

SCOUTS CANADA – NICOMEKL AREA
SCOUTERS' CLUB Minutes: September 17, 2015

PLENARY

1. **Welcome back!** Welcome to anyone new!

- Happy Birthday Peter Way!

2. **Scouters' Silence**

3. **Training Announcements, Bernie Delahaye**

- October 31, WBI Skills Day @Ponder Park
- October 15, Gaming Grant Workshop @ PoCo Scout Hall
- October 16 – 18 GC/GYC Woodbadge I @ McLean
- October 17, Tailgate Cookwell @McLean
- November 6 & 7, FAST/FOCUS/FLEX @ Whonnock
- November 14, Food Safe @ CampMcLean
- November 14, Healthy Relationships @ Camp McLean
- November 20 -22, Woodbadge I @ McLean

4. **5 Minute Training: ROLE OF THE SCOUTER ON THE CANADIAN PATH**

- Recommended Training: The course catalogue has a **Canadian Path Fundamentals course (#6417)** that is an excellent discussion of the fundamentals and how to get started.
- Goal of the Canadian path: for every youth to engage in a journey that helps them *“develop into capable, confident and well-rounded individuals better prepared for success in the world.”* (Scouts Canada's Mission)
- **The Canadian Path process is a journey!**
 1. Starting the journey: Think of yourself as a 'travel agent' who is asking 'where do you want to go?' not stating 'you are going here'. The **SECTION MAP** (colony, pack, troop) is a tool to help this process.
 2. **PLAN:**
 - Venturers/Rovers are seasoned travelers who may need occasional support from their Scouters, but who can carry out most aspects of the planning themselves. Beavers require more support to make their Adventure happen, and Cubs & Scouts are somewhere in between. As the year progresses, the youth should be taking on more responsibility for each Adventure.
 - Scouters support the youth in making decisions about their Adventures: Who's going? Colony? Probably everyone. Troop? Maybe just the patrol. When? What can we do there? **TRAIL CARDS** give ideas, but youth can think of their own! What Skills do I need? The **OUTDOOR ADVENTURE SKILLS** develop proficiency. What equipment do I need? What supplies? How am I going to get there? Remember, 'Adventure' doesn't just refer to a camp/hike/outing. It may be a STEM project, exploring their neighbourhood, understanding their (or another) faith, etc. It is all about providing opportunities for growth in the **SPICES: SOCIAL, PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, CHARACTER, EMOTIONAL, SPIRITUAL**

3. **DO IT!** Scouters and youth take part in the planned activity
4. **REVIEW IT!** Scouters encourage reflection on the Adventure/Activity: What did I like? What didn't go well? What could I do next time to make it better? What do I know now that I didn't before? This is where you might see growth in the **SPICES**.
5. Now the process starts again, taking into consideration what was learned

5. Safety Moment: Emergency Plans

- Safety, Safety, Safety! Reminder to check meeting locations for changes in the environment.
- Review Emergency Plans for your meeting place with Scouters, youth and parents.

6. Honours & Awards

- Andrew Dallas and Corena Ferridge were presented with Commendations.

7. Announcements

- a. New DAC/Program – will be invested next month, Brad Dickson
- b. Need: New Secretary for Scouters' Club, Contact Pam or Corena
- c. Ponder Park Work Weekend October 23 – 25
- d. Country Celebration @ Campbell Valley Park September 19, a few volunteers are needed for the promotion booth. 9am – 4pm
- e. 1st Brookwood 60th Anniversary Celebration October 21 at 6pm at Fernridge Hall

8. Door Prizes

SHORT BREAK AND MOVE INTO SECTION MEETINGS

GROUP COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

a. Reports & Discussion:

Area Commissioner's Report

- Commissioner's Leadership Conference Sept. 19 @ Whonnock. Please RSVP as soon as possible. There is still time to register.
- Code of Conduct: For returning volunteers, last year's is still valid. January is going to become the renewal month for the C of C. This is to separate it from the busy registration time in September. New volunteers should enter 'myscouts' with the assigned password, change their password, log out, then log in again using new password. The CofC should appear for them to accept. If there are any glitches, contact Dyanna at the office so she is aware where problems are occurring. Last resort is to sign a paper copy and send it in to the office.
- Budget - Corena Ferridge: BIG Changes. Approx. \$40,000 has been cut from the budget. Expect training costs to double. Council will be applying for a gaming grant. Properties are at the greatest risk. If they are not paying for themselves by March 31, selling off some of the properties will become a reality. Expect booking fees for the properties to increase as well. Groups are encouraged to make use of Scout Properties (eg Camp McLean) for Link Camp, Jungle camps etc.

- Achievements & Goals: We were able to achieve the following last year on the top 5 priorities in Canada;
 - **Membership Growth:** All three Councils in the BC Yukon are in the top 5 in Canada.
 - Safety Leadership:** No stats yet
 - Program Quality:** Program Quality Recipients were 222, second only to the Quebec Council with 224, and a big increase over the 89 awarded the year before.
 - Quality Support:** No stats yet
 - Group Capacity:** We came in at 51%, which means, out of 83 Groups, 42 had 3 dedicated non-section Scouters on the Group Committee. We were second to PCC who were at 52%
- The five priorities established in 2014-15 remain relevant and critical to our sustained success.
- 5 priorities and targets we are aiming for in 2015-16:
 1. **Membership Growth:** By August 31, 2016, full time youth membership will increase by 10%; full time youth retention rate will increase compared to August 31, 2015.
 2. **Safety Leadership:** Demonstrate ongoing commitment to the vision of “Nobody Gets Hurt” as evidenced by:
 - All major incidents are reviewed within 30 days
 - Safety learnings are shared with others in the Area/Council/Country
 - 100% volunteers are ready within 90 days of application for membership
 3. **Program Quality:** By August 31, 2016, 50% of Sections are demonstrating engagement with The Canadian Path as measured by Section use of the self-assessment process at least 3 times annually (i.e. earning the Program Quality Award)
 4. **Quality Support:** 80% of members receiving support (GC, Area Scouter, etc.) are satisfied with the quality and impact of the 3 support visits received.
 5. **Group Capacity:** By August 31, 2016, every Group has at least 3 dedicated non-section Scouters on the Group Committee.
- Area/Group Events: Aim to have them Canadian Path focused (4 Elements).
- Summer Cub Camp: 321 Youth attended summer camp, 202 were members. Expect a price increase.
 - Summer Scout Camp: 50 Youth attended for the week and spent a lot of time canoeing.
- Awards: Lot of “Thanks!” Awards are coming through. Don’t forget to thank your Scouters that went to Jamboree. 723 Certificates of Commendation were given out in the council last year.
- NOLB: Parents need to apply directly online or by form or phone. Canadian Tire Jumpstart program is an alternate option.

Program – Scouts Tracker is updated with Canadian Path requirements. Highly recommended for keeping track of program activities and adventures, and how they fit into the Path

ASM/Registration/Membership, Terry Campbell – Numbers are currently at 75% of last year. However many groups have just started up this week so numbers are expected to rise quickly.

Treasurer, Landrie Davies – New Email: nicomekltreasurer@gmail.com.

- Expense forms are available on the Nicomekl website.
- Payments for Scout Tracker are due by October 22.
- There are still outstanding financials for 2013-14 from a few groups. These need to be in ASAP as it affects your charter! Also may impact your application for a Gaming Grant!
- Group Financial Review statements for 2014-15 are due by November 30.

Special Projects, Reg Mack –

Rob Weibe Fund – Available for youth with financial challenges to attend events they otherwise couldn't.

Nicomekl Benevolent Fund – Available for Scouters with financial challenges to attend events they otherwise couldn't.

Training, Bernie Delahaye – Will be emailing WB certificates that can be printed for those Scouters that completed online training. Email Bernie at eight_tengc@shaw.ca and let him know if you are in need of woggles.

b. Expectations for this year:

- To achieve at least 3 support visits per section by the Area Service Team and/or Group Commissioners.

c. Apple Days:

- Be sure to check with nearby groups and confirm locations to avoid conflicts with 2 groups arriving at the same site. Businesses don't always recognize individual group differences and just know that 'Scouting' is booked.
- Don't forget to check with businesses or building management about waivers. Send them in to Head Office ASAP if required.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm

Next Scouters' Club: Thursday, October 15, 2015