

**Minutes of the Rivorton Area Meeting
Rivorton Scout Centre
Wednesday, July 7, 2010**

Eighteen people attended: Mike Aubé, Tom Austin, Keith Barr, Dwight Benner, John Boyne, Gordon Burke, Jean-Anne Cameron-Loi, Adam Clawson, Helen Craig, Mary Derrah, Kathy Edwards, Sebastian Edwards, Harry Foreman, Peter Jacobs, Pat Michaud, Peter Kent, Bill Richards, and Council Executive Director Tom Heath. Area Commissioner Peter Kent was in the chair. Regrets were received from Alvin Ashfield, D.A. Neville, Chris Perry, and Bill Turney. The meeting started at 7:15 pm.

1. Moment of Silence:

The meeting began with a moment of silence in memory of Wilf Shipley, long-time Cub leader at 1st Marysville, who had “gone home” on July 6, 2010. His funeral will be at 2:00 pm on Friday, July 9, in the Marysville Baptist Church. Scouters attending are asked to wear their uniforms.

2. Announcements:

Peter Kent made the following announcements:

- a) The son and grandson of Joyce Edmondson of the Yoho Management Committee were seriously injured in a recent traffic accident.
- b) Peter read his recent correspondence to Verona McNaughton to thank her for donating a canoe to Yoho, to the Golden Club to report the distribution of their 2009 grant, and to Alex Dingwall, Superintendent of Schools of School District 18, asking permission to distribute our brochures in the schools in September.
- c) Peter reported on the June 12 meeting of the NB Council, indicating:
 - i) that NB and Rivorton have experienced good growth this year, with NB being 109% of last year’s registration and Rivorton being 112% of last year’s registration.
 - ii) that because of the improved numbers, the registration fee for 2010-11 will remain at \$155.00 for youth members
 - iii) that the Yoho Development Plan was approved by NB Council.
- d) That thirteen Scouts and Venturers from 3rd and 7th Fredericton and from 1st St. Margaret’s will be leaving on July 27 to fly to England to attend NORJAM 2010, the combined Scout and Guide jamboree in Norfolk. Troop Scouter will be Kathy Edwards, assisted by Kate Sisk, David Dilworth, Matt Farrah and Andrew Blakney.

That two members of 1st Springhill have applied to attend the 23rd World Jamboree in Sweden in 2011.

3. Minutes of the Area Meeting of May 27, 2010

The minutes were **approved** on a **motion** by Bill Richards, **seconded** by Harry Foreman.

4. Search Committee for the Area Commissioner

Tom Austiin reported that, because Peter Kent’s term as Area Commissioner expired on June 30 and no successor has been appointed, the Search Committee sent a recommendation to Paul Murray, NB Commissioner, that Peter’s term be extended to

December 31, 2010, or until a new Area Commissioner is appointed, whichever comes sooner. Paul Murray did not accept the recommendation and has decided that Peter's term will be extended only until September 30, 2010, or until a new Area Commissioner is appointed.

Peter encouraged members of the Area to help find a new Area Commissioner or to volunteer themselves. He also reminded the meeting that we are also looking for a Yoho Property Manager. Tom Heath indicated that Paul Murray's term as NB Commissioner expires at the end of the year, as does Joan Randall's term as NB representative on the Scouts Canada Board of Governors. Nominations or suggestions for these two positions can be sent to Lloyd Kierstead as the chair of the Search Committee.

5. Presentation of Charters and Charter Renewals

Peter Kent then presented new Group Charters to 5th Fredericton (St. Andrew's), to the Rivorton Rover Crew and to 2nd Nashwaaksis. Charter renewal stickers were presented to representatives of those groups who were in attendance.

6. Registrar's Report

Tom Austin reported that the Rivorton Area now has 703 youth members and 272 adult volunteers. Last year at the same time, there were 613 youth and 255 adults.

Tom asked Group Commissioners to see that he receives information on section time and places of meeting for September, as well as the group registration night. He needs this for the recruiting brochure. There was some discussion about whether we should print a separate brochure for the up-river groups, with information more relevant to their communities.

7. Treasurer's Report

Harry Foreman's report is attached to these minutes.

In his report, Harry indicated that the Scout Shop has shown an increase in sales by \$1,074 this year. While this was credited to the service Helen Craig provides, there was some discussion about whether some of this growth might not benefit the Rivorton Area. Peter Kent agreed to meet Kevin Hughes during the summer to see what might be possible. Tom Heath said that Kevin might at least be willing to cover our postage costs.

8. Recruiting for September 2010

Peter reported that we will have three new or revived groups in September: 5th Fredericton at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Fredericton, 1st Nashwaaksis at St. John's Anglican Church in Nashwaaksis, and a group at Grand Falls.

We have reserved space for a booth at the Fredericton Exhibition (FREX) in Labour Day week and Keith Barr will organize volunteers to run the booth.

Tom Austin is collecting information for our recruiting brochure and Peter will organize Scouters to visit school principals about distribution in the schools. Mike Aubé will approach the Superintendent of School District 17 and will take responsibility for distribution to the Lower Lincoln School.

Tom will organize an ad in the Daily Gleaner in early September to advertise registration nights.

It is intended to erect our four “Join Scouting” signs in August. One for Oromocto, one for Marysville and two for Fredericton. It was suggested that we should have four more signs made this year – one extra for Oromocto, one for New Maryland, and others for Fredericton north and south. Doug Prosser has offered to put our signs up, although Kathy Edwards thought that we might get some help from the city in doing so. She also pointed out that we must notify the City where we intend to put them. Peter agreed to follow up on having more signs made and to check to see if Doug Prosser still wants his cell number on the signs.

Tom Heath explained that there will be a kit distributed in August to be used for a Scouting and Popcorn “kick-off”. There was some discussion about whether the Riverton Area should hold a “kick-off” event, possibly involving celebrities or prominent citizens.

Jean-Anne Cameron-Loi suggested that we advertise Scouting on the WHAM sign.

9. Report of the Yoho Management Committee:

Peter Kent reported:

a) That the new wing on the main lodge is almost finished, thanks to the military engineers who worked on it in June. There is still tidying up to be done and the Fire Marshall must inspect it, but there is hope that the lodge can be officially opened in September.

b) Three Venturers, Anne Savidge, Ben Howard and Mark Jacobs are being hired to work on the sanding and staining of the exterior. Gordon Burke will be supervising them.

c) The Yoho Work Day on June 5 was successful and 1st Oromocto won the free weekend in the Main Lodge for having the largest turnout.

The Committee is recommending that the next Work Days be on September 25, 2010, and May 14, 2011. These recommendations will be passed to the Service Team, who will be drawing up the Area Calendar for 2010-11

d) The Yoho Committee was in agreement with the summer camping fees of \$5.00 per person per day and felt that there should be a separate rental fee for the canoes. This fee was discussed. Peter Kent indicated that he would ask John Boyne, the Quartermaster, to review the fees for canoe usage and prepare a proposal for the next meeting.

e) The Yoho Committee had asked what arrangements had to be made if the Gilwell Reunion wanted to use Yoho, considering that some Old Gilwellians were still registered Scouters while others were not. Tom Heath said that those not currently registered should sign a waiver of claims if they wish to participate in the Reunion.

10. Yoho Waterfront Rebuild:

Bill Richards reported that the Riverton Area has received a grant from ACOA to rebuild the Yoho waterfront. This grant represents one-third of the total cost. Dan Flynn and Doug Prosser will be the project managers, have already sought environmental approval, and are now looking for a contractor to do the job.

11. Summer Programs at Yoho

Peter Kent reported that it had not proved possible to implement the planned programs at Yoho this summer. The Extreme Adventure canoe trip, the Area Scout camp and the Sailing Camp have all been cancelled due to either lack of staff or lack of applications. The only part of the plan salvaged was canoe instruction at Yoho on July 10 and 11.

Peter felt that we had started our planning much too late and felt that we should block dates in the Area Calendar and start planning for the summer of 2011 in the fall.

12. Area Calendar for 2010-11

The Service Team will prepare this and will circulate it. Suggestions should be sent to Bill Richards

13. 1st Rivorton Rovers

Adam Clawson reported on Rover participation in the Great Urban Race in Saint John, a gold Duke of Edinburgh expedition, the Provincial Linking Camp and a Canoe weekend on Spednic Lake. Upcoming plans include working at the Highland Games, a weekend trip on the NB Day weekend and a recruiting pre-camp at Yoho.

14. Recognition

Pat Michaud presented a 10 year service award to Peter Jacobs and a 25 year award to Bill Richards. She also presented the Medal of Merit to John Boyne and Dwight Benner. She indicated that she will be presenting more awards and Warrants of Appointment to groups in September.

15. Training

Mary Derrah reminded the meeting that the Wood Badge Part I training day will be on October 23 in the fall, with possibly one or two core days before that.

There will be a Wood Badge Part II course at Holderville in April 2011.

16. Tree-Go

Tom Austin asked if we have worked out an arrangement yet with Tree-Go for participation by Scouting youth. Bill Richards volunteered to follow this up.

17. Rebate Cheques

Tom Heath reported that a number of rebate cheques based on growth in groups last year have been distributed. These cheques are only sent to groups that have fully paid up their registration fees. There will probably be some rebate cheques again next year.

18. Diversity

Kathy Edwards reported on a Metis symposium to be held in Fredericton and on the opening of Scouting groups on reservations.

She plans to approach the Multicultural Assn again this year.

15. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 25, 2010.

16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm on motion by Mary Derrah

Peter Kent
Commissioner