



RED ARROW  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Present: 28 attendees

Opening prayer and welcome given by Ken Kirton

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Ersin

- Announced new DAC Honours and Awards is Marg Roblin. Ersin and Marg presented commendations for Sharon McKerracher (2) of Silver Birch Cubs, Pine Pack and Greenwood Pack; Shirley Blair DAC Program, Terri Briggs (5<sup>th</sup> Aurora) and Bob Pearson (2) DAC Marketing & Communications.
- Ersin passed around a printout of where we are versus where we need to be.
- Still looking to replace Morgan as Youth Commissioner
- Dave Williams is back at the helm at Council and has been complimentary to our area.
- All volunteers need to be welcoming and open to encourage new volunteers and parents to contribute to Scouting.
- "If you fail to plan, your plan will fail"
- The Salvation Army Northridge Community Church has a GoFundMe fund for a wheelchair ramp and is looking to buy a wheelchair van. We believe the ramp has been purchased.

SAFETY REPORT: Hans Uhr

- Review meeting space for safety concerns especially for new volunteers
- Conduct a fire drill
- Review procedures for cancellation, notification to parents, etc.
- Safety issues in October were 7 injuries, 3 major injuries, 12 on youth protection, 3 on complaints and 5 on property damage for a total of 107.
- Safety reporting website and 1-800 is working
- Scout Safe App – currently not working
- Steve is the new contact at National regarding safety.

PROGRAM: Shirley Blair

- Save the date for Winterfest – February 9/10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. It will be at a new location. Please contact Amy at [amystepanek@hotmail.com](mailto:amystepanek@hotmail.com) for further information.
- Mukluk course January 6-7. Let Shirley know if you are interested. There is a maximum of 12 participants. The cost is \$100 and you must provide your own boot liners.



- The Warsaw Caves event was successful. There were 5 groups – 2<sup>nd</sup> Keswick, 1<sup>st</sup> Bradford, 1<sup>st</sup> Ballantrae, Holland Landing and Mighty 4 (Toronto). Looking for a group to sponsor this event for next year.
- Winter Lune-icy will be Jan 20-21 and is the first camp of 2018. There is now cost but come self contained. We will be camping on crown land so snowshoes/skis would be beneficial to haul gear. There will be stone soup on Saturday night so contributions would be appreciated. Meat should be pre-cooked. Please remember that the contribution needs to only be sufficient to feed your members. For example, do not bring a bag of corn if you are only 3 participants. This will cut down on the potential waste.
- Shirley is looking for a DAC Pack and DAC Colony. If you are interested please contact [socialscouter2002@hotmail.com](mailto:socialscouter2002@hotmail.com)

#### TRAINING: Hans Uhr

- Residential courses will be an option for WB1 going forward based on the survey results.
- No trainers any more – the new title is Support Scouter
- No more 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> beads will be handed out
- Networking being established between areas and Council. Mentorship guidelines are coming
- Area or Council level workshops for specific skills will be offered.

#### MARKETING: Bob Pearson

- Bob spoke about visibility and thanked members for participation in Remembrance Day parades.
- He also thanked Scouters for participation in Santa parades.
- The Salvation Army float won a prize in Newmarket.
- Popcorn will be delivered on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> and sorted for dissemination.
- If you need publicity for any upcoming events please let Bob know.

#### FORT GEORGE: Bob Cole

- There was an executive meeting on Saturday and they listened about the registration issue and therefore registration will start in April and end July 31<sup>st</sup> in order to ensure all supplies are ordered. The dates for the campaign are Sept 21-23, 2018.
- The Winter Campaign dates are on the website and 100 participants are needed for the camp to be a go.
- Bob will come out and do demos for groups including some history for Scouts and Cubs.

#### FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tammy from 2<sup>nd</sup> Keswick announced the annual laser tag event will be April 7-8, 2017. They are looking for a head count confirmation as drinks and snacks will be provided. This event is for



Scout aged and older youth only. The cost is \$25 per person, including adults. The monies raised help fund a Haliburton camp for 2<sup>nd</sup> Keswick.

- Jim Nuttle is looking frail but holding his own and keeping positive and upbeat. Jim's prayers and thoughts are will all Scouters at this time of year. Remember Jim has ways and means of keeping his eye on all of you.
- Bob Cole mentioned that Salvation Army is looking for assistance in manning the kettles. If anyone is interested, please check out the website.
- Ray from Salvation Army discussed a fundraising idea they had used – a silent auction with regifted or donated items that has been very successful.

#### ASM REPORT – Nikki

- At the Council meeting the Orangeville camp for June 1-3 was set.
- PQAs for fall are due. Please review with the youth and update MyScouts.
- Nikki would like to attend a group committee meeting for every group this year. Please send her an invitation.