

Northern Lights Area

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Stayner – has shown interest in reopening. Dianna would like to start the group, but realistically we do not believe things would change/enough time has passed. We are waiting on Dianna to organize all the people she has that have committed to running the group. If the group were to open again, they would need continued support and visits to ensure they are working effectively.

Mount Forest – there is the possibility of us opening a group again! Carrie Solway has offered to run the group, and apparently, there is interest. An information meeting has been setup for Dec 2nd.

Collingwood – We opened a second Colony in Notawa!

Flesherton – numbers have dropped in Colony to 2, working with them to see if we can rebuild.

3rd Orangeville – we removed the GC after Colony and Pack closed unexpectedly this year. We are working with the school to see if we can distribute materials and have an open information night. There is no guarantee the principal will distribute the material if its approved by the board. Currently with 5 scouts, this group is on the brinks of closing unless we can rebuild pack or colony in early 2018. The crew now report to Will (Simcoe Medvents) as their GC and that seems to be working now.

5th Orangeville – the word is the LDS group will leave Scouts Canada.

Shelburne – slowly growing still. The group is very active and into the Canadian path. The troop this year has grown from 12 to 18. The packs & colony's are very busy.

4th Orangeville – second troop opened!

SAFETY LEADERSHIP

All groups are handing in outdoor forms at year end/registration nights, and submitting them to the office.

PROGRAM QUALITY

Palmerston – I am not sure what to say about them. We had a whole family of scouters leave and join the BPSA, with the Ro/vents from Maitland. Messy, but finally cleared up. The group is now finally moving ahead. They have worked hard in moving forward. The troop was hit the hardest. Dan and Vicky have had a lot of support from the group and parents.

New Events – We ran a ScoutAbout weekend for just troop participants, we had 40 youth attend, huge success and they want to do more Scout events in the area

Existing Events – We continue to struggle with groups stepping up to help run/coordinate area events.

General – We saw an increase in groups/sections completing the PQA's

VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

Collingwood – at last minute in the year, the GC and 3 Scouters decided not to return, it's been a struggle to get the group back on its feet, but they are moving again, slowly. Virginia can't commit to the GC role, and is the GA. Tim Angerman from Wasaga, and several other Scouters are helping Collingwood out.

Wasaga – New GC, Tim Angerman! Tim has brought the group forward, embraced the path, and all Scouters are now wearing red shirts! All the bickering and resentment for each other has been removed, and they are turning into a well-oiled machine! The group is much happier, and these next few years will be an exciting time for them.

Listowel – We had many issues near the year of the year (June/July). Four scouters left with some of the year. We tried to work out with them prior to them leaving any of the issues they had. They felt that the GC was not in charge of the group, that they felt they should do it by consensus. Very interesting dynamic. We are still watching the group and monitoring everything with them.

4th Orangeville – Chuck was on vacation and the troop scouters were trying to split the troop into 2, without permissions. Discussed at length the process in doing so. They wanted to just do it without any permission. We stopped them and had the meeting with Chuck and the troop team. It was a very interesting meeting. We had to explain that they are not in charge, but the GC is. Not impressed with a few of the scouters. They think they can do what they want.

I went to the next group meeting and went over again what the GC's role was and in the end the GC has the final say. We are trying to get into see the troop (both).

General – volunteers in all our groups seem to have taken up ownership of their groups. Its perhaps something that's not coming across in the training that the GC is and has the final say. The process of being appointed annually by the GC, or the GC by the AC and the hierarchy of Scouts Canada

GROUP CAPACITY

All groups have capacity for more participants