- Kick Off Camp 2015 – Nicomekl is running the 3rd Year program with station run by youth.
- Don’t forget to check out the Canadian Path!

c. Treasurer – away

d. Special Projects – Reg Mack

- Reminder of the Bob Wiebe Fund for youth and the Nicomekl Benevolent fund for Scouters. Please contact Reg for more information.

2. Group Time – What’s New? Questions? Concerns? Challenges?

- Apple Days Locations – time to book is now. No duplicate locations noted with those groups present. Locations close to your ‘home base’ are great ways to promote your Group. Reminder that if you plan to book a location outside your

traditional 'catchment' area, consult with other groups first, so conflicts do not arise. Remember to re-confirm your booking a few weeks prior to Apple Days weekend to catch double bookings early on.

Meeting Adjourned 9:20pm

NEXT SCOUTERS' CLUB & SOCIAL WIND UP: June 18 at 8:15pm