

Scouts Canada – Nicomekl Area
Scouters' Club: October 20, 2016

AGENDA – MINUTES

GROUP COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Welcome & Scouter's Silence

Group Committee Meeting schedule: Please provide the date of your next meeting

Membership: Viki

- Membership: Nicomekl is at 95% of last year's already!
- Pending Lists: Please check and help people become 'active'
- Remove non-returning Scouters from your Section Volunteers in myscouts.ca
- Go to nicomeklscouting/ca and check you groups meeting and contact info for each section. Contact Earl with any changes at scouter@earlearl.com. It is important for this to be accurate so people find correct information.

Respect Training – any questions/comments?

- Scout Groups may opt to pay for the Respect in Sport program on behalf of their Scouters through an **available pre-registration code option**. Groups may obtain a pre-registration code to be used by their Scouters during the registration process for the Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders training. Use of this code bypasses the requirement for individual Scouters to pay with a credit card. Local units must agree via email to be responsible for all uses of the code(s). To pursue the pre-registration code option, contact **Mark Allen, the Respect in Sport contact for Scouts Canada**, at mallen@respectgroupinc.com.

- If anyone says they already have the training, check that it is the correct course: 'Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders'. If so, they can log into their Respect Account and choose the option to share. Select Scouts Canada. Should auto update.
- Similarly, if someone takes the course through Scouting, it is transferable to other organizations that require it.
- Upon completion of the course, person will be issued a certificate # that is good for 5 years.

Can Path challenges – Assessing how your sections are doing

- Smart Charts provide a flow chart to help you assess where your sections are at on the path:
 - o Colony: <http://www.scouts.ca/canadianpath/download/smart-chart/bs-Smart-Chart.pdf>
 - o Cubs: <http://www.scouts.ca/canadianpath/download/smart-chart/cs-Smart-Chart.pdf>

- Scouts: <http://www.scouts.ca/canadianpath/download/smart-chart/s-Smart-Chart.pdf>
- Visit, observe, and coach/mentor where needed
 - Are youth leading the ceremonies (Scouters are on the 'outside'?)
 - Are senior youth performing admin duties such as collecting dues, taking attendance etc
 - Is the Section Leadership Team meeting either during the regular section meeting, or at separate time (reminder 2 Scouter rule)?
 - Is a Scouter assigned to each of the small groups as a facilitator/mentor and to the Section Leadership Team (contact Scouter)
 - Are senior youth (or youth from another section) teaching the skills? Eg Trackers teaching Promise/Law/Motto to Runners
 - Are the small groups (teams) planning their own adventures? i.e.
 - not everything is done as a section
 - Is there discussion with the youth about the map and the program areas?
 - Is each section having a parent orientation event?
- Travelling workshop: We can come to you and share ideas about implementing the Canadian Path, how to facilitate youth leadership, personal achievement badges etc. We can help your Scouters become more knowledgeable and confident. Format is flexible to suit the needs of your Scouters. Contact Viki, Pam, Phil or Barb to arrange for us to come to you.

Scouts Tracker – cheques in?

- Set up Group Account (free) and link in to the Area. Also make sure your sections are linked in to the Area account. Let Pam know if you need to have the invitation re-sent.
- Area event information is being posted on the Area Schedule (calendar) in Scouts Tracker. We are not necessarily pushing every event out because we don't want to clutter up your calendars, so make sure your sections check the Area's schedule regularly

Financial Reviews

- Due November 30, but the sooner the better.
- Remember to include the signed review page, and the bank statement(s) showing the September 1, 2016 balance for every account.

Group Time: questions/concerns

REFRESHMENT BREAK & GATHER FOR PLENARY

PLENARY

Safety Moment: Practice what you preach – Survival kits

- Recent incident where a pack at camp, set out on a short hike, but were caught by the rapidly descending darkness. Only lights they had were a small keychain light and a cell phone light.

- Do you have all youth and Scouters put together a very basic emergency kit (water/juice, granola bar, space blanket, flashlight, plastic rain poncho, whistle)? Do you make sure everyone is carrying/wearing it for ALL hikes –ie whenever leaving the campsite?
- Make sure youth (and parents) know the name of their group!

Training Announcements:

Jim White (DCC/Training Fraser Valley Council) sent regrets that he could not attend after all

Bernie (DAC/Training, Nicomekl shared upcoming training dates:

Trainer I: Nov 4 – 6

Food Safe: Nov 19 (at McDonalds in Cloverdale; \$90 includes lunch)

GC/GYC training Nov 26,27 (\$55)

WB II: Jan 27-29, Feb 24-26, Mar 24-26 (\$150)

Trainer II: Feb 3-5 (event management), Mar 3-5

Scouting Skills: March 31-April 2

WB I Family Camp: May 12 – 14

Focus/Fast/Flex: to be announced

Contact Amanda Sulymka for more information or to register for any training course: asulymka@shaw.ca.

5 Minute Training: Phil Hayes (Can Path facilitator) sent regrets. We tried showing the videos, but unfortunately had technical difficulties. Some people did stay until we managed to get things running. The videos are available online so might be great to show at your next Grp. Com. meeting, or even at your parent orientation evening!

Welcome to Your New World (Symbolic Framework: Beavers to Rovers)

- great overview of a youth's journey from Beavers through Rovers
- show to parents to give overview of the Canadian Path program
- <https://youtu.be/nPyTWjAYMT4>

Section Leadership Teams: Lodges to Expedition Teams

- note how Scouters were in the background – it was the youth having the discussions and making the decisions
- <https://youtu.be/B1kzqGqGN2A>

Announcements

- Andrew Dallas received a Certificate of Commendation
- Special training workshop before next month's Scouters' Club:
 - o *Preparing for Wet/Cold Weather Camping* (7:30pm in Erickson)
 - o Each section should have at least one Scouter attend
 - o Will be a special guest presenter
- Santa Breakfast – Dec 3rd, 4th; must pre-register Nov 1st – 20th \$6/ticket: more info is available on ScoutsTracker Nicomekl calendar and on 98.5 Nicomekl's fb page
- Ponder Park Work Weekend: Oct. 21-23: Free camping in exchange for some community service!!

- Pam would like feedback on how you liked the 'Reverse Format' for Scouters' Club???

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 17

7:30pm – Training Workshop: Preparing for cold/wet weather camping: Special guest presenter

8:15 Scouters' Club (normal format –ie Plenary followed by Section meetings)