



# Coho Area Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:35 pm

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Darren McCrabb – Coho AC (Co-Chair)  
Connor Rafferty – Coho AYC (Co-Chair)  
Nathalie Seney – Scouter 9<sup>th</sup> Port Coquitlam  
Michael Agosti – GC 5<sup>th</sup> Coquitlam  
Wendy Williams – FVC DCC Recognition  
Tara Kinsey – GC 1<sup>st</sup> Glenayre  
William Challis – GYC 1<sup>st</sup> Glenayre  
Laura Wilson – GC 1<sup>st</sup> Anmore  
Jim Matthews – 1<sup>st</sup> Anmore  
Samantha Seney – Co-GYC 9<sup>th</sup> Port Coquitlam  
Dave Marsh – Guest  
Glen Berning – Service Scouter  
Tristan Meers – GC/Scouter 1<sup>st</sup> Coquitlam

Sharon Perry - Area Secretary/Registrar  
Sharon Gajdosik – GC 10<sup>th</sup> Coquitlam  
Korby Mraze – GC 1<sup>st</sup> Ranch Park  
Paul Hoskin – DAC Program  
Joy Kuang – GYC 10<sup>th</sup> Coquitlam  
Mariko Zamani – ASM Coho Area  
Kiarra Murray – Co-GYC 1<sup>st</sup> Port Coquitlam  
Geoff Pinkerton – GC 12<sup>th</sup> New West  
Sheena Webber – GC 1<sup>st</sup> Port Coquitlam  
Steve Biveneau – 12<sup>th</sup> Coquitlam  
Lindsay Forrest – GC 12<sup>th</sup> Coquitlam  
Graham Ballantyne – Scouter 12<sup>th</sup> New West

**SCOUTER'S SILENCE**

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:**

Darren welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new Scouting year 2016-2017. He asked that everyone please introduce themselves.

**SAFETY MOMENT:** (Connor Rafferty)

When Groups are at a camp, the site grounds should be checked for any sharp or protruding objects prior to allowing the youth members to play around.

**FRASER VALLEY COUNCIL REPORT:** (Mariko Zamani)

- Membership Numbers & Retention: 5 Coho Groups have retained or increased their numbers, while 3 Groups had double digit decrease and the rest had single digit decrease in numbers.
- Safety Leadership: Please remind your Section Scouters to do a “Safety Moment” at the beginning of each meeting
- To practice Emergency Drills at Section meeting places (can find ideas at SHAKEOUT website - <http://www.shakeoutbc.ca/>)
- Have an up to date First Aid Kit, as well as at least one Scouter with First Aid training



Darren McCrabb - Area Commissioner  
Connor Rafferty - Area Youth Commissioner



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- HelpDesk Tickets – Please make sure to reply ASAP to any inquiries through the Help Desk – Mariko gets copied on the emails 24 hours after being sent to GC, etc. Also, please try to give the person the name and contact info of other Groups around yours if your Section is full – try not to just leave it at “Sorry, but we are full”. We want to provide them with good customer service.
- Regarding “Pending” Membership - please be diplomatic when talking to the parent trying to register their child as it isn't always lack of payment that can be the problem with the registration not going through. It could be that the system timed out before completing the transaction.
- Did a poll of present Groups as to who is participating in the Popcorn program this year.
- No One Left Behind (NOLB) – make sure to direct any parents that require financial assistance to the website ([NOLB@scouts.ca](mailto:NOLB@scouts.ca)) or the phone # **1-844-300-6652**
  - New procedures - all handled through the website or over the phone by the office. **DO NOT** register anyone applying for this - the office will handle everything. In most cases the registration fees will be cover up to 80% by this fund (approx. \$250K for all of Canada) with the remaining 20% to be covered by the Group and/or the parent(s). In extreme cases, SC will fund up to 100%.
  - If financial aid required for program and camp fees then the Group fills in a form and sends into the office for processing. If accepted, then a cheque is mailed directly to the Group. The expectation is that the fund will pay 1/3, the Group a 1/3 and the parents the remaining 1/3.
- FLEX Leadership Training for Cubs for the 2016-2017 year: The only time that this training will be offered, is at the Spring Cuboree. Five of the stations will be Flex training items so that by the end of Cuboree the Cubs who do the five stations will have completed the FLEX training and will receive their certification.

## **PROGRAM:** (Paul Hoskin)

- Camp Kick-Off: Council is still looking for Groups to run stations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> year Scouts. Coho Area is responsible for the 1<sup>st</sup> year's program stations and Darren says we look like it has been covered.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> years Challenge Program information requested ([Darren said he would check into it](#))
- Will be doing Section visits and Paul asked for opinions as to whether to focus on Pack & Troop or to include Colony – consensus was that to focus on Pack & Troop. A request from the table that Paul address the youth about his experiences in Scouting.

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## **RECOGNITION:** (Wendy Williams, DCC Recognition)

- Announced that the *Tamara Fader*, Coho DAC-Recognition, has completed her 3 year term and is stepping down. She asked the GC's to let their older youth know & maybe someone would like to apply for the position.
- Warrant of Appointment Awards have been discontinued by National.
- Now that Scouting Life Magazine is online National is making arrangements for the large Scouting Crest to be sent to the Service Offices to be distributed.
- Please continue to use the "THANKS" button!

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Area Mandate Discussion – Regarding the Canadian Path (C/Path) we have some Groups who are strong all over and some that are strong only in one or a few Sections. Would like to maybe have those that are strong share their successes with the other Groups at the Area Meetings – try to phase this skill sharing into our Area meetings over the next 3 years. Maybe have one concern on the agenda and then have a round table discussion on what worked and what didn't. Maybe have short training sessions at the meetings. All thoughts for discussion over the next few meetings. Darren also suggested that maybe GC's could arrange to visit other Groups to see how other Groups work.

- a) 5 Priorities – GROWTH; SAFETY; GROUP CAPACITY; VOLUNTEERS & PROGRAM
- b) Canadian Path Program – some Scouters have been resistant to the change in the program so there is going to be a one day training session by invitation only on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Fraser Valley Council is hoping that after these invited Scouters have been through this training, they will then become a training resource for the Council. The Canadian Path website has been revamped to make it accessible for all level of youth. Scouting Life magazine is also a good resource for C/Path information. Wood Badge I C/Path training covers all Sections with 17 modules. There is talk of maybe making it mandatory for all Scouters that already have WBI to take at least 5 of the new modules (it would be their choice as to which 5). The C/Path manual is also a very good resource and it should be online in a document friendly version soon (so that it can be accessed by smart phones and tablets).

## 2. AREA EVENTS DISCUSSION:

- a) Cub Camp planning meeting – Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Blue Mtn Scout Hall – please send Scouters to help plan this camp. If we don't have a plan, then each Group that attends should be prepared to put on a station for themselves and the other Groups who attend.
- b) Area Beaver Buggy Rally: A planning meeting will be held on Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at the Poirier Library boardroom. The 1<sup>st</sup> Ranch Park Group has received a City of Coquitlam 125 Grant to host this inaugural event. There is a new aluminum track and they will be looking to borrow other Group's tracks if needed.

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3. AREA VENTURER & ROVER GROUP (AVRG) – Kiarra Murray is stepping down as the coordinator for the Group due to school and work pressures. Thank you Kiarra for all your work! The meeting schedule was set up last year. Meetings are every month, with every other meeting being an activity meeting & the others are business meetings with only the Venturer Presidents attending. Kiarra, Samantha Seney and Connor Rafferty will get together to do some brainstorming. Kiarra also wants to make a visit to every Venturer Company to talk about the Area Group, so each [GC's is to send the Venturer meeting & contact information to Connor](#).
4. RESPECT IN SPORTS FOR ACTIVITY LEADERS TRAINING:
  - Scouts Canada contracted with the *Respect Group*, a nationally recognized leader in Youth Abuse Prevention training, to offer this training to our Scouters.
  - It is an excellent on-line training program covering many areas such as bullying and cyber-bullying and how to handle these types of problems. It is approximately 3 hrs in length and can be stopped and restarted at the same place you left off at any time.
  - Found that it prepares Scouters better than the Child & Youth Safety course currently being offered by Scouts Canada.
  - The course can be accessed via the David Heustis e-learning in your MyScouts profile
  - As this is a Certified course, it has to be renewed every 5 years.
  - Has a transferrable certificate - so you only have to take it once if you need it for other program.
  - It does cost \$30.00 per person, however, the Respect Group will donate \$5.00 back to Scouts Canada per person, for the NOLB Fund.
5. AREA WEBSITE:
  - Has been changed and updated
  - Has ScoutTracker set up on it (Darren to renew subscription this weekend)
  - [Darren would like all the GC's to send him their Group Committee meeting times](#) so that he can work out when to pay a visit as well as adding to the Area calendar
  - [Darren would like all the GC's to send him their Group websites](#) so they can be added to the website as well
  - It was proposed that we add a tab for a camp sites listing with brief description of the site and what is available on the site
  - It was also proposed that we add a tab for equipment sharing – a list of Groups that have equipment for loan or rent
6. CJ'17:

As there are 3 Groups planning on attending the Jamboree there should be a separate meeting sometime in October to coordinate travel plans and equipment shipping etc. [Darren to check his calendar and send out an email with possible dates and locations](#). This would be for participants and offers of service (OOS).

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7. APPLE DAY:

Kevin Brodt (1<sup>st</sup> Coquitlam) has taken on the job of coordinating the apples and cans for the Area.  
THANKS Kevin!

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 9:35 pm

**The next Coho Area meeting will take place on  
Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
at the Blue Mountain Scout Hall @ 7:30pm**