

SCOUTS CANADA – NICOMEKL AREA
SCOUTERS' CLUB AGENDA: February 18, 2016
MINUTES

PLENARY

1. Welcome
2. Scouters' Silence
3. Scout Truck Presentations:
 - a. Congratulations to the following winners:
 - i. Fastest: 1. Logan (1st Fort Langley) 2. Brody (2nd Aldergrove) 3. Lucas (1st Langley Meadows)
 - ii. Design: 1. Joshua (1st Fort Langley) 2. Lucas (1st Langley Meadows) 3. Abby (2nd Aldergrove)
4. Training Announcements
 - a. Woodbadge I Skills: Feb 27, Chilliwack
 - b. Advanced & Remote Wilderness First Aid: March 11 – 16 at Camp Woodside (Harrison Mills). GC has email attachment with more information
 - c. Scouting Skills (April 1,2,3) is 'ON' so sign up now to get your choice of sessions. Lots of FUN and learn valuable skills to help you run great Programs for the youth!
 - d. Family WB I and Group/Youth Commissioners: May 13 -15
 - e. WBII July 2 – 9; GC/GYC July 1 – 3: Hurray! People are already registering for these in depth courses.
5. Safety Moment: Have you had each of your youth and Scouters put together a Personal Emergency Kit? Do you make sure everyone going on a hike or camp is wearing/carrying it with them?
6. 5 Minute Training: Andrew Dallas: What is 98 ½?
 - a. Group made up of Venturers and Rovers in Nicomekl Area as well as Rangers from Fraser Skies Guiding.
 - b. Primary focus is on organizing and running Social Camps and the Santa Breakfast
 - c. To join: be in good standing with your home group
 - d. For more information: Andrew Dallas: peacearchscouting@gmail.com
7. Honours & Awards – none ☺
8. Announcements
 - a. Brad Dixon has had to step down as DAC/Program because of work commitments
 - b. A Montessori School is going to be operating out of Erickson House beginning next month
 - c. No residential Spring Break Camps
 - d. Code of Conduct: All returning Scouters: please make sure you sign into *myscouts* and accept your CofC asap!
 - e. Camp McLean Open House & Family Day: Sat. June 18. Lots of fun activities
 - f. This year is the 100th Anniversary of Cubbing! ☺
 - g. Nicomekl Area Kub Kar Rally is this Saturday (Feb 20) at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Langley
 - h. BP Guild Dinner Dance: Feb 20; Elgin Hall - see Andrew Dallas for tickets/information (peacearchscouting@gmail.com)

- i. Suggestion put forward that an area be established at Camp McLean for Groups to put a storage container: Groups would rather put money towards the camp than having to pay for private facilities.
9. Door Prizes

SHORT BREAK AND MOVE INTO SECTION MEETINGS

GROUP COMMISSIONERS' MEETING AGENDA

1. Reports & Discussion:

a. Commissioners

i. AC:

- a. Reminder to GC's to check your membership lists to make sure all your Scouters have signed/accepted the C of C for this year. Email was sent out earlier today with instructions for calling up the list of Scouters
- b. Reminder to incorporate Safety Moments at Group Committee meetings and to encourage Section Scouters to have them at their Section Meetings
- c. Encourage new members NOW - don't be ambivalent or put them off to the fall. Make sure your Registrars are on board with this!
- d. The ASM's are working on some marketing tools that focus on Volunteer Recruitment –
 - i. postcards and hopefully posters (8 1/2 x 11) will be available that can be posted on community and other public bulletin boards
 - ii. They will focus on non-parent volunteers; use non-Scouting language; give benefits of volunteering with Scouting
 - iii. more info to come when available
- e. Structural Changes to FVC: overview by Terry Campbell
 - i. With the restructuring of finances etc by National, some changes in Fraser Valley Council may be called for. Eg. No longer have a Council Management Committee; some DCC's no longer have access to their 'audience' except by calling a special meeting.
 - ii. To address these and other issues, Graham Walters (Council Commissioner) is looking to form a committee to look at what, if any, changes should be made to help the Council function effectively
 - iii. He would like some representation from all levels of Scouting in the FVC so if you are interested in taking part, contact Graham at gwalters@scouts.ca

ii. AYC: no report

b. Program:

If you are interested in this position, contact Pam (nicomeklpam@shaw.ca)

c. Treasurer:

Some Groups have still not turned in their Financial Statements for 2014-15.
Please get these in ASAP!

d. ASM Report/Membership

- We are close to our membership goal for this year (-2.5%) – just need one more member/section/group
- End of Cycle Reviews for Fall Cycle should be being completed by now
- Next month should be starting reviews for the Winter Cycle.
- These reviews are necessary for the Group Commissioner to determine whether or not the section is eligible for the Quality Program Award
- Documents to help with this process are attached to this email (Program Quality Standards, Transitioning to CP., Group Committee's Role in CP)
- Re-Chartering meetings will be coming up starting in April
- Discussed holding a 'Training Day' to help new Volunteers get through their first experience with *myscouts* (Module 1): is this something that would be helpful for new volunteers? Most groups in attendance felt it would be beneficial and worth trying. It seems that 2 dates would be best: one in June, and another in mid-September. Bernie is going to check for suitable location that has good internet access. Possibilities: library, Community Centre, LDS Churches, Aldergrove Legion. Discussed possibility of offering childcare, but it was determined that it would be difficult to find personnel to run it, as well as suitable space.

e. Special Projects - none

2. Can Path:

- a. National/FVC are looking for success stories regarding the Canadian Path
 - i. What has your group/section done to get on the path?
 - ii. Program ideas for implementing
 - iii. Growth in membership and increase in non-section volunteers
 - iv. Forward success stories to Graham (gwalters@scouts.ca)
- b. How can we help your sections get on the Path?
 - i. Would youth sections benefit from having someone come out and run a 'demo' meeting? Most agreed this would be a good idea to give Scouters a better idea of how to run a CP section meeting.
Pam/Service Team is going to see about getting this set up.
- c. End of Cycle Program Reviews: How have they been going? Not much feedback from those present!
- d. Service Team Project: Andrew presented a suggestion from the Service Team to have Section Maps for Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts created in an 11" x 17" laminated format so could be used with Dry Erase markers. Also a laminated sheet showing the Youth Progression for each section. Each group would receive one/section. It was moved by Tony Yip, seconded by Tom McMath to spend up to \$300 on this. (Andrew had one quote of approx. \$250). Motion passed.

3. Group Time – What's New? Questions? Concerns? Challenges?

- a. Suggestion was brought up by Tricia (2nd Aldergrove) for next year's Scout/Guide Week that local politicians be invited to wear local/Group necker for a day? Week? to promote Scouting – NOT to rally votes for their party.

- b. Could be tied in with citizenship program areas
- c. After discussion, it was decided that at this time, individual groups could make contact. Otherwise, would be looked at for next year.
- d. She has contact information for mayors, MLA's through her work, which she could use to help set something up. Contact: tricialtaylor@yahoo.ca

Meeting adjourned: 9:40pm

Next Scouters' Club: Thursday, March 17, 2016