

**Thunder Bay Area
Northern Ontario Council
Scouts Canada**

Date: April 19, 2017

Time: 7:00pm

Location: St. Lukes Anglican Church – Parish Hall

Chaired By: Joy Cummings

Guest: N/A

1. **Welcome:** Joy welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Attendance/Roll Call:** Joy C.- Acting Chair, Kelly H. – 15th F.W., Jessie S. – 6th St. Thomas, Bill T.- Camp Warden, Susan M. – 178th/Dog Lake, Kim L.- 12th P.A., Darlene A. – Grey Wolf, Roberta W.- Grey Wolf Booking
3. **Scouters Five:** Keep Scouter Bill Towill in our thoughts and prayers for a full healing.
4. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved by all in attendance.
5. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Moved by Roberta, Seconded by Darlene to accept previous minutes.
6. **Business arising from the Minutes:** We are in need of Porta Potties at Grey Wolf; this was discussed by Bill Towill at previous meetings with Kelly given the job to obtain quotes. The idea was to look at purchasing 4, placing them onto a concrete slab, build walls and roof around them as you see at Vickers's Park. These 4 units would replace the 8 units that were removed. Two quotes were received as follows:
 - a. GFL Environmental – to rent 2 regular Units is \$170.00 + HST per unit per month, and 2 Wheelchair Accessible is \$200.00 each + HST, to rent these from June to Sept would cost us a total of \$3344.80 which includes cleaning services. Purchasing the units is an option but according to them not cost effective as they do not have any Wheelchair accessible units for sale, and they stated the cost would amount to the same each season as the cost to buy and service would be about the same amount.
 - b. A-1 Sewage Services (1989) Ltd. – says units will sell for \$400.00 each +HST, service on said units would be \$50.00 per unit + HST, as needed when needed Monday to Friday. To purchase a Wheelchair accessible unit is \$900.00 + HST same price to service unit the single units.
 - Lots of discussion took place around this purchase, with many feeling that we need to request funds from Scouts Canada as this is a necessary need.
 - Kelly reported she did a camp in March had 35 youth and adults out and the one bathroom by pole barn was not enough and the others further down the road was not feasible to send Beaver or Cub aged youth to in the middle of the winter with no lighting on the road during the night.
 - We have a spring camp happening in June where there will be at least 140 bodies camping on the field we need the extra bathrooms before that camp, it would be a total waist of funds to rent them when those funds could go towards purchasing them.
 - It was mentioned that we only purchase 2 regular units and one Wheelchair accessible unit.

- The present outhouse by the Pole Barn is Wheelchair accessible; do we really need another on as a port potty? We could make a proper walkway from the road to this bathroom making it easier accessible to all and stick with purchasing 4 regular units.
 - c. **This has been deferred to next month's Area Meeting on May 17th, giving Roberta W. time to contact Bruce Hole on the issue on how to request funds for this need.** Kelly did warn all that it is the season for events around the city to rent them so we face the possibility that we may not get any for when we need them which would be a disaster for our Spring Camp in June.
7. **Area Support Manager (Dawn Brown):** Roberta, Joy and Kelly attended a conference call with Don McDonald, Dawn Brown, Clinton Christenson and Kenny (Youth Council), on Tuesday April 4/17, as well as a meeting with Dawn and Clinton on Wed April 5/17. We discussed health and strength of Scouting in Thunder Bay, with many options discussed on how to effectively advertize, help in recruiting Volunteers in Scouting:
- a. **Advertizing in the Key again** – Joy is looking into this and costs
 - b. **Volunteers Thunder Bay.com** – Roberta reported it will cost \$200.00 to register, plus we have to work so many of their fundraisers which we get no money raised and pay additional fees, and many more requirements. It was decided this was not feasible.
 - c. **Advertizing in Coffee Talk** – Kelly sent out a request on costs but have not heard back.
 - d. **Magic 99 on the ad's they ran for us**– Kelly sent the person who recorded and handled the ad an email again no answer yet.
 - e. **Advertizing on Kijiji**, paying the small fee to keep our ad on top as this is well used by many. Girl Guides uses this form of Advertizing. Kelly has not had time to get prices.
 - f. **Recruitment of Volunteers Day** – Kelly mentioned it would be nice to have a day where people could come hear about being a Scouter, maybe have Scouters attend with a lap top where we could sit with possible recruits to show them how to go about registering and finding the training needed etc.
 - g. **Recruit a Volunteer Day is tentatively set for Sept 9, 2017, 1pm to 4pm:** Roberta is checking the availability of the Moose Hall on Fort William Rd for the event, Kelly will do up poster to post on Kijiji and other places, Dawn Brown will come to Thunder Bay to talk to those who attend. More information will follow.

David Chezzi would like to know how and where Council can help us & what Support is needed here in Thunder Bay? Group need help in recruiting Adult Volunteers so that we can accept new youth members, to grow Scouting in Thunder Bay, strengthen the established groups that do presently exist by doing a City Wide recruitment of Volunteers & have Council work with the possible new volunteers to make it a smooth

- h. process from start to finish, which would help those already struggling to stay afloat.
 - i. **David is looking for Area Commissioner for Thunder Bay Area:** he hopes to have on in place by September. If anyone has anyone in mind be it a fellow Scouter, Friend or Parent forward the names to David and he will handle it from there.
 - j. **Don McDonald reported** there are only two Council's that are 97% ready to serve and NWO is one of them, congratulation's. Don is happy to hear that.
 - k. **David will be in Thunder Bay May 8th to May 12th, 2017**
8. **Area Group Reports:**
- a. **6th St. Thomas-** 13 cubs, 4 Scouters but 1 scouter is leaving. Last cub meeting for her is April 20,2017 and she will be going on a five month hiking expedition starting from Washington State to California. She will keep in touch with our group so that cubs can witness her experience and pin point her experience.

We finally managed to go on an ice fishing trip- with 4 cubs participating. No fish, but had a great outdoor adventure.

April 1 – Safe knife handling course a great success out at Grey Wolf. We also had a refresher course for the youth that took the course last year. The afternoon was fun and games, making stretchers with poles and lashing and having races in the snow. We will be starting on canoe training this Thursday with rules and regulations and will have a Canoe training session at Churchill pool this Sunday.

We did a hike to Cascades park last Thursday and will be going on a hike to mission marsh to identify trees, birds, plants, etc.. We will also have a bike hike at the end of May.

Plans are underway for our from the BSA pack 582 in July.

b. 15th Fort William:

- Beavers have been very busy with touring, Terry Fox Monument, Conservation Area, and wood building projects at Home Depot. Upcoming they have a tour of the Friendship Garden's and will be building a Garden Project in which our Sponsor has approved it to be on the Church Property, the Garden Project will house beautiful flowers and plants and such. We have 3 Beavers preparing to move up to cubs.
- Cubs have also been busy and attended the Home Depot wood building project; our Scouts did a planned Easter Egg Hunt for the cubs which was tons of fun, they worked on finishing up many badges that were touched on over the course of the year. All enjoy our monthly birthday party, and Akela's Store.
- Scouts have worked on knots, compass work, built Para Cord Bracelets, and hosted an Easter Egg Hunt for the Cubs. Linking has been going on with 4 cubs preparing to move up to Scouts in the New Year.
- Venturers have worked along with the Scout Troop due to only have 3 Scouts and 3 Venturers.
- We have gotten many inquiries for next year's Scouting and have had some visits by youth happening.
- Our Group is gearing up for Scoutree's Pledging, with envelopes sent home for the month of April with all youth, then a night of going door to door in our area, to having two Saturdays booked at Shoppers and Dollarama on Edward St in May.
- We have been planning and working on the Spring Camp activities and we are pleased to say it is all coming together nicely, we feel the kids attending will have loads of fun.

c. 16th Fort William

April 8-9 over night at old Fort -9 scouts, 2 Ventures, and 3 Scouters they shot muskets, made birch baskets and nails, they played traditional sports and also participated in porcupine plucking.

April 11-18 Scouts learned how to weld at one of our Scouts parents shops and the older youth went the first week to the marina and placed bird houses up.

April 28-30 our scouts are getting ready for an amazing weekend of spring backpacking at sleeping giant

d. 12th Port Arthur

Beavers:

Working as a group to help achieve their exploring and chef badges. They have explored the Waverley Library and the neighbourhood around the Church. They now have an understanding of the Canadian Food Guide.

Cubs:

Working on map work and orienteering. We had an unfortunate event of cancelling one of the Cub meeting because we had no Scouters available (3 working, 2 sick, 1 bereavement).

Scouts:

Did the historical walk in the old north side downtown. Preparing to visit the Beaver Colony.

Group:

In the process of making Jillian Kingston an assistant or co-group commissioner since I dislike computer work in my volunteer time. Great meeting with Dawn Brown.

e. 178th

-went hiking on Monday night

- have been teaching youth about safe things to pick up when doing clean-up working on vertical skills as well as working on finishing all level 1's in the Canadian Path Going to Boulder Bear and the Canadian Coast Guard

f. Atikokan

- Hi Joy, thanks for including us! 4th Atikokan is a combined Cubs/Scouts group so we have been working away the past few months on a number of Winter Skills and Trail Skills since the abilities of the group are all over the place ;)

Lots of winter hiking, snowshoeing, campfires and shelter building.... Plus axe and pocketknife permit skills for the older ones. We also attended the Beaten Path Nordic Ski Club's annual Candlelight Ski and Snowshoe event, (it was gorgeous!) plus our own Kub Kar rally, Thinking Week banquet with the local Girl Guide unit, and a one-night winter camp.

9. Area Reports:

a. Grey Wolf Memorial Camp:

a. Camp Manager : N/A

b. Camp Warden :

- i. Joy was given a copy of all inspection sheets done at Grey Wolf
- ii. Joy also put pads in buildings with Mint Oil on it as a deterrent to the mice
- iii. Aaron got a reply from her contact on Picnic Tables; we will check boards to see how many need replacing and will let Aaron know which way we will go in fixing what we have or would rather have two complete kits donated.

- iv. Bill to contact Neebing Fire Department on the possibility of them doing a controlled burn at the end of the summer season; it has been many years since one has been done.
- v. Kelly requested the field be cut as soon as possible and a fast going over a week before the June camp.

Grey Wolf Camp Report:

Thanks to Kelly Hilton (15th. F. W.) for going the extra mile and cleaned the 2 fridges in the camp kitchen.

Apparently there was a lot of mold build-up. No leader should have to go out to clean and disinfect the fridges before their camp week-end. Again I ask you all to add cleaning the fridge to part of your camp clean-up and shut – down. All the groups have ample adults present for the week – end. Please leave the fridge doors closed over the winter months. Its the summer months with the heat that we have to worry about.

Now that the snow is all but gone from around the grounds, buildings and field, I would like to ask each group to take a little time to clean up the grounds. Especially in and around the pole barn (fire shelter) before our BSA Troops start arriving this summer, starting in (June 18 – 19). There is a rake provided to do a little house work, its your camp too, not the job of the Camp Ranger. If we all do something in the line of clean – up, then it shouldn't be to much of an effort to maintain it and keep it clean.

THANK – YOU to the 6th & 12th for cleaning up in front of the pole barn area April 2 / 2107. If any other group wants to help, rake up the bark, chips and use the wheel-barrow and move it all over to the burn pile behind the well house. THANK – YOU for doing it.

The handi – capped K.Y.B.O. has got a new face lift on the inside. All wired up with 2 lights, one outside above the door, the other inside, even has a plug-in receptacle, not hooked up to power yet, but it is wired when-ever we get the ok to put in the underground cable. All I ask is to take a little care in there with the water around the sink and toilet till we decide what to put on the walls as a sealer.

A work night has been set aside April 25th. for all Scouting individuals to come out to the camp for 1 or 2 hours on that Tuesday night , if we all do a little we'll all do a lot.

QUARTERMASTERS REPORT:

All is good. Some major clean – out is gonna happen at area spring camp..

Q.M. / CAMP RANGER

WM. J. TAYLOR

c. Camp Booking Agent :

We have groups booked for May and June – Girl Guides, Cadets and tentative Kenora Venturers.

b. Dog Lake Camp: N/A – Susan did say her group did use it at least once but has no report at this time.

c. Area Youth Commissioner: N/A

d. Area Commissioner/Meeting Chair:

- i. A letter will be coming to all in regards to any families using Pro Kids and Early Spring Registrations explaining the process and dates to apply to Pro Kids.
- ii. No news on how much Registration will be this year
- iii. Returning members will register starting May 8th, new members start May 15, 2017
- iv. New Code of Conduct is requested for all adults and youth members. Not sure what youths are signing this might be all via parents or may be older youth.
- v. All Registrations will be done online and not by groups starting this September.
- vi. Joy will call T.Bay Tel to check on our camp phone contract as it has been many years since it was looked at, also to remove the camp number from the listings as there is no one out there to answer the phone 80% of the time.

e. Treasurer:

- i. Not much has changed and very little activities and everything is up to date since Gord turned everything over

10. Forward Planning:

- ii. Kim L. is redoing our P.R. flyer with all groups information and contact numbers on it, all present checked over the information, making corrections if need be. This will be given to those doing PR events this summer like Teddy Bears Picnic, Westfort St. Fair and others.

11. New Business:

a. Spring Up to Clean Up:

- i. See Hand Out attached at end of minutes– Please make copies and give to all Section Scouters to send home to all Families. Scouters do not need to control who attends as a group, anyone can attend to help

b. Bowling Report:

- i. Had less youth turn out this year, only Scouts & Venturers attending was the 15th F.W., badges were ordered, will be distributed when they arrive.

c. Camp Work Party/Clean Up: Tuesday May 12th, 2017 – 6pm to 8:00pm

- i. Bill has a list of things he would like to see get done
- ii. Go over all buildings
- iii. Check the Picnic Tables and possibly move them, see how many boards need replacing

d. Scoutree's:

- i. Len is working on what Bill Towill had planned out and will get us information as he receives it.
- ii. Len asked we changed the date back to Mothers Day Weekend, much discussion took place, it was decided that we all choose the later date to allow us to do more pledging and to ensure the weather was perfect to plant in so we are not facing past problems of frost in the ground. A show of hands around the table showed censes is to keep the original date as planned being the last Saturday in May.
- iii. Groups need directions sent out or information on where exactly we are planting, map would help to send home with kids for parents.
- iv. Aaron needs pledge forms for her group- Kelly to send her the form to print off.
- v. Program Quality Assessments – Do not forget to do these. We will do a Area Health Check next meeting.

- e. Spring Area Camp:
 - i. It is coming together nicely, in fact other than the food it is completed.
 - ii. Corn is depending but for sure we will have cake for mug up and Juice.
 - iii. Loot Bags, I was thinking rather than giving them out to the kids on Sat, Scouters can collect them up at Sat night meeting and hand them out when youth depart for home this will eliminate the items being lost.
 - iv. Badges are ordered
 - v. Registration due on May 31st, 2017
- 12. **Motion to Adjourn:** Roberta moved to Adjourned, Seconded by Kelly
- 13. **Next Area Meeting:** May 17, 2017 – St. Lukes – 7pm

Thunder Bay Area Scouting Invites You To Spring Up to Clean Up



Friday May 12, 2017

Mission Marsh—6pm to 8pm

Open to all

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers, Scouters

&

Family Members

We invite you to join us in our Spring Up to Clean Up at Mission Marsh.
Gloves and Garbage Bags will be supplied.

Hot Dogs, Juice & Water will be served after the clean up

To celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday we hope to collect 150 Non Per-
ishable Food Items to donate to RFDA

(Regional Food Distribution Association)

BRING A NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM TO OUR CLEAN UP!





Mission Island Marsh Conservation Area



- Legend**
- Trail
 - Intersecting Road
 - Trail (1000' - 1200' Elevation)
 - Trail (1200' - 1400' Elevation)
 - Trail (1400' - 1600' Elevation)
 - Trail (1600' - 1800' Elevation)
 - Trail (1800' - 2000' Elevation)
 - Trail (2000' - 2200' Elevation)
 - Trail (2200' - 2400' Elevation)
 - Trail (2400' - 2600' Elevation)
 - Trail (2600' - 2800' Elevation)
 - Trail (2800' - 3000' Elevation)

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