

**Scouts Canada – Nicomekl Area**  
**Scouters Club: January 18, 2018, 8:15pm-9:30pm**  
**MINUTES**

**Tonight's Facilitator: Phil Hayes (Service Team & 10<sup>th</sup> White Rock)**

**PLENARY**

Welcome & Scouters Silence **Phil**

- Several Scouters were here for the first time. Hooray!!

**Safety Moment** **Phil**

Winter Sport Safety:

- Be Prepared!
- Have appropriate clothing & gear, and training
- Do your research on the area (including a site visit)

**Introductions** **Phil**

- Went around the room and everyone announced their name, role and group (38+ people in attendance)

**Sharing/Success** **Phil**

- Barb Taylor (DAC/Pack & 2<sup>nd</sup> Langley) shared that 238 Beavers, Cubs & Scouts attended the Surrey Eagles Hockey game, and a great time was had by all.

**February Learning Opportunity** **Bernie**

- Training: Bernie (DAC/Training) is looking for ideas for the mini-training sessions that take place before Scouters' Club. The goal is to have a workshop each month, so we need to hear from you about what you would find valuable and/or interesting to help you in your Scouting role. If you have any ideas or suggestions, contact Bernie ( [eight\\_tengc@shaw.ca](mailto:eight_tengc@shaw.ca) ) or any member of the Service Team.
- Note: contact information for all members of the Service Team can be found on [nicomeklscouting.ca](http://nicomeklscouting.ca) Click on 'Groups' then 'Nicomekl Area'

**Announcements** **All**

- The name of the new Area Commissioner for Nicomekl was announced: Tom Waldock (1<sup>st</sup> Cloverdale) will be invested at the February Scouters' Club – Thanks for stepping up Tom!
- BP&P is being reviewed so changes will be coming. At the moment, National is seeking input . Check out the latest *Scout Scene* (emailed on January 17) for more info on how to provide your input. Remember: if we don't take part in providing

feedback, we can't complain about the result!! Of course, not all our suggestions will be taken, but at least we will have put our ideas, concerns etc. forward for consideration.

- **Correction: The February Scouters' Club is on February 15**, NOT the 22<sup>nd</sup> as listed on the agenda. Sorry for any confusion.
- February Challenge: Bring a Friend to Scouters' Club with you! Let's see which group can have the most Scouters in attendance!
- Leadership Conference that was scheduled for January 20 has been postponed till September 15.

## **BREAK**

## **SECTION MEETINGS**

### **Group Commissioners Agenda:**

#### **Membership**

**Viki**

- Congratulations to those groups whose membership is up this year:
  - o 10<sup>th</sup> Langley, 1<sup>st</sup> Cloverdale, 1<sup>st</sup> Walnut Grove, 21<sup>st</sup> South Surrey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aldergrove, 2<sup>nd</sup> Langley, 6<sup>th</sup> Peace Arch
- In the area as a whole, the number of volunteers is up, although the number of youth is down slightly.
- Please do a check in *myscouts* to determine if the maximum size for all your sections is correct. Make adjustments if it is not.
- Reminder that as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, the membership fee has dropped to \$165.

#### **Volunteer Support**

**Viki**

- Viki has prepared and sent out a Parent Interest Report to each group.
- This shows names of parents who indicated they were interested in volunteering in some capacity
- Make sure you follow up with parents – especially those who ticked off they were interested in being a part-time or full time section volunteer.
- It also shows a lot of special interests where parents are willing to help with specific activities. Touch base with these parents as well, and make sure your section Scouters are aware of them.
- You can also access this info in *myscouts* by clicking on the 'Reports' button on the left side of your group home page, then scrolling down and clicking on 'Parental Involvement Report'
- Section/Group visits will be starting soon.

- Program Quality Assessments are available in *myscouts* for all Scouters to fill out, but remember that discussions should still be taking place with Group Committee.

### **Scouters' Club attendance**

**Phil**

- We are looking for ideas to attract more volunteers to attend
- Some suggestions that arose out of the discussion:
  - o Invite older/senior youth leaders to attend
  - o Make attendance by 'SKYPE' a possibility
  - o Have a specific topic of interest that would attract more people. Note: need suggestions put forward for what those topics could be.
  - o Share the benefits of attending:
    - How meeting with other Scouters helps you in your role. This is especially true for new Scouters
    - Makes your experience with Scouting easier and more FUN
    - Creates a network of contacts so know who to approach to get answers to questions, ideas, support, new opportunities etc
  - o Change the day/date of Scouters' Club: Would a different day of the week make it easier for more Scouters to attend?
- More suggestions are welcome: Contact members of the Service Team to put them forward
- Suggestions will be taken under consideration by the Service Team

### **Sharing**

**Phil**

### **Questions**

**All**

- It was noted that Commendations are no longer being sent to the GC's, so they are not aware of them being awarded to volunteers in their group
- Vikki was going to check to see if this can be remedied, so that GC's can make sure that public recognition takes place.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, February 15, 2018 8:15pm. Facilitator - ????**  
**(Note: The Agenda originally had the incorrect date as Feb 22)**