

Scouts Canada, New Brunswick Council

Council Meeting

April 27, 2013

Harrisville United Church, Moncton

The meeting began at 2 PM with Council Commissioner Peter Kent in the chair. Linda Boone led the invocation. Katie Beers led the scouters promise.

The attendance list is attached. Regrets were received from Apolline Savage, Janet Ward, Jim Walker and Brenda Graham.

1) Acting Secretary

Bill Richards was appointed acting secretary for this meeting.

2) Announcements

- a. Peter Kent reported that Brian McDonald MLA raised \$375 for the Tom Heath fund by his recreation of the March of the 104th Regiment.
- b. The awards ceremony will be November 2 in the legislature with the Lieutenant Governor present.
- c. Terry Grant (Man tracker) has been named the Chief Scout of Canada.
- d. Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)/ Internet (JOTI) Jonathan Dueck is the New Brunswick coordinator supported by Dwight Benner.
- e. The council has three voting members for the Scouts Canada AGM. Lloyd Kierstead, our chief electoral Officer, will be calling for nominations.
- f. There has been a tuning of policy regarding PRC's for members. On the judgment of the council commissioner an applicant with a non-clean PRC can be approved under certain conditions, i.e.
 - g. Relatively minor offenses
 - h. Conviction must be more than seven years old, and a
 - i. Pardon is not required.
 - j. Volunteer sector check is not required for Rover Scouts.

3) Presentations

- a. Peter Kent introduced and welcomed Hon. Marie-Claude Blais, Minister of Justice and Attorney General. The minister presented the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee medal to Keegan Eatmon.

- b. John Boyne presented a certificate of commendation to Mike Stewart.

4) Minutes of the Meeting of February 16, 2013

It was moved that the minutes be approved as circulated (Leo Johnson/Linda Boone). Motion carried.

5) Business Arising

a) Council Executive Director

Following discussions at the last meeting of council, Peter communicated the wishes of the meeting to the national commissioner. Andrew Price has approved this and the staffing process for the CED proceeded, a candidate was selected, and an offer has been made. Formal appointment and an announcement are imminent.

b) Tom Heath Fund Committee

The Tom Heath Fund committee has been set up. Members are Leo Johnson Paul Nickerson, Keegan Eatmon and Peter Kent.

c) Report on the NB Summer Camping Program – John Boyne

John Boyne reported that the summer camping program is progressing nicely. The planning committee has been meeting regularly. Camp chiefs have been identified for the scout, cub and paddle camps. Committee is currently in advertising and recruitment mode. Recruitment is going relatively well with 21 persons signed up at present. The committee is presently hiring counselors for 10 week summer appointments. John urged that members help get the word out. He noted that groups are welcome this year also.

d) Committee for a New Crest

Peter Kent reported that the New Crest Committee has been appointed. The committee will be chaired by Blair Sawler. Other members are Ginette Culbert and Mac Maas.

e) Camp Holderville Report

Bob Langford reported that they are working on a registration package. Heather McBriarty has stepped down and Tony Maas took over as registrar. Logging left a mess at the camp this past winter. Hampton scouts are going to identify campsites and trails. Next meeting will be in about three weeks.

Fundy East area approved the idea of a one time supplementary fee to fund Holderville. Leo J noted that, if it were to go ahead, this would need approval of Fundy East and Wabanaki areas.

6) Report of the Administration Committee - Leo Johnson

Leo Johnson reported that the admin committee met last Monday. The committee is dealing with scout properties. Dave Nicholson is looking at the status of surplus land. It was determined that two are in trust, others we do not have title to, and three properties have potential to sell.

Leo reported that, currently, council finances will be close to budget. The decrease in revenue due to lower membership numbers and popcorn sales has been offset by a decrease in salary expenses because there has been no CED since January.

The big issues are:

- Membership growth (rebound)
- Fundraising and
- Budget.

The committee has also been dealing with the topic of honorary members.

7) Report on Popcorn Conference - Leo Johnson

Leo Johnson and Brenda Graham attended the popcorn conference in Calgary. Leo reported that the conference was a good learning experience. Really one is asking for a donation when selling popcorn. Leo noted that one youth from the Niagara escarpment had \$7900 in sales and it has been increasing every year. This member now has a nice scholarship built up. Many groups are planning jamboree travel and have it funded by popcorn. Some councils use popcorn as fundraising for the council. For example Northern lights council had about \$1.8 million in sales. Leo suggested that the youth network consider popcorn as a funding mechanism for some of their activities. Leo emphasized the importance of networking, early kick off and having coordinators at all levels for a successful popcorn campaign.

8) Registration Fee for 2013-14 - Leo Johnson

Leo Johnson distributed a proposed fee schedule. As background he mentioned that the fee schedule as distributed depends on the assumption of a membership rebound in 2013-14. It was moved (Leo Johnson, Tom Austin) that the fee schedule as presented be adopted.

It was moved that the motion be amended by raising each of the costs in the fee schedule by \$5 (Linda Boone/Lorne Beers). The motion to amend passed 15 to 1.

The amended motion was approved unanimously. The fee schedule is appended to the minutes.

9) Policy on Honorary Members of Scouts Canada - Peter Kent

The Admin committee drafted a policy on honorary members of NB Council. The policy was circulated. It was moved that the policy be approved (Leo Johnson/Linda Boone). Motion carried. The policy is attached.

10) Council Nominating Committee - Peter Kent

Peter Kent reported that a nominating committee has been setup. The committee will be composed of Paul Nickerson (chair), Leo Johnson, Katie Beers plus one other.

11) Report of the NB Youth Network – Keegan Eatmon

Keegan reported that the youth network will focus on a support role for next year and youth-led programming.

12) Group Youth Commissioners – Keegan Eatmon

Keegan Eatmon reported that his priorities and timeline for group youth commissioners are:

Now through August 31	40% appointed
Fall	Training for youth commissioners.

Group youth commissioners will be appointed through the public appointments process.

It was moved (Zack Kilpatrick/Paul Nickerson) that the New Brunswick Council adopt Group Youth Commissioners in all groups, in alignment with the Scouts Canada's Scouting Now Action Plan. Furthermore, introducing GYCs into meaningful support Scouter positions will bring us closer to a level where youth are engaged in all aspects of program decisions. Motion Carried.

13) Membership and Pending Members - Tom Austin

Tom Austin circulated a membership report that indicated youth membership is down about 20% from last year.

14) School Flyers

Peter Kent raised the issue of school flyers and asked for guidance about how to proceed. Council is not in position to facilitate this at present. Decision was that council will order blank flyer pages. Groups will print and distribute their own. The material will also be put on the council website. **Action:** *Peter Kent and Mike Stewart*

15) Child and Youth Safety – Richard Whetmore

Richard Whetmore reported that he's working on first aid training at a reduced rate for the scouting community. He should have more information by the next council meeting

16) Report on Program - Garth Holder

No report

17) Report on CJ13 - Linda Boone

The New Brunswick subcamp will be the Atlantasauros camp. Subcamp team will be 25 persons. There will be seven troops from New Brunswick and several OOS. Peter will help to resolve some contingent issues as soon as possible.

18) Report on International - Zack

Marion reported that;

- a. The new international commissioner is Iain Tait. His priority is to market and promote knowledge of world. New website is <http://www.scouts.ca/ca/scoutsabroad>.
- b. Zack is now international coordinator of pen pals program and also liaison with African Scouting.
- c. Zack recently spoke at the roventure conference.
- d. A group from the Ottawa area went to Ghana to drill wells.
- e. Steve Kent is the team leader going to the world jamboree in Japan in 2015.

19) Report on Recognition John Boyne/Liz Matheson

John Boyne reported that the thanks program seems to be working reasonably well. They are getting about 20 commendations per month.

Scouts Canada is still accepting award applications using the old system. A new guide is coming out which will clarify use of the thanks program versus regular program recognition. Liz Matheson is looking after outstanding and year awards, John is looking after commendations and warrant of appointments.

20) Report on Communications - Mike Stewart

Mike reported on recent activity.

- a. During the past month there have been several articles on Scout for change and good turn week including PSA's on radio stations and on CTV.
- b. A local newspaper in the Hampton area is providing space for free.
- c. A Council newsletter will be issued in the next few weeks.
- d. The Council website is being constantly updated.

21) Report on Outdoors - Bill Richards

Bill Richards reported on three topics;

- a. The PC Outdoor challenge award
- b. Grand communication route canoe adventure, and
- c. Fishing day challenge.

Further information and details will be sent the next Council newsletter.

22) Report on Scoutrees - Bob Langford

Bob reported that Posters and other supplies have been distributed to about 15 groups. Bob can get more if required.

23) Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on June 15, 2013 in the Fredericton area.

24) Other Business

Leo Johnson advised that the Rivorton Rovers plan to travel to Puerto Vallarta Mexico in May 2014 to do school repairs. The Rovers have asked for council assistance. Leo asked council to consider how to approach this question.

25) Adjournment

The chair accepted a motion of adjournment by Bill Richards at 15:50.

Attachments:

- a. Attendance List
- b. Honorary Member Policy
- c. Fee Schedule 2013-14

**New Brunswick Council
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Attending:

Tom Austin	Records Manager
Katie Beers	Deputy CYC
Lorne Beers	AC Southeast NB
Linda Boone	AC Rivorton
John Boyne	DCC Recognition
Ginette Culbert	Registrar Miramichi
Keegan Eatmon	CYC
Leo Johnson	DCC Administration
Peter Kent	CC
Zack Kirkpatrick	AYC Rivorton
Bob Langford	AC Fundy East
Mac Maas	AYC Fundy East
Tracy Maas	1 st Gondola Point
Darlene Maund	Council Registrar
Greg McConnachie	GC 1 st St. David's
Paul Nickerson	Deputy CC
Vicki Posch	GC Steeves Memorial
Bill Richards	DCC Outdoors
Charlotte Roederer	DCYC International/ Special Projects
Mike Stewart	DCC Communications
Stephen Wheatley	Administration Committee
Richard Whetmore	DCC Child and Youth Safety
Marian Zaichowski	DCC International

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Honorary Members of Scouts Canada from New Brunswick

Each year, the New Brunswick Council will nominate ten individuals to be Honorary Members of Scouts Canada.

The Council Nominating Committee will invite the members of Council, the Area Commissioners and members of service areas to suggest suitable individuals from their communities. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates to the New Brunswick Council at a Council meeting well in advance of the November Annual Meeting of Scouts Canada. Nominated individuals will be passed along to the Chair of the Scouts Canada Nominating Committee prior to the Annual Meeting.

Candidates will normally be:

- Former Scouts or friends of Scouting
- Politicians – municipal, provincial or federal
- Business leaders
- Sport or entertainment celebrities
- Prominent individuals who have shown an interest in Scouting

Candidates will be asked to serve for three-year terms which can be renewed

Candidates should agree to act as members of an advisory group to the New Brunswick Council for fund-raising purposes and for the promotion of Scouting in the province.

Honorary Members will be invited to attend the annual NB Council Award Ceremony and other special events.