



Three Rivers Area

Area Round Table

Minutes

28 January 2015



Attending: Christi Goncalves, *AC*; Thomas Hine, *AYC*, Terry Campbell, *FVC Area Support*, Caitlin Piton, *CYC*, Vera Karila, *DAC Finance*; Garry Morrow, *DAC Troop*; Danielle Prior, *DAC Registration*; Siobhan Richardson, *DAC Recognition*; Andrew Watson, *Area Quartermaster*, Bruce Wilson, *DAC Group*

Kim Andruk (MI), Wendy Bennett (GE), Jason Buck (HA), Tarina Colledge, Jamie Edwards (HA), Kim Elliott (WH), Phil Goncalves (HA), Charles Gregson (WH), Alicia Hurd (WH), Jennifer Johnson (LV), Simon Matthews (LV), David Meunier (HA), Tracey Olund (YE), Jenise Paton (WH), Lee Rego (WH), Clark Rutledge (WH), Sylvia Shang (PM)

Scouter's Silence

1. Safety Moments

- Scouters are encouraged to have regular safety moments
- They can be planned or impromptu
- They only need to be a moment; a minute or two to review specific, important safety info

Concussions

- A concussion is a brain injury that can't be seen; they can only be diagnosed by a doctor
- A concussion can affect the way someone thinks and remembers among other symptoms
- Symptoms can last from 1 week to 2 years
- A concussion can result from a blow to the head, face or neck, or from a blow to the body that jars the head suddenly
- The average age of concussion sufferers is 10 years old (ie Cub age)
- Concussions occur every 4 minutes in Canada
- It is a myth that a concussion only happens if the victim loses consciousness – 90% do not
- Biggest risk with a concussion – returning to physical activity before it is healed and getting another one
- When in doubt, assume the worst – do not allow the youth or volunteer to resume activity until they have been cleared by a medical professional
- 90% of concussions are preventable
- Last year 11 concussions were reported to Scouts Canada; this year we are already at 7
- Of the 13 major incidents that were reported last year, 11 occurred during low-risk activities such as regular meetings
- For more information see Safety Tips at scouts.ca

2. Area Commissioner's Report

- We are still looking for a few energetic people to round out our service team: DAC Training/Scouter Development, DAC Colony, DAC Troop, DAC Public Relations and Events

- Please talk to your fellow Scouters as well as your parents and encourage them to join our dynamic and effective team!
- Beaver Sleepover was a rousing success – 6 groups participated, bring a total of 68 youth and 34 adults – it was great to see the older sections participating in leadership roles and to see all the colonies working together
- Rally Day is coming up 14 February – we have added Speed 60 for Scouts who are interested (demo avail soon at www.3rascouts.com -- the guild will be operating a concession again for lunch – we still need volunteers to help at the rally
- Arnie is in the final planning stages for Nite Hike to be held 28 March
- Our new website is live! thank you to David Meunier for stepping up as our new webmaster – ideas and info to be posted can be sent to David through the website at www.3rascouts.com
- If anyone has requests for presentations that we can host at Area meetings please let Christi know

3. Guild Report

- Founder's dinner is coming up on Saturday, 21 February – there are only 40 tickets left @\$5 ea
- Guild has agreed to cook for both Black Tip and Bear Claw

4. Demonstration – Magic Campfire

Thank you to Phil Goncalves for his brief demo on fun and explosive ways to start and end your campfires. More info to follow in a separate email. For a much more in-depth look at how to spice up your campfire make sure you check out the Magic Campfire session at Scouting Skills in April.

5. Group Commissioner's Roundtable

- Reminder that the ½ year registration rate of \$90 goes into effect on 1 Feb
- That makes this a great time to hold not only Bring a Friend events, but also Bring a Parent events
- Now is the time to start looking at your Quality Section Awards to make sure there's time to improve those items that you are finding more challenging – remember help is just a phone call away; your Area Service Team is dedicated to helping every section in every group achieve this standard
- The Canadian Path Scouter's Forum will be held at Camp McLean on Mon, 16 Feb (7-9 pm)
- This is open to all Scouters and it is NOT a formal training session – it is a place for us to Come together and discuss the things that are working well and to provide good feedback on the things that we are finding challenging – your experiences are VERY important, so please come out and share them with all of us