



Minutes from N.B. Council Meeting  
Saturday, June 11, 2005  
St. Andrew's Church Hall, Miramichi

Present

Paul Nickerson	Tom Heath	Pat Michaud	Linda Boone
Paul Murray	Jeff Melvin	Brent Preston	Marian Zaichkowski (Zack)
Helen Knowles	Kevin Duff	Moe Blaquierre	
Keith Barr	Karoline Barr	Mary Derrah	

Council Commissioner Linda Boone opened the meeting at 2:15pm, and thanked everyone for attending. Helen Knowles had the opening prayer and led in the Scouter's Promise.

**Regrets :** Lloyd Keirstead, Murray Allan, Claude Lascelle

The minutes from the April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting were circulated , along with the notes from the various workshops. Moved by Zack , seconded by Jeff Melvin to accept the minutes. **Motion passed**

**Business from the minutes:** At the April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting, Claude Lascelle had asked for Council's permission for the Oromocto groups to build a lodge on the Yoho property. This lodge would replace one that had been expropriated for highway construction. It had been referred to the Property Management Committee, and their recommendation to Council was to approve this request.

It was moved by Brent Preston, seconded by Mary Derrah to accept the recommendation of the Property Management Committee to grant Oromocto's request. **Motion carried**

Tom Heath gave a report on the Popcorn Seminar held in Halifax, June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. The following attending on behalf of the NB Council: Lloyd Keirstead from Fundy East, Jeff Melvin & Carolyn Garland from Southeast, Council Popcorn Co-coordinator Steve McCutcheon & Tom Heath. N.B. showed a 32% increase in sales last year, the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest increase in Canada! There will be some collector's tins celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Scouting coming out this fall, & continuing until 2007. Each Area Commissioner should identify an Area popcorn co-coordinator, and notify Steve McCutcheon. Linda gave a Popcorn certificate to Helen to present to Steve.

N.B. Council is still 1<sup>st</sup> in registration retention & registration increases out of the 20 Councils in Canada.

The National Council is considering relaxing some of the screening guidelines and risk management policies. A document with the changes will be released at a later date.

There have been meetings between the National Council, N.B. Council, N.S. Council & the P.E.I. Council on the issue of establishing the Maritime Administration Centre. National will be releasing more information by the 1<sup>st</sup> of July.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Property Management made a report on the Renous property, property in Sackville, Caraquet property and lease of the Southeast Area..

Kevin Duff moved and Marian seconded that:

- 1] that the property owners surrounding the Renous property be identified & notified that the property is for sale.
- 2] that the property owners surrounding the property in Sackville be identified & notified that this property is for sale.
- 3] that Jim Walker contact a local realtor and have the waterfront property in the Caraquet area appraised and report back at the September meeting.
- 4] that the Southeast Area be given approval to renew the lease on their office for 1 year.

**Motion carried**

Moved by Kevin Duff, seconded by Jeff Melvin:

That a committee be formed to investigate the idea of holding a fund raising dinner, including high profile former Scouters, in conjunction with the 2007 anniversary celebrations, with a February 2007 date. **Motion carried**

It was moved by Marian Zachkowski and seconded by Paul Nickerson:

That Linda Boone look into the idea of holding a fund raising golf tournament in Hartland in July 2007, in conjunction with the 2007 anniversary celebrations. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Paul Murray and seconded by Jeff Melvin :

That a committee be formed to investigate the idea of holding a “linking camp “ on the grounds of Old Government House in Fredericton in June 2007. Council has the approval of the Lieutenant Governors office for this event. **Motion carried**

**The dates for the upcoming Council & PST meetings are:**

September 23 & 24	Bathurst area	Full Council meeting
November 18 & 19	Rivorton area	Annual General Meeting
January 20 & 21/2006	Fredericton	Full Council meeting
March 17 & 18	Greer Creek	Provincial Service Team
May 26 & 27	Sussex area	Full Council
September 15 & 16	Camp Cole	Provincial Service Team
November 17 & 18	Wabanaki Area	Annual General Meeting

The 2005 Scouters Retreat will be on October 21 & 22, and is tentatively scheduled for Camp Wildwood in the Buchtouche area.

The Riverton Area is hosting their year end BBQ on Sunday, June 25 at Yoho. All Council members are invited to attend. RSVP to Pat Michaud at 450-9631 by June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Kevin Duff led a discussion on the creation of a summer Scouting camp program at Yoho. By using the good reputation of Scouting and the established programs, accompanied by the 900 plus acres & facilities offered by Camp Yoho.

Moved by Kevin Duff and seconded by Paul Murray:

That a committee be formed to investigate the feasibility of this project (summer camps) **Motion carried**

Tom Heath notified Council that the National Council Communications Director is looking to establish a network of "event promotion volunteers" Keith Barr offered to look into this.

## **FINANCES**

Since the creation of the Maritime Administration Centre is being finalized, the expenses of the council for the 2005/2006 year cannot be finalized. However the revenue side can be. Kevin Duff circulated a document showing that the youth registration fees remain the same ( \$100 + \$25 fundraising fee), and there be one adult fee for both leaders & group committees

It was moved by Kevin Duff and seconded by Jeff Melvin

That the proposed fee structure as circulated be accepted. **Motion carried**

The Council's statement of operating expenses shows a plus balance of \$73,000. This is largely due to paying only 1 salary, instead of the 2 budgeted. Three letters have been sent out to groups who are disputing the fundraising fees.

As discussed at the April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting, part of the Council's revenue will be redirected to the Area Councils to pay for leader & youth servicing. The figure in the proposed 2005/06 budget is \$25/area registered member. The first installment of payment would be made to the Areas based on the August 31<sup>st</sup> data, and the final installment would be made in January, based on December 31<sup>st</sup> figures.

The deadline for submitting the Scout Trees money is June 30<sup>th</sup>/05

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

Helen Knowles reported that her committee has approved 30 more Awards. Many thanks to Riverton Area H & A Chair Pat Michaud for her hard work in recognizing their Area's Scouters. Helen is putting together an information package on H & A, and the process for submitting applications. She will put on a workshop at a future Council meeting. The new "Spirit of Scouting Award was introduced, and will soon be available online. Helen also thanked Jeff Melvin for all he has done creating the new awards for Council.

There will be a N.B. Council contingent at Scotia Jam, and all are welcome to visit.

## **OPEN FORUM**

Zack has been busy visiting groups talking about Street Scouts. She has made a CD with a lot of information on it.

Helen thanked Linda for all of the time she puts into Scouting.

Jeff Melvin asked about keeping track of the Spirit of Scouting award recipients. Records should be kept and Helen kept up to date so these Scouters can be listed in the annual report. The same process should be followed for the Friends of Scouting Award.

Keith Barr recognized that there were several Scouters who received their Duke Of Edinburgh Awards at the ceremony in Saint John, hosted by Prince Edward. Daryl Cooper, Andrew Blakney , Tim Scribner & Heath Johnston were 4 Youth, and Southeast Area Scouter Roy Thompson received recognition for 26 years service to the Duke Of Edinburgh Awards. Thanks to Daryl Cooper & Heidi Ness for manning the Scouts display table at the ceremony.

There was a Chief Scout ceremony held before the Council meeting for the 3 Scouts who could not make it to the ceremony at the Legislative Building in December. The Mayor of Miramichi presided over the ceremony, which was attended by Council members and the family & friends of the Scouts.

Linda wished all a safe and enjoyable summer. She asked that everyone take time to unwind and recharge.

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 3:40pm.**