

1. Introduction/Welcome
  - a. Meeting opened at 7:00pm at Centre Dufferin District Secondary School in Shelburne.
  - b. Attendance:
    - i. Dave Williams, AC; 2<sup>nd</sup> Wasaga Beach
    - ii. Fran Walker, DAC Program; 4<sup>th</sup> Orangeville Coach
    - iii. Brenda Laird, 1<sup>st</sup> Shelburne Coach
    - iv. Graham Halkett, 1<sup>st</sup> Shelburne
    - v. Courtney Halkett, DAC Training; 1<sup>st</sup> Shelburne
    - vi. Chuck Heron, Area Registrar and Secretary; 4<sup>th</sup> Orangeville
    - vii. Brian Kennedy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Orangeville
    - viii. Rachel Graham, Popcorn Coordinator & 3<sup>rd</sup> Collingwood
    - ix. Barry Mitchell, Shining Waters Council

2. Safety minute – Dave noted some recent incidents, including 2 serious ones. Watch out for all dangers, because many less serious events might be a sign of increasing risk that can lead to more serious events. Specifically, a recent case of gastroenteritis reminds us to cook food properly and ensure good hand washing.
3. Current Membership – NLA membership is up 1.5% vs. last year. A few groups have dropped and are a concern. Consider having bring-a-friend meetings during BP week or another time. See the attached membership report for the Area.
4. Volunteer Readiness – We have 2 Scouters in the Area who are Active but not ready. Please get their missing requirements finished ASAP. See the attached report.

We will need to renew the agreement to the Code of Conduct starting Feb 1.

5. No One Left Behind – Donna in the office handles our cases. A family who wants that is best to email [nolb@scouts.ca](mailto:nolb@scouts.ca) to get the process started. If they tell you that they are waiting for an answer, but want to join now, you may register them, but put them in a batch by themselves to simplify the office's process.
6. Snow Daze – Scheduled for Sat Feb 6 at CDDHS in Shelburne. Registration is at 105, with 3 more Groups expected. This is down from last year.
7. Area Rally – Apr 22 at ODSS in Orangeville. Council Rally is Apr 30 at a location TBD in South Lake Simcoe Area. Marg Roblin (organizing the Council Rally) will add a rule to limit the length of a truck from the farthest front point to the rear axle.

Rachel acquired a very large track from the Collingwood fairgrounds. It needs a little repair, but we think it will be a fun addition to the Area Rally. She's

looking for a place to store it. It had 3 pieces about 4' wide and 8' long. It was delivered to her in a pickup truck.

8. White Tail Camp – Apr 29 to May 1 in Mono Centre. Planning meeting is Fri Jan 22 at Courtney's house in Shelburne.
9. FLEX/FAST – New date and location to avoid BP week: Apr 22 to 24 at Camp Charl'Bro. River wants more adult volunteers to help run it.
10. ADventure '16 has been cancelled because of low registration.
11. CYC – The new Council Youth Commissioner is Lotus Chung. She used to be the Council Ambassador for Canadian Path.
12. PQA Challenge – An Area Challenge for the Program Quality Awards will run to Feb 28. This year the awards are based on a self-assessment, with a big role for the Group Committee. Each Area will contact each Group and support them to do a PQA self-assessment in at least one Section by Feb 28. The challenge is for every Group to do at least one self-assessment, and the prize for the Area is a draw for one of 20 pizza parties across Canada (1 per Council?).

To learn about the self-assessment process, refer to the CP website at <http://www.scouts.ca/canadianpath/resources.html>

13. Camp Wildman – The camp is open, but the buildings are all closed. (Some people thought the whole camp is closed.) Council has greatly reduced their expenses for it, but they still plan to improve and re-open the buildings.
14. WBII course by SW Council – Apr 22 to 24 and May 6 to 8, both weekends at Blue Springs. Registration is \$180 until Mar 1, then \$250. Contact Bernard Hong at [hong.bernard@hotmail.com](mailto:hong.bernard@hotmail.com)
15. CJ'17 – We'd like to know which Groups plan to go. Do they want to buy jackets or backpacks, etc? Council is planning a pre-camp in May 2017, and maybe they'll expand it to all Groups in Council. It might be at Camp Wildman or at the Orangeville Fairgrounds.
16. Cub Centennial 2016 – The Everton Cuboree filled up long ago, so Council is considering running a Cuboree in the fall. Who would go to that? We hope to issue a survey about it. If Council does not do it, Area might consider it.
17. WB Woggles – Area just got a supply of woggles to give free to Scouters who finish their first WBI course online. We can go back to those who did it in December. Groups may pay for additional woggles – I think it will be \$8.
18. WJ'19 Planning – Barry Mitchell visited to tell us about making plans for the next WJ in West Virginia, July 22 to Aug 2, 2019. Youth must be age 14 and not

yet age 18 on July 22, 2019, to attend the camp. (i.e. born from July 23, 2001 to July 22, 2005 inclusive) They must also be active in Scouting for the previous 2 years. So we should tell age-eligible youth now to start planning if they want to go. Barry expects the cost to be under \$3,000 total for expenses like fees, travel, and extra food. Barry is willing to come to your Group and talk to your Scouters and parents about planning for WJ. Current Venturers (or anyone else age 18 or over) may attend on the International Service Team (Order Of Service).

Please notify your eligible youth in Pack and Troop.

19. STEM equipment available to use – Barry Mitchell gave a short promotion of STEM and information about equipment that we may get to use in our events.
  - a. STEM is an integral part of the Canadian Path. It means events that relate to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. It uses hands-on activities to find solutions to problems, encourage questions, and promote interest in working in these fields.
  - b. Scout Troops may borrow a robot kit from the Scout office in Toronto. They use a computer to create a program to make the robot operate (e.g. roam around the room, avoiding obstacles, and find water). Plan your program to have a meeting of the Troop Leadership Team (which usually includes Patrol Leaders) at least a week before you get the robot to use. Barry or another STEM rep might come to both the planning and the activity.
  - c. Cub Packs may rent a space science kit for \$30 + a \$50 deposit. (You're paying for materials used in the activity.)
  - d. They plan to create an environmental-related kit for Beaver Colonies by yearend.
  - e. The OPP donated an old bomb-disposal robot to Scouts, and Groups may borrow this. Beavers up to Venturers can use it.
  - f. If you want to do some activities like this, contact [stem@scouts.ca](mailto:stem@scouts.ca) to start your planning.
  - g. Some universities support the partnership with Scouts Canada called "Let's Talk Science". To arrange for someone to come to your Group look at [www.letstalkscience.ca](http://www.letstalkscience.ca) [I see contacts in Guelph, Waterloo, Mississauga, and Toronto.] Also see <http://www.scouts.ca/stem/lets-talk-science.html>
20. Next meetings – Feb 10, Mar 23, Apr 20, May 18 (NOT in CDDHS Cafetorium), Jun 15. Except as noted, all are Wednesdays at 7pm in the CDDHS Cafetorium in Shelburne.
21. Adjournment – 9:00 pm.