

1. Introduction/Welcome
 - a. Meeting opened at 7:10pm at Centre Dufferin District Secondary School in Shelburne.
 - b. Attendance:
 - i. Dave Williams, AC; 2nd Wasaga Beach
 - ii. Chuck Heron, Area Registrar and Secretary; 4th Orangeville
 - iii. Ryan Johnson, DAC Honours & Awards; 1st Flesherton
 - iv. Fran Walker, DAC Program; 4th Orangeville
 - v. Dan Bélair, 1st Palmerston & 1st Maitland Rovents
 - vi. Brenda Laird, 1st Shelburne
 - vii. Courtney Halkett, 1st Shelburne
 - c. Welcome to the Youth Commissioners:
 - i. Brianna Maxwell, AYC and 3rd Collingwood
 - ii. River Johnson, GYC 1st Flesherton
 - iii. Amanda Collin, GYC 2nd Wasaga Beach
 - iv. Dade Crake, GYC 1st Shelburne
 - v. Pryer Hollin, GYC 3rd Collingwood
 - vi. Deanna-Rose Parlette, GYC 4th Orangeville
 - d. Regrets: Graham Halkett, 1st Shelburne; Brad Cross, 2nd Listowel.
2. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting – approved.
3. Safety Minute – Beavers should wear helmets when tobogganing. Chose a hill with no trees.
4. Service Team Reports:
 - a. Group Commissioners – Update on Adapting to the Canadian Path – We shared our experiences and practices. Most sections are doing it.
 - b. DAC Program –
 - i. If you want help with implementing the Canadian Path, ask Fran.
 - ii. Groups who applied for the Bob Edwards Quality Award should be preparing to write their compliance documents.
 - iii. We encourage all Groups to attend Camp-a-Lot, the Council all-section camp May 29 to 31 at the Orangeville Fair Grounds. Dave is on the planning committee, and says it will be great.
 - c. DAC Honors and Awards – Watch the deadlines.
 - d. Area Registrar – no news.
 - e. Area Youth Commissioner
 - i. The GYC workshop was very good. It had 19 participants from NL Area and Simcoe Phoenix Area, 5 trainers and 2 cooks.
 - ii. We have 6 GYCs, but still need one from 2 Groups.
 - f. DAC Training – We hope to organize a WBI course for the fall.
5. Growth through Program Excellence & Recruitment – Current Membership Situation – NLA still has the highest number of new members of all Areas in Canada. Our target for growth is 10% more next year, which is not that much – maybe 1 more for many Sections. The challenge will be to get committed Scouters ready by Aug, so start to recruit by April. Caution: There is a rumour

that soon we might need fingerprints for every PRC. [Note: The Orangeville Police has no specific news about this until the RCMP tells them.]

6. Creating a Culture of Support – Service Visit Schedule – Dave plans to visit many Areas soon: Feb 18 Palmerston & Listowel; Feb 20 Stayner; Feb 21 Flesherton & Shelburne; Feb 22 Wasaga Beach & 4th Orangeville.
7. Training/Event Calendar
 - a. Snow Daze Feedback – Great. Have 14 Surveys via SurveyMonkey.
 - b. Area Rally March 28th
 - i. Chuck proposed a new schedule for the day that ends at 2pm to make it shorter for the Beavers. The speed tracks get 40 minutes for each rotation group; other events get only 20 minutes, with no time gap between events. To give double time for speed, there will be only 5 events. We asked the youth what events to use, and they chose Speed, Distance, Straight Run, Draw to Spot, and Bowling.
 - ii. We will need 2 tracks, preferably 6 lanes each.
 - iii. Participants must pre-register (deadline 2 days ahead) to be eligible for prizes. Walk-ins may play, but not compete for any prize.
 - iv. Dave will send out the rules, which will be common with the Council Rally.
 - c. Council Rally April 11th – Location might change from Alliston.
 - d. Council Camp 2015 – May 29 to 30; “Camp-a-Lot” at Orangeville Fair Grounds. Dave will be QM and says the program plans are great!
 - e. Chief Scouts Awards June 20th. NLA is hosting, and we want the youth network involved in planning and running it. Brianna will also ask the other AYC’s to help. It will be at the RecPlex in Wasaga Beach.
8. Volunteer Readiness – Thanks for all your actions to get Scouters from Pending to Active.
9. New Business / Open Discussion
 - a. Brianna will invite all youth Scouters (ALs and SITs) to next month’s meeting.
 - b. Brianna hopes to run a FAST and FLEX in April.
 - c. NLA and SPA AYC’s are planning a Moot for senior Scouts and Venturers in September. Maybe it will be Council wide.
 - d. Feel free to join the Facebook closed Group “Northern Lights Area Scouts Discussion Group”. It’s a closed Group, so Brianna, Dave, or Kristy must approve each new member. Youth are also welcome to join.
10. Adjournment – 9pm.
11. Next meeting – Wed Mar 25, location TBA