

September 2018 KWA Area Forum

Present:

Name	Group	Name	Group
Elizabeth Peeters	1 st Omemee	Michele MacNaughton	2 nd Peterb. & Area
Jen Scaife	1 st Bridgenorth	Dave Geary	2 nd Peterb. & Area
Joe Keast	1 st Millbrook	Debbie Lamont	2 nd Peterb.
Sandi Keast	1 st Millbrook	Len Creamer	2 nd Peterb.
Natasha Keast	1 st Millbrook	Craig White	2 nd Peterb.
Myrna Greer	14 th Peterb.	Diane O'Donnell	27 th Peterb.
Deryck Robertson	15 th Peterb.	Andrew Corbett	27 th Peterb.
Annie Robertson	15 th Peterb.	Chantal Barnes	33 rd Peterb.
Brian Gill	1 st Lindsay	David Dodd	33 rd Peterb.
Lochlyn Newton	AYC & 19 th Peterb.	Barb Everett	4 th Peterb.
Doreen Miller	Area	Mandy Peckover	Area
John Parks	Area	Paul Parker	Area
Andrew Damiany	Area	Annette Hayes	Area

- **Welcome and Introductions**

- Special welcome to our newest group, Millbrook who are just starting up

- **Scouts Canada Update – Amy (Regrets)**

- PQA Badges earned in 2017/18 Scouting year will be brought to the next Area Forum - groups have until October 12th to finish entering the seasonal assessments.
- Apple Day - Amy suggested that groups hand out 2 free meeting invites during Apple Day when someone gives a donation with a child of Scouting age. Suggested wording was "come play with us for 2 free meetings". **ACTION:** Please send Amy an email if you need some bookmarks at amy.patterson@scouts.ca

- **Council Update - Annette**

- In effort to engage more Scouters on the Council and Area levels, White Pine Council (WPC) and Kawartha Waterways Area (KWS) are moving away from full time commitment roles in favour of smaller team approach which will be focused on 1 or 2 things a year. Anyone who may be interested are asked to send an email to ScouterAnnette@gmail.com
- KWA has seen a 30% decrease in youth since June - reminder to sections with smaller numbers, it's a great idea to do linking activities with other groups in your area. Hand out group listing.
- Scouts Canada is making a change and the Group Administrators will be given the same access as the Group Registrar
- Flag Challenge - groups from other areas won the cash prizes. Our Council Youth Commissioner (CYC) Evelyn will be running the same competition again this year starting in November in which groups get out do something which shows off a Scouts Canada flag.

- Training – the Deputy Council Commissioner spoke of introducing new items this year:
 - Upgrade Workshops for Seasoned Scouters at various locations
 - Scouters wanted for Smaller Groups for training to help with Volunteer Development
 - Suggestions of locations for Training Sessions
 - WBI online for Group Commissioners now
 - Woggles are to be given for all 3 WBI types of training
 - Self-Paced WBII through the Mentorship \$12 for necker and beads
 - **ACTION:** Annette to inquiry where these can be ordered from.
 - Local Area training - if we are doing any KWA please share date and info with Tim to share with other Areas
- Chief Scout June 15, 2019 - Submission April 1st deadline, location will be Clarington Secondary, info to be sent out shortly
- **Upcoming Events** - Annette

This year we want to get dates out early to enable groups to plan their camps and activities. All Training, Activities and Camps available in and close to KWA are posted on an online calendar which is posted on the main page of our website <https://kwascouting.ca/>

GC meetings (Sept 24-28) - Michele & Lochlyn want to meet with just Group Commissioners to allow for open 2 way discussion.

Peterborough **Sept 28th 6:15pm** than all Sections Camp Fire at Langley starts at 7pm

NOTE: Groups attending the campfire should come prepared with a Song, Skit and/or Cheer

Lindsay 7:30-9pm - looking for a location and a date

Shoreline Cleanup – Deryck - Thursday **Sept 20th 5-8pm** Rogers Cove, Family event.

Christmas Parades – For groups outside of Peterborough please send in dates of your parades to scouterannette@gmail.com by Oct 5th and I'll share with the groups.

Winter Fun Day – Looking to have a winter fun day mid-January at the Scout Ship or Skate at Keene?

- Deryck mentioned that 15th Peterborough wanted to run a Klondike event for Scouts and above on January 19th.
- Perhaps we can do an afternoon/evening skate or another activity for Beavers and Cubs families.
- Send suggestions to scouterannette@gmail.com

Beaver Buggy's, Kub Kar & 18 Wheelers – Elizabeth from Omemee will confirm the date

- Missing a trophy - Deryck to let us know which one,
- **ACTION:** groups are asked if they have the trophy to please return it to the Peterborough Scout House.

Beaveree - May 25th

Cuboree - May 31st

NOTE: OR since we have many Scouters who do both sections, there was a suggestion to combine these events

ACTION: Groups are asked to discuss the suggestion and bring their group's decision to next month's Area Forum.

Huck Finn - June 7-9

Camporee/Venturee - Annette is working with Owasco Area, the event will be held at Gilroy mid-June. More info to follow.

- **KWA Training Team**– Paul & Mandy (dates and information are on the Area calendar)
 - New Scouters Orientation Sept 26th - 7-9pm – Information sent directly to new Scouters
 - 1 Day Canadian Path only Oct 6th Peterborough Scout House – 10am -5pm
 - Outdoor Skills - Oct 20/21 \$45 or \$20 (JOTA prepaid) - Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, Clarington during JOTA <http://wpc.scouts.ca/ca/event/outdoor-skills-volunteers>
 - First Aid
 - Oct 27/28 - Camp Samac Boardroom \$100
<http://wpc.scouts.ca/ca/event/standard-first-aid-cpr-c-aed-st-john-ambulance>
 - Date to be confirmed in Omemee \$50
 - Woodbadge 1 (WBI) Residence Nov 16-18 at Camp Samac, Oshawa
<http://wpc.scouts.ca/ca/event/section-specific-training-weekend>
- **Mentorship & Scouter Club Ideas** – Annette
 - We are looking for suggestions of Scouters who may be interested in helping with Area Mentorship to help support groups in many different area, could be section level, or at a skill level
 - We are looking for suggestions of Scouter's Club ideas
 - **ACTION:** send ideas, volunteer names, etc to ScouterAnnette@gmail.com
- **Popcorn** - Elizabeth Peeters
 - **ACTION:** Deadline date to have orders entered in Trails End is Oct 26th
 - Delivery date Nov 16th
 - Elizabeth will send updates to Group Coordinators
 - More info at <http://www.scouts.ca/popcorn/index.html> and <http://www.scouts.ca/popcorn/scouters.html#kit>
- **Poppa John fund raising** – Elizabeth shared information regarding the selling of sheets of coupons which cost \$10 and groups can sell for \$20
 - **ACTION:** If groups are interested let Elizabeth know by Wednesday Sept. 19th
- Omemee is doing an Amazing Race – date to be confirmed potentially around the end of Nov. senior Cubs and above can walk 10km - 18km

- **Apple Day** – Andrew Corbett
 - Peterborough has 9 locations this year, there are a few spots left
 - Please contact andrew_corbett@kprdsb.ca
 - Jars are available at the Scout House if you need some
 - **ACTION:** Andrew to order crests at the Oshawa Scout Shop and Annette can pick them up

- **Properties Report** - Andrew & John
 - Spoke of the annual fee of \$150 allows for unlimited camping at Gilroy (10 months), Langley (12 months) and Brookwood (12 months), see more information on our website at <https://kwascouting.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/KWA-Fee-Structure-2018-Three-camps.pdf>
 - Looking for outside groups to rent Scout House or Scout Ship on a regular bases to help offset the costs.
 - To book any of the facilities please send an email to the appropriate contact listed on our website <https://kwascouting.ca/contact/>
 - Groups can use the Scout House for meetings please send email requests to scouthouse@kwascouting.ca
 - To find out more information about our properties at our website hover your mouse over Properties / Camps to see the menu of facilities.
 - Brownsea Base had a very successful summer

- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Michele presented the Year End Financials
 - Michele asked that those requesting reimbursement to please send the completed expense form along with a copy of the receipt.
 - Youth Assistance - send an email to treasurer@kwascouting.ca along with the below information:
 - What is the assistance for? (ie uniform, camp, registration)
 - How much is requested and how soon is it needed?
 - What level of scouting is the youth? Why is assistance required? (Generally speaking not personal information)
 - Please include the name of the group, the name of the Group Commissioner and the contact information for the Group Commissioner. When cheques are issued they will be mailed to the Group Commissioner.

- **Help Fund** - document to be sent for programs \$500

- **Recognition Update** – Doreen
 - Handed out recognition packages for 1st time recipients
 - Folks are reminded to press the Thank you button for Youth and Scouters at least once a year.
 - Provide details of the assistance the person provided and the magnitude of the event or activity (group, area, council or national)
 - Group Commissioners should do Section Scouters
 - Section Scouters should do the Scouters in their section

- **BP Guild Update** – Ross & Dave
 - Is a group of Scouters who don't have a group
 - Next meeting will be Nov 4 2-4pm at the Scout House

- **Gilwell Update** - Mandy
 - For all Scouters who have earned their Woodbadge II beads, this is an Area group which attend the annual Gilwell Reunion 1st weekend after Labour Day at Blue Springs.
 - The next meeting is a Social on Oct 21st

- **General Admin**
 - Reminder to work toward bringing in the group's signed Charter and year end Financials to next month's meeting
 - Area Forum meetings will occur on 3rd Monday of each month, months which the meeting falls on a holiday, the date will be altered.
 - Peterborough Pete's Fund Raiser
 - Annette met with the Peterborough Petes and they will sell us tickets which normally costs \$ 22.50 for \$ 13.
 - It was suggested that groups sell them for \$20
 - Groups would keep \$6/ticket
 - Area would get \$1/ticket
 - There is handicap access
 - While at the event we can set up 1 Promo table to engage parents plus 3 tables to sell chuck a pucks for a prize we provide unless we sell 150 they'll give us a signed Petes jersey as the prize. It is suggested that average groups make about \$ 600 on this
 - The only Saturday dates with a 7pm start available are:
 - Sept 29th
 - Dec 29th
 - Mar 16th
 - They will get back to Annette with Thursday options which back onto a PA Day
 - Those manning the promo table can arrive around 5:30 to prep for the doors to open at 6pm
 - 10% Deposit would be required
 - Different levels of benefits when we sell 50, 100, 150 or 200.
 - Can sell off a block of tickets (50) to a local company who can run a 30 second commercial spot at the game.
 - ACTION: Please send an email to scouterannette@gmail.com if you are interested in this fund raiser.

- **Round Table**
 - Loretta Kasperski of 1st Bancroft has a small Troop and is looking for the opportunity to link with other Scout groups, please contact her at loretta@weebeeprecious.ca
 - 1st Bridgenorth is looking to do a Floor Hockey tournament and is looking to see if there is any interest in this. Please send an email to Jen at jscaife@omniway.ca