

1. Introduction/Welcome
  - a. Meeting opened at 7:10pm at Centre Dufferin District Secondary School in Shelburne.
  - b. Attendance:
    - i. Dave Williams, AC; 2<sup>nd</sup> Wasaga Beach
    - ii. Brianna Maxwell, AYC and 3<sup>rd</sup> Collingwood
    - iii. Fran Walker, DAC Program; 4<sup>th</sup> Orangeville
    - iv. Kristy Carthew, ASM
    - v. Ray Flavell, 1<sup>st</sup> Flesherton
    - vi. Linda Reburn, 1<sup>st</sup> Flesherton
    - vii. Brian Kennedy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Orangeville
    - viii. Dan Bélair, 1<sup>st</sup> Palmerston & 1<sup>st</sup> Maitland Rovents
    - ix. Brenda Laird, 1<sup>st</sup> Shelburne
    - x. Graham Halkett, 1<sup>st</sup> Shelburne
    - xi. Courtney Halkett, DAC Training; 1<sup>st</sup> Shelburne
    - xii. Chuck Heron, Area Registrar and Secretary; 4<sup>th</sup> Orangeville
2. Minutes of previous meeting not issued yet.
3. Safety minute – By Brian Kennedy: At cleanup events for Earth Day, tell youth not to pickup sharps. Wear gloves and proper footwear. By Kristy: Since the most common time for accidents is when youth are between supervision by parents and by Scouters, consider the hand-off point to be when the parent signs the attendance list. Allow only Scouters and parents in the meetings. Report incidents to [safety@scouts.ca](mailto:safety@scouts.ca).
4. Service Team Reports:
  - a. AYC – Brianna was accepted to attend Dalhousie University in NS in September, so she will create deputies from some GYCs. She might take Cody's position as CYC.
  - b. Group Commissioners –
    - i. 4<sup>th</sup> Orangeville – Swim-up is May 20.
    - ii. 1<sup>st</sup> Palmerston – After losing their meeting hall in the library, they have a temporary location in the Legion Hall, but still need a permanent place. Swim-up is Jun 17.
    - iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> Orangeville – The Venturer Company has become Fire Vents, sponsored by the Orangeville Fire Academy, who provided textbooks and uniforms. The Company is helping the Academy's open house.
    - iv. 1<sup>st</sup> Flesherton – Ray submitted a Commendation for his son Josh, a senior Scout, who acted quickly to get his parents out of their house when it caught fire, probably saving their lives. We recommended applying for a higher award.
    - v. 1<sup>st</sup> Shelburne – Starting to collect names for spring registration.
  - c. DAC Program –
    - i. Camp-a-Lot info is coming soon. It will be an awesome camp. Final counts and payment were due Apr 18, but get them in ASAP.

- ii. This is the last year for the Bob Edwards Quality Award. Apply for the national Program Quality Award instead. The process might change to require reporting throughout the year. This is part of the national plan to have common processes for all Councils. SW Council hopes to remember Bob Edwards' name in another way.
- iii. Scouts Canada published more about Outdoor Adventure Skills for The Canadian Path. The detail requirements are already in ScoutsTracker, and some camp and hiking events automatically add to those new badge requirements, which adds to the value of ScoutsTracker for Colony. Scouts Canada sent an email today with this news, and a quiz to see how well you are using The Canadian Path. The link in the email refused to complete with Chuck's old web browser, but a Facebook link to <http://ow.ly/LSVfT> worked.
- d. DAC Training (comments by Chuck)
  - i. The DCC, Bernard, is working on a plan to award uniform badges to Scouters who train. This would replace the awarding of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> beads that national is no longer doing. Bernard hopes that all Councils will adopt this plan.
  - ii. Bernard encourages short workshops on specific topics to attract more Scouters to do additional training and improve the programs. For example, this could help those who did WBI online to learn skills like ceremonies or camping.
  - iii. Tell Courtney who has been delivering training for 10 years or more. Bernard wants to recognize these Scouters.
- e. DAC Honours and Awards – (comments by Dave)
  - i. Council is processing a high volume of commendations. One person in the COSC office prints and distributes them for 4 Councils, so there is a backlog. We wished there was a process (after the 1<sup>st</sup> commendation for someone) that delivered just the letter (no certificate or uniform flash) electronically to the AC or GC for presentation.
  - ii. We encourage Groups to apply more often for the Medal of the Maple for youth.
  - iii. We should add outside awards to a Scouter's record in myscouts. For example, yesterday Brenda received a provincial long-service award for Meals on Wheels.
  - iv. When GCs get the Commendation papers, please do not hold them; award them as soon as you have a suitable occasion.
- f. Area Registrar –
  - i. Registration fees for 2015-2016 will be the same for all Councils: \$175 from May 4 to Jun 30; \$190 from Jul 1 to Dec 31. We are verifying partial year fees; they might start Jan 1, not Feb 1. There will be no more discount for the 3<sup>rd</sup> or more youth in one family; those families should use NOLB if they need lower fees.
  - ii. There will be no more registration action for returning Scouters – no signed paper or online "Renew" button, just the Code of

Conduct. You might also need to renew the PRC, or do WBI in a new Section. If a Scouter is retiring, the Group Registrar will remove the role.

- iii. Myscouts will change on Apr 23 so re-registering a Scouter who was set to Inactive for non-compliance for 90 days will no longer reset the clock to 90 days. That means the Scouter must finish the compliance steps (CoC, WBI, MS1) before re-registering.
  - iv. Office compared #youth registered vs. #youth paid. Chuck will remind the 3 Groups that owe additional registrations to Council. [done]
5. Growth through Program Excellence & Recruitment
    - a. Canadian Path program quality standards are available at <http://www.scouts.ca/canadianpath>. See the map and Program Area Tips for each Section.
  6. Creating a Culture of Support
    - a. Service Visit Schedule – Dave and Brianna will visit 3<sup>rd</sup> Orangeville on May 4. All GCs please continue to enter service visits (3 per Section per year) in the online form on the Area website.
    - b. One Scouts Canada – National is setting common standards and processes for all Councils.
  7. Training/Event Calendar
    - a. FAST/FLEX Apr 24-26 – We will run with 11 in FLEX and 5 to 7 in FAST.
    - b. Chief Scout Awards – There was wrong information posted in places: the registration deadline was Apr 1, not Apr 30, so send your applications ASAP to [jenaustin@scouts.ca](mailto:jenaustin@scouts.ca) at the COSC office.
    - c. Centennial Cub Jamboree – Jul 24 to 30, 2016, at Camp Everton.
    - d. NL Area is planning to run a WBI course in the fall, and WBII in the spring. Maybe also short workshops for those who did WBI online.
    - e. Train the Trainer Workshop – planned for Sep 25 to 27 at Blue Springs. Contact Courtney if you're interested to become a trainer.
  8. Volunteer Readiness
    - a. 2 Groups are missing some Code of Conduct forms for Scouters.
  9. New Business / Open Discussion
    - a. Please consider helping a Camp Wildman work party on the May long weekend.
    - b. Kristy is looking for volunteers to fill a few roles soon. Dave's term as AC ends Dec 31, so we'd like a new AC to start shadowing him in Aug or Sep. Also plan to take the Council Commissioner's course in Oct. It's intended for AC, AYC and up. The AC role will be posted, so if you're interested to do it, talk with Kristy, Ersin, or Cody.
    - c. Ersin's role as CC ends in Feb.
    - d. Cody's role as CYC ends in Nov.

- e. There is a new option for Venturer Companies to build a program around sailing, called “Atlantic Challenge”. This is an alternative to other programs like Medical, Police, or Fire.
- f. There will be a jamboree in 2016 in Denmark for 14 days.
- g. SC is encouraging larger Venturer companies to have more youth working together. This would help in Whispering Pines Area. Youth may have a primary role in a local Venturer Company, and a secondary role in an Area-wide Venturer Company.

10. Adjournment – 9:15 pm.

11. Next meeting – Wed Jun 17, CDDHS, **Spring Area Registration Collection** and social time. Bring snack food.

**May 20 meeting is cancelled.**