

Scouts Canada – Nicomekl Area
Scouter's Club Minutes
September 15, 2016

Area Commissioner – Pam Smith

Plenary

- Pam welcomed everyone back for a new year!
- Scouter's Silence
- Safety Moment – Time to Review!
 - *Reminder to go over medical forms for any changes for returning youth or Scouters
 - *Review safety procedures for your meeting place.

Don't assume things are the same.

Plan a fire drill for each section.

 - *Reminder for Scouters Club meetings to sign in so we have an accurate list of those in attendance in case of emergency.

In the event of an evacuation the person closest to the NE door should check the bathrooms and hallway. Breakout doors should be opened and held to make sure everyone is moving out. Last one out of each room should close the door.

Muster station is the Totem poles.
- Training News: Bernie Delahey
 - He and Viki Fanous (ASM) held a 5 hour Canadian Path training session with 3rd Cloverdale. Training was well received and is available to other groups.
 - Fraser Valley Council is looking for a Deputy Council Commissioner Training
 - GC/GYC WBI October 14 – 16
 - Treasurer & Grant workshop October 13
 - FAST FLEX FOCUS November TBA
 - Trainer I November 4 – 6
 - Woodbadge I November 18 – 20
- 5 Minute Training- Embrace the Path!
 - *Don't be afraid of it!
 - The program hasn't changed, just the way we deliver it.
 - We still do the same activities (ceremonies, camping, hiking, games, crafts, have campfires etc.)
 - We still work in small groups
 - We still have the same goal of developing confident, caring, capable and well-rounded individuals.
 - The Canadian Path is just forcing us as volunteers to have confidence in the youth and their ability to make choices. We are no longer glorified activity leaders and super planners; we are mentors and/or coaches who provide guidance and support to the youth as they learn to make those choices.
 - Your Challenge: For every aspect of the program, ask yourself "how can I support the youth as they take ownership".
- Treasurer – Landrie Davies
 - Reminder that Yearly Financial Reports are due by November 1, 2016
 - They need to include: Group Balance Report form, Yearly Review and a copy of the September Bank Statement.
 - Please email everything to Landrie at nickomekltreasurer@gmail.com
 - Scouts Tracker sign up and payments due by October Scouter's Club (October 20). \$31 per section, cheques payable to Scouts Canada Nicomekl Area

- Announcements

*Watch for changes to the way Scouter's Club is run. We are looking for ideas! Look at Area Scouts Tracker for latest information.

October 20th Scouter's Club – Reverse Order! Section Meetings start at 8:15pm; Plenary will follow at 9:00pm, after a brief break .

Please let a Service Team Member know if you have an idea for discussion topic, skill or anything for Scouter's Club.

*Ponder Park (Nature Reserve) Work Weekend – October 21 – 23. Bring your own drinking water. Great opportunity for the youth to give back to the community, work on outdoor skills and enjoy a 'wilderness' camp for free! Come for the day, or the whole weekend.

*98.5 Nicomekl Santa Breakfast December 3 and 4

Break

Group Commissioners' Meeting

AC Pam Smith

- New "Respect" Training

Only information we have is what was contained in the notice from Scouts Canada.

FRIDAY UPDATE: Viki has just received information that the Respect Group has identified a number of ways for those Groups who are interested in paying centrally for their volunteers, to do so. Details will be communicated early next week, so watch for that communication to come out.

*Main concern from the Group Commissioners is the additional cost to the groups for the course.

*Try to think of it as a renewable training course like first aid or food safe.

*Gaming Grant funds can be used to cover costs.

*They have a 24/7 accessible hotline to call if advice is needed.

*\$5 of the \$30 fee is being donated to NOLB

*Can be paid by Visa, MC, Amex or PayPal

*Certification is for 5 years.

*They are also a non-profit group

*Training is much more in-depth and interactive than the current SC Child and Youth Safety Training. Has real life, practical applications not just for Scouting. Looks at communication and development and how it affects behaviours and actions.

*Takes 3 – 3.5 hours to complete. Progress can be saved and accessed later so it doesn't have to be done at once.

*Most Sports Associations use the same training and it is transferable to Scouts Canada. Check to see if any of your Scouters already have the training. Provide Dyanna at Head Office with their certificate number to have it added to their profile.

*Have only a few do the training at once spreading the cost over the year. Start with one person per section and as you fund raise throughout the year have more Scouters complete the training. We have until Aug. 31, 2017 to have everyone completed.

*Viki and Pam are looking into whether or not groups can use prepaid credit cards or visa gift cards to pay for the course for their Scouters to ease the burden on families, or to avoid people having to use personal credit cards.

- Membership – Nicomekl is already at 75% of last year's registrations.
Everyone is looking for more volunteers! *Make sure you have volunteer forms on you and give some to each section leader. One group sends a volunteer form or 2 home with every parent.
- Scouts Tracker
*Need to order now for this year. Contact Bernie if you are interested in a training session.
GC's or designate should enable the Commissioner's Account in order to better link with the Area.
- Apple Days – Corena Ferridge
A question has arisen about accessing downtown Langley retail sites by groups outside of the downtown core. We are establishing a list of groups, locations and dates to avoid any conflicting sites.
Surveyed those groups present. Corena will contact those not at Scouter's Club via email.
- GC/GYC Conference- September 17 at Camp McLean
- Volunteer Fair at Kwantlen Polytechnic University – Langley Campus September 28th 12pm – 5pm, Scouts Canada will have a booth there. If you have youth who would be willing to help at the booth, contact Viki

Meeting adjourned 9:50pm

Next Scouter's Club: October 20, 2017.