

Thunder Bay Area
Northern Ontario Council
Scouts Canada
Minutes –Area Meeting

Date: September, 20, 2017

Time: 7:00

Location: St. Lukes Anglican Church Paris Hall

Meeting chair: Joy Cummings

Present: Kelly Hilton-15th, Bill Taylor- Q.M., Joel Kennedy-178th, Clinton Christiansen-AYC, Jessie Sperry-6th St.Thomas, Aaron Lange-16th, Darlene Armstrong, Joy Cummings, Kim Leonard- 12th, Roberta Wolfe

Guest: n/a

- Welcomes- Thank you to everyone for coming.
- Approval of Agenda: **Joel wishes to add a few items to Agenda - Canoes, Spring Camp, Kub Kar Rally, Remembrance Day**
- Approval of Previous Minutes: **All Approved**
- Area Support Manager: – **Dawn Brown: n/a**

Area Group Reports

- 6th –
We have 9 registered youth, 1 returning, 3 registered Scouters, Jota is on Oct. 21 – have held one meet, greet and register night and one meeting night.
- 15th
We have only had one meeting so far, all sections yearly plans are looking great, planning for Fall Camp, popcorn fundraiser and Apple Day. Very disappointed at how long it is taken Scouts Canada to work out the bugs with the Thunder Bay Police on the new Police Check Systems, I have a Scouter sitting on Pending since July. We have lots of pending members we will be working to get them registered, lots of visiting guest, we have a new Rover/Volunteer will be working with her. We have 6 Beavers/11 Cubs/ 6 Scouts/2 Venturers/5 Rovers/Scouters & 8 Scouters for a total of 13 Scouters counting Rovers.

- 12th PA

Leadership Team

Beavers: Jenny Diaczun

Heather Ferguson (returning to start training again)

Cubs: Max Hay

Ryan Fay (both need to complete Respect in Sports)

Dan Bryan & Andrew Abbink are no longer with us

Scouts: Nancy Cummings
Brock Kingston
Sean Patterson
Matt Pero (both Sean & Matt need to complete Respect in Sports)
Group: Kim Leonard (Commissioner)
Kathy Barton (Treasurer/Registrar)
Jillian Kingston (Fundraising) (still recovering from lung cancer)

Youth Membership

Beavers: 4
Cubs: 2
Scouts: 6
Venturers: 4

Nancy & Matt are starting up a Venturer Company. They will meet the same time as the Scouts and will share opening & closing ceremonies. The Venturers will move to the smaller hall for their program.

Reaching out to last season's Cubs for returnees. Trying to understand the very poor start-up after all the positive "off-season" talk.

- 16th Have two new leaders.
- 178th
We have 42 registered members, and 3/5 of the sections are compliant
- 4th Atikokan
- We were not able to run any summer events/camps due to holiday conflicts/lack of time
- We are currently at 2 registered Scouts plus two strong potentials (we lost our two oldest boys and I'm very sad about that!!)
- We currently do not have leaders to run Cubs or Beavers
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Hope things are looking rosier over there, happy meeting! cheers, y.

Yvonne Treffers

Grey Wolf Memorial Camp

- Camp Warden –
- **GREY WOLF CAMP REPORT:**
- Well our summer BSA troop visits are over, we had 3 BSA Troops through our camp in June / July for a total of 25 persons.
- Now its just a little grass cutting here and there to help keep the place looking presentable for other people booking the camp this summer.
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- On the week-end camp of July 7 – 9, I was able to get 3 major jobs done with the help of our BSA neighbours.

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- 1st All the wood scattered around the pole barn was cleaned up and piled with the rest over by
- The wood shed, the area is all raked and cleaned up. (BSA Cubs / Leaders / Parents).
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- 2nd. The car port was move back into the area where it was to go in the first place,
- (BSA Scouts / Leaders).
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- 3rd. The solar paneled lights in the 2 K.Y.B.O.s were fine tuned and adjusted to actually work,
- (Canadian Cub and Scout Leaders).
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- On July 12th, there was a load of gravel dumped in front of the patrol cabins, its' to be spread out and help take care of the ever present water puddle. The 3 porta-potties as well as the two vault tank toilets were all pumped out the same day.
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- I had the use of a small back-hoe that was provided for the day (free) to get the culvert up on the Moon Lake trail replaced and put in proper. We removed the old 30 foot one and replaced it with a 14 foot one. We even dug out the lower beaver dam to help with the water situation. Removed some of the debris from the downstream side of the tie foot bridge so it won't flood out in the spring run-off. Hopefully in a week or so we'll see a wood chipper on site to clean up all the refuse from the blow-down and other debris plus leaning trees. There is a good pile of logs near the wood shed, they will eventually need to be cut, split, piled in the wood shed, any takers on getting some of this done.

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- **QUARtermasters Report:**

- All is good.

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- CAMP WARDEN / Q.M.

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- WM. J. TAYLOR

Joel reported that the Canoes are all leaking, the 178th is willing to take on fixing them which is estimated at a cost of around \$200.00 if the Area is willing to pay for supplies! Joel also asked what the policy was on Life Jackets/paddles as he was informed the policy was the Area supplied these with the canoe rental. As well he reported that the plug in on the trailer needed fixing or the wiring.

Much discussion was had around Joel's requests and information he was given. Life Jackets/Paddles are not the Area's responsibility and there is no policy on such. Life Jackets must fit the child/adult wearing them, this is impossible for area to determine, Area feels these items are up to the parents or groups using the canoe's to ensure the youth have these items and that they are a proper fit.. The Quarter Master Store is items that the Area has acquired from past groups or outside sources which is being kept up in working order by Bill Taylor for the groups to enjoy. Only policy Bill has had is as follows:

- 1. Give him two weeks' notice when wanting to borrow items.**
- 2. Return items in a timely fashion (two days after your event) in good working condition as they were given to you.**
- 3. Let him know asap if any items were damaged/lost or stolen, your group is responsible for repairs/replacement of said items.**

Motion was made by Joel for the Area to cover the costs of repairing the Canoe Leaks for the sum of \$200.00 or less, which receipts will be turned into Area.

Seconded by Darlene. All in Favour- **Carried**

Aaron mentioned it would be nice to see a bench put near the Tree's planted in memory of someone gone home with maybe small name plates on it, it was also mentioned it would be nice to see some sort of a tag on each tree planted so people could find the tree planted in memory for a certain person.

- **Camp Booking Agent –**
September 29 – Oct. 1 - Fall Camp
October 6, 7, 8, - 178th Troop
October 23 – 178th All Section Campfire
February 9 – 11, - 2294 Cadets
Feb. 23 - 25 for the 2511 LSSR Cadets
June 8, 9, 10 – Spring Camp
June 15, 16, 17 – 2294 Cadets

Business Arising from the minutes:

Picnic Tables: Foresters donated and built 12 picnic tables, thank you to Andrew 178th, Bill Field 15th, George Luscomb 15th, Albert Luscomb (Cub)15th, Al Eamon- 15th for coming out to help

Respect in Sport: Most groups have completed this training, if you have Scouters who have not please get them on it.

PR. Events reports:

Westfort Street Fair: Went very well, is a great P.R event

Ribfest ; Mixed feelings, did not feel it went well, unsure about doing it next year

Hymers: Joy thanked everyone who came out to help her, this is a great P.R. event

Recruitment Day: Did not feel this was worth it, only two people showed up which was a great thing as they were for the 16th F.W. Do not think we will do this again.

Intercity Day: Kelly thanked Joel for coming out all day and being full of energy and great camp display, Jessie Sperry, Leif Bergman and Caroline Barnswell for assisting with the booth, was well received by many. It is highly recommended to do this one again.

L.U. Orientation Day: Joel reported he set up a P.R. table at this event and contacted some great resources as well as possible Rovers. One person has offered to catalogue Scouting stuff for groups,

contact Joel for more information if your interested.

Dog Lake Camp: Joel reported that Dog Lake Cabin is in much need of repair or totally replaced, new roof etc.

Area Youth Commissioner:

New Business:

- *Apple Day:* Roberta reported that you can go to Cav Tel to pick up your apples, if you have not already sent her your locations and dates as well as number of badges needed please do so.
- *Popcorn:* Groups are setting out to do this fundraising; groups want to know what the ordering date is and when the delivery date is. Joy will contact Sandra to find out.
- *Fall Camp:* Jessie reported they have a First Aid person- Leif from the 15th, still need Camp Chief and Campfire Chief. Looking for Skate Boards and Plastic Balls. If only interested in ordering badges it is \$3.00 per badge. Kelly reported that her Scouts will be out, but doing own program and having own lunch, will join in opening/closing/campfire/scouts own, and will probably order badges.
- *Social:* Area would like to hold a Scouter Social where Scouters can bring spouses/girlfriends/boyfriends to meet the people they work with, but mainly a relaxing night can be board games, pot luck, sharing a skill or something. We are thinking of planning this 3 times a year, Oct/Jan/April. Do Scouters wish to see this happen? All present were in favour. We need a date for our first one and a idea? Joel asked if we can table it allowing those present to go back to groups for feedback. Social is tabled till next meeting which will make the first one happen in Nov sometime.

Treasurer: Financial Report for June/July/Aug was handed out at Meeting

Forward Planning:

- Skating Event - Chaired to next meeting
 - Kub Kar Rally - Chaired to next meeting
 - Gone Home Ceremony - April 22nd - Chaired to next meeting
 - Scoutree's - Chaired to next meeting
 - Spring Up to Clean Up - Chaired to next meeting
 - camp committee- Joy has a few names, need one more person
 - Remembrance Day – Bill will order the wreaths
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- Motion to Adjourn by Roberta, Seconded by Kelly - time 9:32pm
 - Next meeting: Oct. 18th 2017 - St. Luke's Church - 7pm