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New Brunswick Council

Minutes of the Meeting of March 17, 2012

at the Rivorton Scout Centre in Fredericton

Members Present:

Peter Kent	Council Commissioner
Dylan Reinhart	National Youth Commissioner
Keegan Eatmon	Council Youth Commissioner
Tom Heath	Council Executive Director
Leo Johnson	DCC Administration
Janet Ward	DCC Adult Development
Marian Zaichowski	DCC International
John Boyne	DCC Membership Development
Bill Richards	DCC Outdoors
Garth Holder	DCC Program
Cyndi Bosch	DCC Recognition
Kevin Simpson	AC Fundy East
Sam White	AYC Fundy East
Bob Langford	Fundy East
Claude Petitpas	representing AC Miramichi
Katelyn Brown	Youth rep Miramichi
Kristyn Brown	Youth rep Miramichi
Karen Brown-Petitpas	Miramichi
Ginette Culbert	Miramichi
Linda Boone	AC Rivorton
Charlotte Roederer	Youth rep Rivorton
Karoline Barr	Rivorton
Lorne Beers	AC Southeast NB
Katie Beers	AYC Southeast NB
Ross White	AC Wabenaki
Becca Wells	DCYC – Training
Cheryl Jacobs	Coordinator for Introduction of MYSCOUTS.CA

Regrets: Tom Austin, Lynn Gregan, Elizabeth Matheson, Darlene Metivier-Maund, Paul Nickerson, Apolline Savage, Jim Walker, Stephen Wheatley.

1. The meeting was **called to order** by Council Commissioner Peter Kent at 2:30 pm
2. The **invocation** was delivered by Linda Boone
3. Keegan Eatmon led the Council in **reaffirming the Scouters' Promise**

4. Announcements

- a. Peter Kent announced that Apolline Savage had been appointed as Council Assistant until the end of August on a trial basis
- b. That Leo Johnson's official designation is now Deputy Council Commissioner for Administration
- c. That Keegan Eatmon has been named one of the three Youth Ambassadors from Canada in preparation for the 2019 World Jamboree which is to be jointly run by Canada, the United States and Mexico.
- d. That our membership in February 2012 was higher than it was in February 2011. In February 2012, we had 2356 members , but, in order to achieve 100% or greater of last year's figures, we need to have at least 2480 members by the end of August 2012. We are still 124 members off that mark. The Council was urged to do all they could to grow our membership for the current year.

5. Presentations

- a. Peter Kent announced that the New Brunswick Council had been awarded a special plaque by Scouts Canada for its 3.6% growth in 2010-11. The plaque was hung on the wall.
- b. Peter presented the Council Commissioner's Cup for the greatest percentage increase in membership in 2010-11 to Fundy East Service Area, who increased their membership in 2010-11 by 24.8% over the previous year. Miramichi was second with a 13.8% increase and Riverton third with a 5.9% increase. Fundy East had previously been presented with the Council Commissioner's Cup for the Area with the greatest growth in numbers in 2010-11.
- c. Cyndi Bosch presented Zack with a contribution of over \$200 to the World Scout Brotherhood Fund
- d. Karoline Barr, DAC Recognition for Riverton Area, presented Bill Richards with his pin for thirty years of service in Scouting.

6. Appointment of Secretary

Peter announced that Apolline Savage will act as Council Secretary at future meetings. In the meantime, Peter agreed to take notes, with assistance from Bill Richards

7. Guest Speaker:

Keegan Eatmon introduced Dylan Reinhart, Canada's National Youth Commissioner, who spoke about the National Youth Network and commented on the importance of securing a full slate of Area Youth Commissioners for full youth involvement.

8. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of December 3, 2011

The minutes of the meeting of December 3, 2011, were approved on motion by Cyndi Bosch, seconded by Leo Johnson

9. Business Arising from the Minutes

- a. The April Meeting of Council: Peter Kent asked about the possibility of changing the date of the next meeting of Council from April 28 to April 21. Since the main topic of the April meeting will be the setting of fees for the coming year, it was agreed that the fee recommendations would be sent to the Council by email for comment and vote. In that case, the April meeting will be cancelled and the next meeting of Council will be on Saturday, June 16, in Moncton.

b. New Brunswick Council Operating Guidelines:

The Council reviewed a revised draft of the NB Council Operating Guidelines which had been drawn up by Linda Boone, Keegan Eatmon and Peter Kent. Changes to the revised draft were proposed:

- i. Article V (3) d) to become "Six (6) Area Commissioners as appointed by the Council Commissioner following the appointment process of Scouts Canada, or their delegates."
- ii. Article V (3) f) to be added: "Deputy Council Youth Commissioners as appointed by the Council Youth Commissioner."
- iii. Article VIII (2) to delete c): "Recommendation of the Council to the Executive of Scouts Canada concerning appointment of the Council Commissioner."
- iv. Article VIII (5) to be amended to read: "A copy of the minutes of Council meetings shall be sent to each member of the Council, to each Area Commissioner and to each Area Youth Commissioner. In all cases minutes of all meetings shall be sent within thirty (30) days following such a meeting."

It was moved by Linda Boone that the New Brunswick Council give its approval in principle to the Operating Guidelines for the Council as revised on March 17, 2012. Seconded by Lorne Beers. Motion carried (A revised copy of the guidelines is attached to these minutes)

10. Policy on Unregistered Adult Volunteers:

Peter Kent asked the Council to consider a motion designed to clarify Scouts Canada policy for dealing with unregistered adult volunteers for the benefit of Areas and Groups in the Council.

It was **moved by Lorne Beers, seconded by Claude Petitpas,**

- a. that new adult volunteers who are not fully screened with completed interview, reference checks and a clean Police Record Check must not be in contact with Scouting youth until their screening is complete. Our goal is to eliminate the "prospective" list of unregistered adult volunteers in as quick and effective manner as possible.
- b. that adult volunteers who are renewing their PRCs and run into a delay caused by having to be fingerprinted may continue to work with youth as they wait to receive their PRCs.

Motion Carried

11. Report of the Administration Committee

Leo Johnson reported that the Administration Committee is applying to restore the charitable tax number to the New Brunswick Council as soon as possible. It is also working on improving the clarity of our accounting system so that all members of Council will easily be aware of our current financial situation. He commented that we are currently running flat, spending whatever money comes to us from fees, but having little in reserve for special expenditures.

The Administration Committee has been made aware of unpaid accounts receivable, which are difficult if not impossible to collect and have accumulated over the past few years from unpaid registrations, unpaid popcorn accounts and so forth. The Committee now feel that there is a need for a fresh start and that \$14,000 of the unpaid accounts receivable should be written off.

It was **moved by Leo Johnson** that the New Brunswick Council write off existing doubtful accounts to the sum of approximately \$14,000. **Seconded by Cyndi Bosch. Motion Carried.**

Leo also reported on the new policy for the refund of registration fees. With good reason, the New Brunswick Council will provide a refund of 75% of that portion of the fee remaining after the national fee has been deducted from the current NB Council fee to those requesting a refund prior to October 31 of any given year. The Council will provide a refund of 50% of that portion to those requesting a refund prior to December 31 of any given year.

12. Report of the New Brunswick Youth Network

Keegan Eatmon reported on the recommendation of the New Brunswick Youth Network that the New Brunswick Council support a provincial youth conference to be organized by the Youth Network in conjunction with student governments, which will bring together Venturer Scouts with other community youth to discuss a topic of current concern. The

aim of the conference is a one-day summit to tackle the social issue of bullying. The conference will be held in Moncton, possibly at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. It will be a one-day conference, organized entirely by youth for youth, on Saturday, May 12, 2012. Two special guests will be invited and it is expected that the conference will generate a series of proposals which will then be presented to the Provincial Minister of Education and other Education authorities for their consideration. Keegan reported that the Youth Network has already been promised a grant of \$1500 from the City of Moncton in support of the conference and that the Network intends to look for other grants and possible sponsors. The conference will be planned for 75 participants, with youth to be drawn from all parts of New Brunswick, as well as Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia.

It was **moved by Garth Holder and seconded by Linda Boone** that the New Brunswick Council support the initiative of the New Brunswick Youth Network to organize a provincial youth conference for May 2012.
Motion Carried.

13. Report on the Next Gilwell Wood Badge Part II

Janet Ward recommended that the next Gilwell Wood Badge Part II in New Brunswick should be held at the Yoho Scout Reserve from October 10 to 14, 2012, and that the Camp Chief should be Paul Nickerson, who has agreed to assume this responsibility if it is the pleasure of the Council. This Wood Badge Part II would be for leaders from all sections from Beavers through Venturers and possibly might also include sessions for Rover Advisors.

It was **moved by Janet Ward, seconded by Lorne Beers**, that the next Gilwell Wood Badge Part II in New Brunswick be held at the Yoho Scout Reserve from October 10 to 14, 2012 with Paul Nickerson as the Camp Chief.
Motion Carried

Janet Ward announced that the 2012 Gilwell Reunion will be at the Yoho Scout Reserve from September 7 to 9.

14. Introduction of MYSCOUTS.CA

Cheryl Jacobs, who has agreed to help coordinate the introduction of the new registration system, MYSCOUTS.CA, made a presentation on the new system, which will be open to all from March 19, and answered questions.

15. Report on Recognition

Cyndi Bosch informed the Council about the new system of recognition, the Outstanding Service Awards, whereby any member of Scouts Canada can record a commendation for special contributions made by individual Scouters which, when five or more of these commendations are received, will lead to an Outstanding Service Award. Information on these awards can be found on the Scouts Canada website.

16. International Scouting

Zack reported on developments in the Scouts Canada International Committee, under the leadership of 21 year old Phil Gazeleh as the new International Commissioner. Scouts Canada now has a **Scouts Abroad** section which can be found on the Scouts Canada website. Through this section, it is possible to find out about national and international camps and jamborees, plan to travel to jamborees, link up with Scouts in other countries, get involved in international development projects and find pen pals in other countries.

Information has just been received through Scouts Abroad of an invitation to Canadian Scouting to participate in the **2013 Boy Scouts of America National Scout Jamboree**, from July 15 to 24, 2013, at the new Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. The youth participation fee is \$850 in US funds, and the leader participation fee (age 26 +) is \$850 in US funds, while a young leader fee (age 21 – 25) is \$425 in US funds.

Scouts will camp in patrols of 8 with two adult leaders. The first deposit for any patrol is to be \$1,500 in US funds and payable on or before March 29, 2012, representing a \$150 deposit from each Scout and leader.

The Council then discussed the advisability of sending a New Brunswick contingent to attend this Jamboree. Since it is so late, possibly the NB Council could pay the first deposit to reserve places for a New Brunswick patrol and, after that, interested Scouts and Venturers could be invited to apply to Council, while contingent leaders could be found. The NB Youth Network had had a chance to discuss this earlier.

It was **moved by Cyndi Bosch, seconded by Keegan Eatmon**, that the New Brunswick Council should reserve places at the 2013 Boy Scouts of America National Scout Jamboree for one patrol and should recruit and send a small contingent to attend this jamboree.

Motion Carried

Zack indicated that she would check with Scouts Abroad to see if we could reserve places in this way.

17. Program

Garth Holder talked about the program review of all section programs being carried out by national. He is waiting to receive applications for the Quality Program Standards Awards.

He has placed information about upcoming program events that he is aware of on the Calendar on the NB Scouts website (www.scoutsnb.ca) and has asked people to let him know of events that they are planning.

Linda Boone announced that the New Brunswick Linking Camp will take place at the Yoho Scout Reserve between June 22 and 24, with a theme "Under the Big Top".

Ginette Culbert asked if there would be interest if the Miramichi Area revived the Miramichi Canoe Run as an annual event. There seemed to be a lot of interest and Ginette said that she would contact Garth if it was likely to happen.

18. Outdoor

Bill Richards indicated that he has developed a template for basic outdoor skills training. He also spoke about advanced outdoor skills training in backpacking and canoeing. Paul Nickerson and John Boyne are both certified canoe trainers.

It was asked if the requirements for the New Brunswick Pioneer Award could be placed on the NB Scout Website. (A copy of the Pioneer Award requirements is attached to these minutes.

19. Membership Development

John Boyne offered to develop a Provincial Scout Newsletter which could be sent to all members with information about program, recognitions and so forth. He also felt that we need better information about why youth join and why they leave Scouting. We should be conducting more exit interviews and analyzing the data.

20. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm on motion from Cyndi Bosch

*Peter Kent
Acting Secretary*