

Scouts Canada New Brunswick Council

Minutes of the Meeting of December 1, 2012

At the Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering at CFB Gagetown

Members Present:

Peter Kent	Council Commissioner
Keegan Eatmon	Council Youth Commissioner
Tom Heath	Council Executive Director
Linda Boone	AC Riverton
Bob Langford	AC Fundy East/ Scoutrees Coordinator
Lorne Beers	AC Southeast NB
Lynn Gregan	AC Miramichi
Jim Walker	AC Chaleur
Ken Elisseau	DAC Wabenaki, representing AC Ross White
Katie Beers	AYC Southeast NB
Liz Matheson	AYC Wabenaki
Zack Kirkpatrick	AYC Riverton
Mike Stewart	DCC Communications
Charlotte Roederer	DCYC International Relations and Special Events
Becca Wells	DCYC Training
Richard Whetmore	DCC Child and Youth Safety
Janet Ward	DCC Training/Adult Development
Garth Holder	DCC Program
Bill Richards	DCC Outdoors
John Boyne	DCC Membership Development
Leo Johnson	DCC Administration
Stephen Wheatley	Administrative Committee
Darlene Metivier-Maund	Registrar
Brenda Graham	Council Popcorn Coordinator
Shirley Gourley	DAC Recognition Riverton Area
Ginette Culbert	Registrar Miramichi Area
Mike Aubé	GC 1 st Oromocto
Roger Kirkpatrick	GC 1 st St. Margaret's
Cheryl Jacobs	GC 3 rd Fredericton
Shelley McKinney	GC 2 nd Hanwell
Wade Simmonds	GC 1 st St. Andrew's
Svein Sveinson	GC 1 st Mananook
Tom Hart	GC Moncton Boys and Girls Club
Apolline Savage	Council Assistant

Regrets: Karoline Barr, DAC Recognition Riverton Area

The meeting was **called to order** by Council Commissioner Peter Kent at 2:15pm. Peter passed out the minutes of the previous meeting, the agenda and the latest registration numbers.

1. The **invocation** was delivered by Linda Boone.
2. Lynn Gregan led the Council in **reaffirming the Scouter's Promise**.
3. **Announcements**
 - Peter announced that Tom Heath will be retiring in January 2013, so this is his last meeting as Council Executive Director. A search committee has been formed and over thirty-five applications have been received.
 - The New Brunswick Council currently has openings for the positions of Deputy Council Commissioner Recognition and Deputy Council Commissioner Public Relations.
 - Howard Speight (1st St. Andrew's) has been appointed as the New Brunswick Contingent Leader for CJ'13 this summer.
4. **Presentations**
 - Peter announced that the New Brunswick Council received the Achievement Award for growth between 0.01 and 4.99% in 2011-2012 (NB Council grew by 4.1% and this growth was the 3rd highest in the country).
 - The NB Council has also received the Arrowhead Award in recognition of being one of the top five Councils in Canada by percentage growth. (We were third highest, following the Saskatchewan Council and Newfoundland and Labrador Council)
These awards will be hung in the Rivorton Scout Center.
 - Peter presented the Council Commissioners Cup for the greatest percentage increase in membership in 2011-2012 to the Wabanaki Service Area, who increased their membership in 2011-2012 by 17% over the previous year. Fundy East was second with a 11.2% increase and Rivorton Area was third with a 2.3% increase. The Wabanaki Area also received the trophy for the largest numerical increase in membership for 2011-2012. Ken Elisseou accepted these awards on behalf of the Wabanaki Area.
5. **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of June 16, 2012**

The minutes of the June 16 meeting were approved on **motion by Leo Johnson, seconded by Lorne Beers**.
6. There was no **Business Arising from the Minutes**.
7. The **Administration Committee Report** was given by Leo Johnson. Leo invited ideas and suggestions that are 'outside the box' to grow Scouting and move it to the next level. Members with ideas were encouraged to email Leo.

The Admin Committee has set a list of priorities for the coming year:

 - Ensure that the financial statement of the NB Council is clearly understood
 - Clarify/refine a fundraising approach and process
 - Reduce number of/manage properties owned by the NB Council
 - Prepare and Recommend a Budget for 2012-2013
 - Provide reference and input to NB Council on all requested Admin concerns.
8. Keegan Eatmon gave the **New Brunswick Youth Network Report**. Two AYCs have been appointed – Katelyn Petipas for Miramichi and Zack Kirkpatrick for Rivorton. This leaves only Chaleur and Fundy East areas without an AYC. (However, the groups in Chaleur are all very young). Keegan shared the Youth Network 'Vision Statement' with the Council for the first time.

The Youth Network plans to hold 2 to 3 FOCUS courses this year, and the first is planned for February 22nd to 24th at the Rotary Lodge in Moncton. Please contact Keegan or your AYC if you would like a FOCUS course to be held in your area. The Youth Network is in the process of developing a youth training team. The Youth Network has also set a goal of improving the Area Commissioner/Area Youth Commissioner relationship.

9. The **Training Report** was given by Janet Ward. She explained that this has been a very trying year, as there have been many changes – new policies and procedures, new rules, a new membership system and an expansion of online-training opportunities, to name a few. Janet urged everyone to log onto myscouts and check the accuracy of their profiles, and to ask every leader to do the same! She announced that as of November 27, NB has a 65% compliance rate with regards to mandatory training. There have been several training opportunities since the April 14th Trainer Workshop held in Moncton. At this workshop some weaknesses that NB has with regards to training were identified. A commitment was made to provide training opportunities to leadership by way of DVD video training (either individually or in a group session), in-person training, support for online training, and offering group session training for Child and Youth Safety training and WBI Module 1. Most groups have already offered in person WBI training since April, and the WBI training held in October was a huge success!
-During discussions after Janet completed her report, Mike Aubé suggested that New Leader Welcome Kits be mailed to all new leaders, as people are more likely to read a document when they have the paper in their hands than when they are emailed an electronic link.
10. Richard Whetmore gave the **Child and Youth Safety** report. He explained that he has been in contact with Saint John Ambulance regarding reduced pricing for First Aid training for Scouters. However, in order to get accurate information he needs an estimate as to how many people (Scouts, Venturers, Rovers, Leaders) in NB Council need the training. Richard has asked that the Area Commissioners email him numbers for each area.
11. Garth Holder gave a **Program Report** and focused on the use of **National Parks in New Brunswick**. He explained that Fundy National Park is a short season park (long weekend in May to long weekend in October), while Kouchibouguac is a full season park, but there are fewer trails open and fewer roads plowed in the winter. Garth explained that Fundy National Park is interested in a partnership with the NB Council, whereby members would provide camp site inspections in exchange for free camping.
Garth also reported that St. Michael's Scouts won the NB Pioneer Award last year and has made a challenge to the Council to take it away from them! Finally, Garth outlined some of his priorities for the New Year. He will be promoting National Program Standards, the 'Learn to Camp' Program (which introduces new Canadians to Canada and camping), 'Magma' (Multicultural Association of the Greater Moncton Area), 'Project Wild' (provides wild-life based conservation and environmental education), and the 'Maine High Adventure Centre' (A Boy Scouts of America high adventure base).
13. Mike Stewart gave a report on the **National Program Review**. He is looking for feedback on the Program Review. The review basically concluded that we are good at recruiting, but bad at retention (especially between sections).

14. Mike Stewart reported on **Public Relations** and announced that since June NB Council has had a lot of press coverage of events. A full list can be found on the new NB Council website (www.scoutsnb.ca).
15. Peter Kent gave a report on the **NB Summer Camping Program for 2013**. There were three camps in 2012, but it is still uncertain as to how many there will be this coming summer. The camps will begin in late June/early July. In 2013 the Cub Camp and the Scout Camp will be run at the same time. There will be a Paddle Camp and possibly a Sailing Camp. Peter suggested that we attempt to recruit entire Cub Packs/Scout Troops rather than just individuals. The Camping Committee plans to apply for government SEED and Summer Work grants to hire university students to work as staff on the Council Camps, but they will have to advertise and promote the camps before they will know the outcome of their applications for these government grants.

It was accordingly **moved by Leo Johnson, seconded by Linda Boone**, that the NB Council accept the responsibility for underwriting the expense of hiring summer staff in the event that we should not be successful in securing government grants.

Motion carried.

16. In his **Outdoors Report**, Bill Richards announced that a camps directory is now available on the www.scouts.ca website.
17. In the **Membership Development Report** John Boyne explained that he attended a workshop in October on Volunteer Recruitment. His priority at the moment is to determine, and focus, his role as DCC Membership Development.
18. Peter proposed **dates for NB Council Meetings for 2013**.

Linda Boone moved, seconded by Jim Walker, that NB Council meetings in 2013 should be held on **February 16, April 20, June 15, August 24 and November 30** (the Annual General Meeting).

Motion carried

The locations of each meeting are still to be determined – Peter will contact the Area Commissioners to get feedback on setting the locations.

19. The **2013 NB Council Chief Scout/Queen's Venturer Awards Ceremony** will be held on November 2, 2013 at the Legislative Assembly in Fredericton.
20. Our new Council **Popcorn** coordinator Brenda Graham informed us that nobody will be stuck with unsold popcorn in the future – it will come back to the Council. Also she is aware that most Scouters want to go back to being able to order units rather than cases.
21. The Youth Network did a presentation on **RoVenture 2013** which will be held from January 11th to 13th in Moncton at the Rotary Lodge. RoVenture is to be a linking event between Rovers and Venturers (ages 14 to 26 years), which was organized by the 1st St. Andrews Venturers in conjunction with the NB Youth Network. A budget for the event was proposed.

It was moved by Leo Johnson, seconded by Linda Boone that NB Council allocate \$1000 toward the expenses of RoVenture, taking \$250 each from the program monies assigned to Rivorton, Wabanaki, Fundy East and Southeast NB.

Motion carried

It was suggested to the Youth Network that the youth fee for RoVenture be increased from \$20 to \$30.

22. Linda Boone reminded everyone that the next **NB Linking Camp** will be June 21st to 23rd, 2013.

23. **School Flyers**

School flyers were discussed and it was suggested that they be printed on matte paper next year as the glossy paper is not good for writing on. It was also suggested that one contact per Group be included on the flyers, rather than a contact for each section. It was requested that the flyers be ready for May 24th/June 1st next year, so that they will be available in time for early registration. It was explained that the flyers can be ordered through the SC National Office, but if an Area chooses to do this they should NOT have them sent express, as it is very expensive!

It was moved by Lorne Beers, seconded by Bob Langford, that the school flyers be available by May 24, 2013.

Motion carried

24. A motion of adjournment was made by Jim Walker, seconded by Janet Ward.

Apolline Savage
Secretary