

SCOUTS CANADA – NICOMEKL AREA
SCOUTERS' CLUB Minutes: January 21, 2016

PLENARY

1. Welcome
2. Scouters' Silence
3. Training Announcements
 - a. Family WB: May 13,14, 15 at Camp McLean.
 - b. WBII in July 2 – 9, 2016; \$150 – already some people registered!
 - c. FOCUS/FAST/FLEX youth training: Feb. 19, 20, 21 at Camp McLean
 - d. Scouting Skills: April 1,2,3 at Camp McLean
 - e. Woodbadge I Skills: Jan. 30 at Maple Ridge Park
4. Safety Moment:
 - a. This is a good time to update your ensure all the medical forms are up to date
5. 5 Minute Training: **Program Quality Standards & Self Assessment**
 - a. Done with your Section Leadership Team – ie Senior Youth – Can do as part of your regular meeting or at a separate time. Does not have to take a long time.
 - b. No more ticky boxes at the end of the year so important for the Cycle reviews to take place so that GC's know whether each Section is meeting requirements for the Quality Program Award
 - c. Quality Programs require Quality Assessments:
 - i. Forms the 'Review' part of the Plan-Do-Review process for the cycle (season)
 - ii. Opportunity to ask 'How are we doing? How can we do better? Both youth and Scouters can learn from mistakes so program continues to evolve and improve
 - iii. Open-ended vs. yes/no questions
 1. 'Did you have a good time snowshoeing?' limits/shuts down discussion
 2. 'What was the best part of our snowshoeing trip?' Opens the door for more comments
 3. 'What did we learn that would make it even better next time?' Provides the opportunity to show growth - think...SPICES
 - iv. Examples of other questions to ask: Which activities did you really enjoy in this past cycle? Which ones might you leave till another time of the year? What would you like to add to this cycle?
 - d. Can use the format tool in the PQS guidelines within the new *Scouter Manual*. Also "Cycle/Season Review Trail cards for each section have just been released in January 19 email from Scouts Canada (link will also be posted on nicomeklscouting.ca links page.
 - e. Make sure someone is recording key comments and ideas ('Cycle Log')
 - f. GC/committee will be following up with discussions (either separate meeting or as part of the regular Group Committee meeting). Group Commissioner will in turn share with the Area.

- g. Thanks to Ed Brierly for sharing his experiences using this process with his 1st Fort Langley Cubs
- 6. Honours & Awards - none
- 7. Announcements
 - a. All returning Scouters should 'sign' **Code of Conduct** which should be appearing when *myscouts* is opened starting **February 1, 2016**. (Note: New Scouters who have registered since May 2015 already have one on file for this year)
 - b. March 18 – 20 is Ponder Park Work/Clean-Up Weekend. Great opportunity for FREE CAMPING in a 'near wilderness setting' in exchange for some service hours. Come for the day or the whole weekend. For more information contact George VanYsseldyk (ponderpark@shaw.ca or phone 604-308-8556)
 - c. Reminder to groups booking Ponder Park: Before you leave, please make sure to turn off the water and to **drain the taps** to prevent problems.
 - d. Troop Hyack Camp in New Westminster May 27 – 29 Contact Upham.michael@gmail.com (GC's have been sent the info email on this event)
 - e. Santa Breakfast was very successful. Thank you to all the Venturers and Rovers (and the Advisors/Scouters who supported them) who did such a great job of planning and running this event which was enjoyed by huge numbers of Beavers, Cubs, Sparks, and Brownies.
 - f. Christmas Camps also successful for the Venturers/Rovers and Scouts. 50 attended the first night and 73 on the 2nd night, and everyone had a great time demolishing 68 pizzas and numerous garlic fingers!
- 8. Door Prizes

SHORT BREAK AND MOVE INTO SECTION MEETINGS

GROUP COMMISSIONERS' MEETING AGENDA

- 1. Reports & Discussion:
 - a. Commissioners
 - i. AC (Pam Smith)
 - a. Mid-season Registration Fee effective January 1, 2016 is \$150.
 - ii. AYC (Melissa Vincent)
 - a. Group Youth Commissioners are still needed by several groups. Please contact Melissa (Area Youth Commissioner) or Pam (Area Commissioner) if you need help
 - b. Program – none (see PQS discussions)
 - c. Treasurer (Landrie Davies)
 - Some groups still have not turned in their YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for 2014-15. Please contact Landrie, Pam and/or Terry if you need help getting this done

d. ASM Report (Terry Campbell)

National is looking for 'honest feedback' so 5 questions have been formulated to help gather information and assess where Groups/Sections are at with regard to implementation of the Canadian Path and the new Program Quality Standards.

1. How much awareness does the GC have of the new Program Quality Standards?
2. Are GC's aware of the new Group Support Tool for the PQS?
3. Are Section Scouters aware of the new Program Quality Standards?
4. Are Sections going to implement the Canadian Path in 2016-17?
5. Are Sections in the Group engaged in the Canadian Path?

GC's should be helping/encouraging their Section Scouters to hold End of Cycle Reviews.

Much discussion with GC's in attendance as to how they felt their Group/Sections was doing in terms of the 5 questions (on a 1 – 10 scale). Terry & Pam will be gathering feedback over the next weeks – hope to be visiting more Group Committee meetings. Please let Pam know when your meetings are coming up. Feedback on the roll out/tools/communications welcome.

e. Special Projects - none

2. Group Time – What's New? Questions? Concerns? Challenges?
 - a. No issues were raised

Next Scouters' Club: Thursday, February 18, 2016