

**Minutes of the Rivorton Area Meeting**  
**Rivorton Scout Centre**  
**Thursday, November 24, 2011, 7pm**

18 people attended: Karoline Barr, Keith Barr, Dwight Benner, Mary Derrah, Bev Dow, Carla Dueck, Paul Farr, Marcus Goffart, Jennifer Griffiths, Jim Harvey, Cheryl Jacobs, Peter Kent, Shannon LaBrecque, Pat Michaud, Brent Porter, Mike Stewart and Shelley Warman. Area Commissioner Linda Boone was in the chair.

Regrets were received from: Mike Aubé, Tom Austin, Jean Anne Cameron-Loi , Harry Foreman and Blair Sawler.

**1. Announcements**

Linda Boone extended a welcome to Peter Kent, NB Council Commissioner.

**2. Minutes of the Area Meeting of October 27, 2011**

Minutes approved as circulated.

**3. Business Arising From the Minutes**

- a) Yoho campsite adoption: Groups are to let Linda know if they wish to adopt a campsite. Prior to any major work, proposals are to be submitted to Linda. A site may not be named after a group; however, a small sign to indicate sponsorship is permitted.
- b) Area unit linking: Linda reported that some units have had linking activities. Units are welcome to link up with other units as well.
- c) Popcorn campaign: Linda confirmed that group keeps 40% and NB Council keeps 20% of sales. There was an error made in the percentages entered in 2010 such that groups also received the NB Council part. NB Council pays administrative costs such as promotion and shipping.

**4. Membership**

Linda presented group and area membership figures with comparative figures for late November 2009 and 2010 as well as August 31, 2011. Area totals are as follows:

November, 2009 898

November, 2010 669

November, 2011 791 – representing a 15.42% growth over this time last year, but ...

August 31, 2011 946

It was noted that three groups have yet to enter registrations for this year.

1<sup>st</sup> Plaster Rock has folded. They will try to get started again next year.

Linda also highlighted the large number of prospective adults on record.

Groups are reminded to:

- a) Verify the numbers in the MMS system.
- b) Complete the screening process for prospective adults so they can be moved to active status.
- c) Remove adults/leaders who are not coming back from MMS (click on name, click on Member Profile, click on Edit, change Status to one of the Inactive options, click Save, click Next Registration Step until back at Active or Prospective members list). Contact Darlene, NB Council Registrar, if you have any problems.

## 5. Presentation

On behalf of the Riverton Area, Linda presented Peter Kent with a gift of a Bobak print of the Yoho Lodge in recognition of his becoming NB Council Commissioner.

## 6. Updates from NB Council

Peter Kent distributed a list of the NB Council team for this year (attached at end). The new administrative board will be responsible for finances and property. The Council team will have a retreat in early December to decide priorities for the coming year.

Peter indicated there are two main issues for Scouting in New Brunswick:

- a) Growth: Last year saw a 3.2% increase in membership and NB has been recognized for growing consistently over the last several years but ... growth must continue.
- b) Prospective adults: Groups must be diligent in screening, particularly in light of the recent media attention.

Other areas of concern include:

- a) Programs for older youth: There are great outdoor programming opportunities in NB and Peter hopes to encourage an increase in summer camping options as well as participation in international projects and jamborees.
- b) Fundraising: Needs attention, including for Yoho.
- c) Metrics: National is looking for better metrics, for example, on camping and training.

## 7. Report from National AGM

Peter Kent also reported on items from the AGM recently held in St. John's:

- a) NB Council has a good reputation in Ottawa and we were awarded a plaque for growth.
- b) The 2012 Venturer Jamboree in Haliburton, ON has lots of spaces left, despite reports to the contrary. NB Council will look at a NB contingent for individuals and small sections who wish to attend.
- c) 14<sup>th</sup> World Rover Moot in 2013 in Canada, organized by Scouts Canada and Les Scouts
- d) Canadian Jamboree in 2013 in Sylvan Lake, Alberta
- e) World Jamboree in 2015 in Japan; cost is expected to be \$6000/per person so those interested should begin fundraising now
- f) National is going to undertake a program view – for Beavers through to Rovers
- g) Bring a Friend promotion: \$5 gift certificate to Scout Shop for bringing a friend, additional \$5 gift certificate each for member and friend if friend joins Scouts.
- h) Group media challenge: if a group gets story about an activity in the media, tell National to receive a camp chair.
- i) Group promotion: National may cover half of cost for a group idea for promoting Scouting.
- j) Alcohol policy change: Non-scout events held on Scout property may now include alcohol assuming other license requirements met.
- k) Investigating whether renting out property would affect property tax exemption.
- l) Rovers: Some councils following NB lead in not charging Rovers membership fees. There is a move to require all Rovers to get a PRC whether or not in active leadership in another section.
- m) The BP&P has a quick reference guide for each section.
- n) A national fundraising initiative is a pre-paid Visa card – cost is \$50, \$10 of which goes to Scouts Canada with \$40 left on the card.

Peter was asked about the sizing of the new uniforms to which he indicated some attention was being paid to this.

#### **8. Report from Group Committees**

Jennifer Griffiths reported on 1<sup>st</sup> St. Margaret's.

Paul Farr reported on 1<sup>st</sup> Springhill.

Bev Dow reported on 1<sup>st</sup> Marysville.

Carla Dueck reported on 1<sup>st</sup> Nashwaaksis.

Dwight Benner reported on 1<sup>st</sup> Lincoln Lighthouse.

Shelley Warman reported on 2<sup>nd</sup> Hanwell.

Brent Porter reported on 14<sup>th</sup> Fredericton.

Karoline Barr reported on 7<sup>th</sup> Fredericton.

Cheryl Jacobs reported on 3<sup>rd</sup> Fredericton.

Linda Boone reported on 1<sup>st</sup> Florenceville and 3<sup>rd</sup> Woodstock.

Mike Stewart reported on 1<sup>st</sup> Riverton Rovers.

#### **Farewell to Marcus Goffart**

Linda noted that Marcus, an Advisor with 1<sup>st</sup> Riverton Rovers, was leaving in a few days to return home to Germany after finishing his graduate studies at UNB. She wished him well from the Area and asked that he keep in touch.

#### **9. Venturer Report**

Jim Harvey reported he has been visiting Venturer Companies. Two companies have registered for the national Venturer camp in Haliburton next summer.

#### **FOCUS training announcement**

The 1st Riverton Rovers are partnering with the NB Youth Network to put on a FOCUS leadership training course for Venturers in Atlantic Canada. The event is scheduled for January 27-28/29, with a tentative location of Greenhill Lake Camp. Interested companies should contact Mike Stewart ([mike.stewart@unb.ca](mailto:mike.stewart@unb.ca)) at their earliest convenience.

#### **10. Report of the Yoho Management Committee**

Linda Boone presented report from the committee:

- a) The chimney in Jensen is fixed.
- b) Groups/sections using the facilities are asked to do a final check before leaving and report any items that need attention to Linda Boone or Dan Flynn so they can get attended to.
- c) Committee is looking for tradespersons and "handymen" among our membership or parent group who would be willing to donate some time to Yoho.

#### **11. Report on Popcorn Campaign**

Brent Porter reported on the popcorn campaign. One group still to pick up their popcorn and one case went missing (if you have an extra, please contact Brent). Sales were down this year and having to purchase in case lots was not popular. Prizes can be picked up when payment received; Brent had still not received confirmation of payments sent directly to NB Council but will ask Tom to update the list.

Note: 7<sup>th</sup> Fredericton's order got multiplied so if you are looking for extra popcorn, please contact Karoline Barr.

## **12. Reports from Other Activities**

- a) Remembrance Day parade: Mary Derrah offered thanks to everyone for the good participation. She suggested that the Area purchase a World Scouting flag.
- b) Legislature Tree Lighting: Mary Derrah reported that she has had response from Rivorton Rovers, 3<sup>rd</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Fredericton and Oromocto. Youth are to arrive about 6:30 and wear their neckers outside their coats.
- c) Outdoor Skills Day (Nov. 19): Keith Barr there was 14 participants, two of whom stayed a half day each; there were also some no-shows. It was decided to go with fewer sessions this year so only five were held. Keith received good comments along with some suggestions for future years. He indicated his concern with how late in the year it is as it is not intended to cover winter skills. Following Keith's report, it was suggested there may be interest on a full day dedicated to outdoor cooking skills.
- d) Rover round table will be held in the new year.

## **13. Report from Recognition and Awards**

Karoline Barr presented the report. She reminded all groups to complete the Warrant of Appointment form for all new (invested) leaders. Karoline and Shirley Gourley will get together soon to work on next awards. Groups who want anything presented in February need to have requests into Karoline and Shirley by end of December. Karoline reported that some youth Medals of the Maple would be presented during BP week; these were to be presented at recent provincial ceremony but there was some confusion over the deadline. Linda recommended that Keegan Eatmon, Council Youth Commissioner, be invited to the presentation.

## **14. New Business**

Linda provided details on upcoming workshops:

- a) Trainer workshop: January 14, 9am-2pm, at the Scout Centre for current or those interested in becoming trainers, including youth members.
- b) Communications skills: January 21, 9am-3pm, at the Scout Centre; 15 person limit
- c) Training for preparing lesson plans (for trainers): February 11 at the Scout Centre; 10 person limit.

There was a question about when Outdoor and Quality Program awards would be received – Linda will look into this.

## **15. Updates to Area Calendar**

- a) December 2 – Legislature Christmas Tree Lighting
- b) January 27-28/29 – FOCUS training for Venturers, Green Hill Lake Camp (location tentative)

## **16. Next Area Meeting**

The next Area meeting will be on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2pm at the Rivorton Scout Centre.

## **17. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

*Cheryl Jacobs  
Secretary*

## Rivorton Area Calendar 2011-2012

### Date

### Event and Place

#### **December 2011**

Fri, December 2      Legislature Christmas Tree Lighting

### **2012**

#### **January 2012**

Sun, January 1      New Year's Levee  
Sat, January 14      Trainers' Workshop  
Sat, January 21      Communication Skills  
Sun, January 22      Area Meeting – Rivorton Scout Centre  
Fri/Sun, Jan 27/29      Venturer FOCUS Training – Green Hill Lake Camp (location tentative)  
Sat, January 28      Operation Snowball – Yoho Scout Reserve

#### **February 2012**

Sat, February 11      Training in Preparing and Delivery of Lesson Plans  
February 19 to 26      Scout/ Guide Week  
Sun, February 26      Area Meeting – Rivorton Scout Centre

#### **March 2012**

Sat, March 17      Area Kub Kar Rally  
Fri/ Sun, March 16/ 18      Orion Challenge – Yoho Scout Reserve  
Sat, March 24      Part I – Wood Badge Training for All Sections and Group Committees  
Sun, March 25      Area Meeting – Rivorton Scout Centre  
Tues, March 27      Games and Campfire Night – Christ Church (Parish) Church, Westmorland St.  
Sat, March 31      Kub Kar Rally at the Brookside Mall

#### **April 2012**

Sat, April 14      K of P Kub Kar Rally in Oromocto  
Sat, April 14      Area Food Bank drive  
Sat, April 21      Trainers' Workshop  
Sat, April 21      Challenge Cub Kub Kar Rally in Sussex  
Thurs, April 26      Area Meeting – Rivorton Scout Centre

#### **May 2012**

Sat, May 5      Service Team Workshop  
Thurs, May 24      Area Meeting – Rivorton Scout Centre

#### **June 2012**

Sat, June 2      Yoho Work Day  
Fri/ Sun, June 22/24      NB Linking Camp – Yoho Scout Reserve

**New Brunswick Council, 2011 – 2012**

Council Commissioner	--	Peter Kent
Council Youth Commissioner	--	Keegan Eatmon
Deputy Council Commissioner	--	Paul Nickerson
Area Commissioner Chaleur	--	vacant
Area Commissioner Fundy Last	--	Lloyd Keirstead
Area Commissioner Miramichi	--	Lynn Gregan
Area Commissioner Riverton	--	Linda Boone
Area Commissioner Southeast NB	-	Lorne Beers
Acting Area Commissioner Wabanaki	--	Cyndi Bosch
DCC Adult Development	--	Janet Ward
DCC Program	--	Garth Holder
Administrative Board	--	Leo Johnson, Stephen Wheatley
DCC Recognition	--	vacant
DCC Outdoors	--	Bill Richards
DCC International	--	Marian "Zack" Zaichowski
DCC Membership Development	--	John Boyne
DCC Diversity	--	vacant
Council Executive Director	--	Tom Heath
Honorary Legal Counsel	--	David C. Nicholson, QC
Treasurer	--	Mike Maxan
Accountant	--	Cherie Madill
Registrar	--	Darlene Metivier-Maund
Records Manager	--	Tom Austin
Popcorn Coordinator	--	vacant
Communications	--	vacant