



April 12th, 2005

1. Meeting was called to order by Dick Golding at 7:40pm. Scouts Prayer was led by Jeff Melvin.
2. Minutes of the March 8, 2005 meeting were not circulated; the secretary was missing from the meeting. The minutes would be passed around at the May meeting in Sackville.

Business Arising

Jeff read a letter, which was sent to him from Kevin Duff (NB Council), which stated an outstanding invoice from 2000 regarding membership decrease penalties if the District lost membership for the 1999-2000 year. We owed \$2800.00. It was agreed that we pay this invoice since we did have partial vote on this in 1999. (Letter was archived)

The City of Moncton is currently seeking nominations from SENB Area Scouting to be represented on the Irishtown Nature Park. We nominated Garth Holder to continue his dedicated commitment to this committee. (Letter was archived)

Treasurers Report

Finance report was circulated to the Area team. A \$0.29 bank error was noted by Dick Golding and it was to be corrected with the Bank.

United Way donation for \$200.00 was given through workplace donations. Dick to deposit this cheque.

Area Commissioners Report

International Camporee flyer was _____. Copies would be made for those who were interested.

Hot Chocolate Campaign is cleaning house. The remains of the Scout Hot Chocolate is being sold off for \$5/box of 10 units. Tom had brought 10-12 boxes for groups to take and sell as a fundraiser. If groups required more, then they could contact Tom Heath and he would be sure they were sent.

Jeff read off a National Belt Survey from Council Commissioner Linda to verify what the Leaders and members wanted to continue using the uniform belt with the uniform, change the colors, stick to one color, keep the belts the same as they are already. The response generally from the group was to remove the belts from the program, as they were not really used in our part of the Council.

Tom Heath spoke about the Year of the Veteran and presented National Awareness packages and crests to be presented to veterans before November 11th 2005. The crest must be given out to a veteran and not to be kept by any member as a memorabilia. Kits would be mailed out to the groups not present. A Leader Magazine article is included to explain the jumpstart, and overall program.

Group Annual Reviews (recharter) were given out to all present groups (rest to be mailed out). These are to be completed by the Group Commissioner and the Group Committee and handed back at the BBQ.

Jeff read another letter from Kevin Duff was read that asked that we present to the NB Council a list of assets and monies that the SENB has. It explained how the Areas in the Council will be consolidating all assets to better the Scouting in NB. We would all benefit from this investment. (Letter for archives)

Dick confirmed that we are talking about a substantial amount of money in our Area and that it is being used and protected for the use in the SENB Area (aka Moncton District). The fund was created in trust for the SENB Area only and many past presidents, Scouters, and members have contributed to the building of this fund. Scott Ellsworth-SENB Area Legal Council/Legal Opinion has briefly looked at this scenario of NB Council taking over the SENB Building Fund and has informed SENB Area that we could likely be held liable for mismanagement of the fund if it was not used the way it was intended. Dick gave an example of how the Kinsmen Club went through a similar scenario and individuals were held liable and charged. Scott Ellsworth was more than willing to speak with Linda Boone, Kevin Duff, or Tom Heath regarding the risks involved. Tom informed Dick that Kevin drafted a letter in response to Dick's response letter to NB Council and that it would be sent out very soon.

Outstanding Committees

Carolyn announced that the Hawaii Night was cancelled due to lack of interest.

Leaders/Adult Scout Members BBQ to held June 6th at Harrisville. Arrival is at 6:00pm and the meal will be at 6:30pm. Contact is Carolyn Garland.

Scoutrees- No report by Ian Owens. Jeff reminded that the planting date would be May 28th at ABU. Alternate day would be arranged for those people can't plant on May 28th. ABU told Jeff that they would be cutting a cheque up to \$300 as a donation. The Area would provide hot dogs, drinks, and cookies. Jeff asked Tom if selling Scoutrees door to door for a donation was appropriate. Tom said that the program was not intended this way, but to be more of environmental awareness program but he would get back to Jeff with a "Yes" or "no". We wanted to be sure that we were running the program correctly.

Dick announced that Jeff would be stepping down as Area Commissioner in the fall. A thank you and round of applause was given for Jeff commitment. Jeff would be returning to a new group in the downtown area to provide a special outreach project, which would minister to underprivileged youth model program. Jeff committed to completing his term (August 31st) and until a new Area Commissioner was chosen through the nomination team, which would be struck in May.

New Business

Dick announced a one time \$4000 would be allotted for groups who would be going to significant sized function outside of the council this year. The application was given out to groups in attendance. The money would be given to Scouting members only (adults and youth). **MOTION:** The money would be divided evenly amongst the successful candidates. This process would model the "Annual Capital Fund" application process in the past. Motion-Sue Green, seconded by Robert Corkerton. Applications were due April 30th, cheques to be awarded by May 15th. (carried)

Dick announced a special project to encourage new sponsors and groups to be reestablished or newly started. Each new group started would receive \$300-\$400 to help defray the costs of startup. **MOTION:** The Area would give upto \$300-\$400 to incentive money for the start of new groups or reactivate inactive groups. Motion by Jeff Melvin, seconded by Ian Owens (carried). Tom gave a big thank you to Jeff for creating incentives to start new groups in the Area. Thanks to everyone.

Council Executive Director Address:

Tom explained the new changes (in last 3 years) of how each council hold exclusive rights to funds for Scouting Area. They are following National directions. NB Scouting Foundation would be created to protect the funds.

Tom spoke about the following items:

Veterans crests for groups

CJ'07 promo information going out. Start thinking about it now.

Popcorn seminar in Halifax in early June. 2 Area reps can attend. Contact Steve McCutcheon with the names.

Robert Corkerton asked about the new Area Crests. Jeff will put the crests on a website for voting purposes and will tally the votes.

Training Report- Janet Ward said that the Craft session at Harrisville went very well. It would have been great to see more out.

Area Canoe Course Training. Date TBA. Costs is \$90 per person due to insurance fees to Canoe NB. Enrollment contact is Janet Ward (Training Coordinator). 10 spots to Scouting. Rory Matchet and Mike Deware to deliver the course.

For Those Who Help Others training recently held was a great success. 8 participants came and have a really fun learning time. The next course will be held in the fall. Ian Owens was presented with a lapel pin for his attendance in the FTWHO.

Janet Ward showed a bird poster which is available from Canadian Wildlife.

Janet polled everyone to see who would be interested in the Project Wild training course

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm Motioned, Jeff Melvin and seconded by Sue Green.