

Scouts Canada
Nicomekl Area Scouters' Club
Minutes
March 15 2018

PLENARY MINUTES

Welcome and Scouters Silence

Tom

Safety Moment

Barb

- Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
- Who can use them?
 - o Anyone who can follow directions (i.e. anyone from children to adults)
 - o Closest one to Erickson is in the First Aid hut...but the batteries are dead. Oops ☹
 - o Next closest is at Brookwood Secondary
 - o Pulsepoint is a free app that tells you where the nearest AED is located

Introductions

Tom

Recognition

Dianne

- Congratulations to the following Groups that received Program Quality Awards (PQA) for last year:
 - o 2nd Langley; 2nd Aldergrove; 1st Willoughby; 1st Semiahmoo; 1st Walnut Grove; 24th MedVents; 5th Langley; 6th Peace Arch; 1st Fort Langley; 10th White Rock; 1st Brookwood

Sharing / Success

All

- Several groups shared positive things from the past month: inquiries from outside the Area because people have heard what a great program is running; top Scout Award; Congrats from general public on how well the Troop is running.

Set of training events

Bernie

- Thanks to Phil (10th White Rock) for putting on tonight's workshop: How ScoutsTracker can help you with your program
- April's workshop will be on working with diverse youth
- May's workshop will be on Scouting traditions & history
- Please give Bernie ideas for things you would like to see at the 45 minute pre-Scouters' Club workshops. We would like to have one happening every month, but we need to know what you are interested in!
- Youth Training that replaces the former FAST/FLEX/FOCUS youth courses: March 23 – 25 (Venturers) and March 24 (Cubs/Scouts). Register NOW! Course consists of the following topics
 - o Communication
 - o Conflict Resolution (Venturers) and Problem Solving (Cubs/Scouts)
 - o Plan-Do-Review
 - o Teamwork
 - o Leadership
 - o This is a pilot project; summer will be the full launch
 - o There will be Trail Cards
- WBII: June 30 – July 7
 - o Canadian Path
 - o + First Aid (for half price)
 - o + Food Safe
 - o GC/GYC training will take place on the first weekend (June 30 – July 1)
 - o Register through Amanda: asulymka@shaw.ca

Everyone joined in reciting the Scout Promise to fully welcome and invest Tom Waldock to his position of Area Commissioner

Prize Draws

Break

Section Meetings

GROUP COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Re-Chartering

Viki

- A calendar was sent around for groups to begin signing up for their re-Chartering meetings
- An email notice will be coming out with more information

Membership Stats

Viki

- Youth membership in Nicomekl is down approx 6% but is slowly coming up, and we still have time this year for our numbers to match or exceed last year's.
- Volunteer numbers are up over 100% of last year's numbers, though this does not reflect that there are many part time Scouters
- Bring A Friend challenge is coming up

Registration:

- For the first 3 weeks of May, registration will be open for returning members only
- Fees have yet to be confirmed, but be prepared that there may be an increase
- Myscouts will be able to indicate if a group has a summer program which would allow new members to become active immediately
- A summer program is considered to be in effect if there are meetings from May 23 – end of June (or beyond)
- The office is working on creating a set of clear instructions for registration procedure, volunteer registration etc
- Will be able to pay with credit card, debit, or paypal
- Groups should set their fees by May 1. Also their max capacity for each section. Make sure returning members are aware of the limited window to have priority with renewing their membership.

Volunteer Support

Viki

- Viki, Tom, or members of the Service Team will be reaching out to Section Scouters to arrange visits
 - o They really enjoy coming out, meeting your volunteers and the youth
 - o They are willing to bring ideas, help out etc, so let them know how they can best support you.
- 29 Scouters are on the pending list: 2/3 have been registered within 90 days. 15 are missing interviews.
 - o Some may need Scouting Fundamentals or Respect training
 - o Check the records of all your Scouters. Apparently some people have WBI, but are missing Scouting Fundamentals.
- New volunteers should not register until September so they have the full year to get their WBI training done. If they register before September, they will only have until August 31 of this year. (This is because of the policy that new volunteers have until August 31, of the Scouting year in which they registered to complete the WBI). They can go into their profile (as parent), however, and do training now, or over the summer. Then, come September they can complete the Volunteer registration. That gives them until August 31, 2019 to complete the WBI.

Years of Service awards

Bernie

- GC's should make requests to Michelle at the office for Years of Service Awards. There is a 10 YR Award, then every 5 years. 1 – 5 year pins are available to order. GC's – remember yourself!! You deserve recognition too! Have all Scouters check their own records for accuracy.

Woodbadge I CP

Tom

- GC's should encourage ALL volunteers to complete WBI/Canadian Path. That way everyone will be on the 'same page' with new Volunteers re: terminology, program etc.
 - o Tom issued a challenge: The first group to have 3 Scouters complete the WBI/CP will receive a prize. This is 3 who are upgrading their training, not new volunteers.

Area communication list

Tom

- Information from Nicomekl Communications is just going to the GC's, so please forward to the appropriate Scouters in your Group (eg. Section Contact Scouters, or all Scouters depending on the contents). Sometimes it is noted who should receive the information, otherwise you should determine who in your group should receive it.

PQA for Winter coming due in March Tom

- Time to fill these in for each section in myscouts for the Winter Season

Who's on first? Planning for September All

- It is time to start having conversations with Scouters about plans for next year
 - o Who is staying/changing sections/leaving etc.

What are your Section Contact Scouters saying? All

- How are they doing this year? What are their biggest challenges? What would they like to see next year?

Sharing All

- Viki said that Council is working on the business plan for next year. They need input as to what we would like to see. Eg. Workshops? what are our budget priorities for the Area? resources? Opportunities? Etc. Talk to your groups and let her know what is on your minds
- A concern was raised about communicating with parents who speak English as a second language.
 - o Viki reminded us that she has some documents (Safe Scouting for Parents, Instructions for registration) in traditional Chinese writing which can be read by both Mandarin and Cantonese speakers.
 - o Bob (11th Nicomekl) is going to see if he can find someone amongst his members who would be able to translate some documents into Korean. If successful, he will forward it to Viki for vetting, then she will distribute it.

Nicomeklscouting.ca:

- Dead links to documents have been deleted, and we are in the process of posting new ones to key pages in scouts.ca
- There was discussion about what information should be posted on the calendar. It was decided that Nicomekl Area events would be posted and some information about the event would be available. To help with planning, Fraser Valley Council (FVC) and BC/Y events would be listed, but because of the difficulties of keeping information current and accurate, people will need to go to the FVR calendar, or event organizers for details.
- We are looking into the possibility of consolidating the nicomeklscouting.ca calendar and the Area ScoutsTracker calendar.

Questions All

Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 19 (8:15pm)
Workshop Topic: Working with Diverse Youth (7:30pm)