

**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA
NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH**

STATE MINDARI

Meeting held at 0830am on 13 February 2010
At Pennant Hills Scout Centre

MINUTES

1. OPENING – WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS.

The Chair (Phil) welcomed the members of the Mindari to the meeting.

Present: Phil Crutchley (Chair), David Spear, Gail Paddison (Scribe), Michael Barnes (SC&T), Randall Jones (SN), Barry Read (TGW), Ray Read (Hume), Graham Richards, (NC), Chris Chapman (SM), Robin Garrett (GWS), Murray Baker (Branch Advisor), Lindsey Jeffs (SM) and Kevin Allen and Bill Brown (H&C).

Apologies: Wayne Finch (SNR), John Rosberg (NW),

Visitors: Noel Cardwell (Riverina), Braydon Gleeson (TGW), Peter Bach DCC (Youth Programs), Grant De Fries and Mike Berryman NC RCV.

2. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Transfers

Phil informed the Mindari Kevin Allen, H&C has transferred his appointment to Dep RC H&C. Phil welcomed Bill Brown to the Mindari team as RCS, Hunter and Coastal.

Phil also informed the Mindari of John Rosberg's resignation from RCS, NW. No appointment has yet been made to fill that vacancy.

Appointments

Phil announced to the Mindari that Chris Chapman's appointment had changed from Ass RCS, SM, to Ass State Commissioner, Scouts NSW Branch. Chris will be filling the vacancy left by David Spear when David's appointment ends in May.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

Minutes from the State Mindari meeting held on 12 September 2009 were moved and adopted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Ray Read
Seconded: Kevin Allen
Carried.

4. ACTIONS & MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES.

The following actions for completion were recorded in the Minutes of the September 2009 Mindari;

Item No.	Issue(s)	Decision	Action/Resolution
4.1 WA Backwoodsmanship course	Phil/Gail to attend with view to introducing into NSW. Needs to be added as an elective course that leaders can do and be recognised for.		August 2010 ONGOING
4.2	Guidelines for ASM added to www.patroltent.com		Phil C CLOSED

5. **REGIONAL REPORTS.**

The circulated reports were received from All Regions

Item No.	Issue(s)	Decision	Action/Resolution
5.1	<p>Syd North Numbers increased Ventout increasingly successful. Leader Training issues Recruited a DSL from hume. DSL currently 2 but will drop to 1</p>		FYI
5.2	<p>SM 890 Scouts SYC run in Oct SYC x 3 BSLC x 3 slotted for the year Troop SL reports now starting to come online as District</p>		FYI
5.3	<p>GWS Numbers not avail. Just under 50% of Scouts attended Jamboree SYC rolling out Has leader mentor for SYC</p>		FYI
5.4	<p>H&C 1030, will drop however. 50% of Scouts attended Jamboree Scouts and Leaders at Jamboree had a great time. Multiple Activities running SYC mentor x 2 SYC well in hand Thanks and good night from Kevin</p>		FYI
5.5	<p>NC Jamboree – Great experience for all No Calendar as yet SYC – No progress No SYC mentors</p>		FYI
5.6	<p>NW 141 (From Oct) Multiple Activities run Jamboree issues – Special Diets and Catering Too much ‘free time’ No incentive to complete activities if everyone gets award anyway. RSYC running well, SYC mentor appointed.</p>		FYI
5.7	<p>Hume Only one DSL for whole region. Lack of Region team structure. Mindari Leaders working well though. One leader has migrated to</p>		FYI

	<p>SNR leaving a gap. RSYC – 3 meetings working well, and scouts are now driving districts. Hume region website now functional. Jamboree participants enjoyed themselves in the main.</p>		
5.8	<p>Riverina No communication that is effective. Phil seeing some activity re ASM work and Adventurer Journeys work. Distance an issue Email Notifications Troops 29 ?DSL in Southern Riverina</p>		FYI
5.9	<p>SC&T Keiraville Scouts looking to run activities for other troops with the view to recruiting their own scouts and venturers. No progress on SYC</p>		FYI
5.10	<p>TGW Website still not functional. RC has resigned Cubs and Scouts running leadership courses at the same time. Troop camps being run C14 camped canned at Mindari – having PL/APL camp instead. SYC held x 2 District SYC's underway</p>		FYI
5.11	<p>Lones 10 Scouts Now AGL Brett Gash to cater to southern NSW Use Lones for your isolated scouts.</p>		FYI

6. SCOUT SECTIONAL OPERATIONAL PLAN

Item No.	Issue(s)	Decision	Action/Resolution
6.1	Scouts Sectional Operations Plan Reviewed	Last Quarters Targets and achievements discussed.	<p>PHIL Report to be distributed once signed off by DCC, PD. Meeting scheduled for March with DCC,PD.</p> <p>ONGOING</p>

7. **REGIONAL WEBSITES.**

Item No.	Issue(s)	Decision	Action/Resolution
7.1	<p>State 6 of 10 regions have websites Websites need to be easy to find, use, maintain, and contain current content, i.e. calendar, events, contacts and groups in the region. Needs to be attractive to those looking at it.</p> <p>Site map requirements Sections Events Leaders Districts Groups – meetings times and contacts News and regional Websites</p>	<p>Think about the audience Website is passive. People will only come back if content is dynamic. Content has to be current and attractive. Youth members do not tend to use their email now, they use Facebook.</p> <p>Meetings can be on MSN</p>	<p>Presentation by Murray Baker</p> <p>ONGOING</p>

8. **LINKING**

Item No.	Issue(s)	Decision	Action/Resolution
8.1	<p>Venturers TRY VENTURERING</p> <p>NC sends out 2 letters, one to Scout and one to Scout leader or parent to let them know what the process is. Scout wishing to try venturing is issued a Try venturing Scarf (maroon with Try Vent badge in apex of scarf. Scarf indicates scout is currently participating in Try Vents program. Is increasing numbers of Venturers Scarf presented by Unit Council to the scout. If decides not to join – scarf handed back. Scarf belongs to the venturer Unit. If joins – scarf handed back when Venturer Skills badge is awarded.</p>	<p>Criteria for badge discussed Badge belongs to Venturer section and is awarded by Venturer leader. Ballina and Byron Bay Venturers are now growing dramatically. Numbers up from 25 to 61.</p>	<p>Presentation by Mike Bearyman</p> <p>ALL RCS to promote linking and interaction between Scouts and Venturers.</p> <p>ONGOING</p>
8.2	<p>CUBS Try Scouts At Cuboree</p> <p>Challenge Valley – 20000 leagues under the Sea Climbing Walls – activities team to staff Online applications process same as Jamboree.</p>	<p>Stand by for call up Costs Cubs \$220 Scouts \$180 Leaders \$180</p>	<p>Ray Read</p> <p>ONGOING</p>

9. C14 CAMP ORGANISATION

Item No.	Issue(s)	Decision	Action/Resolution
9.1	C14 camp to be organised and run as previously agreed.	Glenrock July 16-18 For broad promotion by RCS and through SYC	Chris Chapman Bill Brown ONGOING

10. INCREASING AND/OR PROMOTING TROOP BASED CAMPING

Item No.	Issue(s)	Decision	Action/Resolution
10.1	Ideas from RCS (Target C.3)	Not discussed due to time constraints	ONGOING

11. REGIONAL ACTIVITIES CALENDARS

Item No.	Issue(s)	Decision	Action/Resolution
10.1	Regional Calendars received from NW, SNR, H&C, TGW, SC&T, GWS and SM No calendars received from NC, Hume, or Riverina	Some Calendars Complete others in draft only with activities and SYC to be added Activities in regions that are open to all are listed in the Scout Section Operational Plan as attached.	ALL RCS to ensure their completed calendars are sent to Gail ASAP for posting on www.patroltent.com

12. PAST STATE EVENTS

Item No.	Issue(s)	Decision	Action/Resolution
11.1	Advanced Scout Leadership Course		Not Discussed
11.2	State Scout Youth Council	Very Successful Mentors a major key	See Item 15

13. FUTURE STATE EVENTS

Item No.	Issue(s)	Decision	Action/Resolution
13.1	State Rally (venue)	Cataract Booked	Other venues to be investigated, finalise in April See 4.4
13.2	SSYC	SSYC meetings will be held August 7 th at State Rally November TBC	Gail ONGOING
13.3	ASLC	March 27-28 Blue Mountains September 11-12 SC&T TBC	Gail ONGOING
13.4	C14	July 16-18	Chris and Bill Brown See 4.8 ONGOING
13.5	Cuboree 2011	Planning continuing	R Read See 8.2 ONGOING

14. AUSTRALIAN JAMBOREE

Item No.	Issue(s)	Decision	Action/Resolution
14.1	Finance and Contingent leaders reports still in progress. Training – JTL, Line Leaders	Only strategic issues will form the SEC report. QLD have training package for Line leaders. Phil to review and Mindari Majority of regions ran one day training with majority of leaders attending Need some minimum criteria for leaders to be screened Jamboree Leader training essential Training manual to be created and implemented Line leader training implemented and made compulsory	Phil – preparing SEC Report and Capex submission. Chris – finalising Financial Statements. Phil - to progress at appropriate time. Mindari to review training package and sign off. Training package to be ready for review by Feb 2011 Phil to coordinate review of training package. ONGOING
14.2	Equipment Minimum standards for accommodation i.e. number of people in a tent. Types of tentage used Quality of equipment used Equipment essentials	Equipment Lists were contained in Leader Handbook. Equipment Guidelines may need to be investigated. This is a Leader training issue.	Phil to include in review of training package. ONGOING
14.3	H&C Kevin Need for lengthening essential camping criteria to 5 nights under canvas – national criteria. Can lobby to change	Minimum requirements are set by NSYPC.	RCS to consider need. ONGOING
14.4	Region Transport Fee GWS Robin felt the transport fee should have been a standardised fee. There should be no exemptions. JOC advance parties created a nightmare.	Interstate Transport – won't be an issue. Next home state Jamboree – there needs to be a delineation of Contingent members and others (JOC advance parties) Process and fees must be clear.	Phil to coordinate review. ONGOING
14.5	RLL processes worked very well Access to Medical Information for RLL and CWL would have been useful	Faster processing of information and application.	CLOSED
14.6	Inexperienced Assessment Criteria Process Assessment Criteria was useful as a tool. Pre Assessment used to turn	Allowed in then regretted x 1 Several screen out due to pre	CLOSED

	youth members down. 207 withdrawals/did not arrive Next Jamboree need to know application process and closing dates.	assessment by home group leaders Need to ensure closing date is final and no more applications will be accepted. (Program)	
14.7	Cost of posting bulk applications an issue which needs to be addressed.		CLOSED

15. STATE SCOUT YOUTH COUNCIL

Item No.	Issue(s)	Decision	Action/Resolution
15.1	Recommendations from November 2009		Phil to discuss all recommendations further with Tylanda Murray (Chair, SSSYC)
15.1.1	Recommendation 1 The State Scout Youth Council recommends that the state's advertising for scouting is more focused on our local and regional image, and works with NSW regions to make images truer.	SUPPORTED	Phil to discuss with State Office & PDT.
15.1.2	Recommendation 2 The State Scout Youth Council recommends that the State Mindari pursue the issue of replacing the epaulettes back on the uniform shirts.	SUPPORTED SSYC Executive to be asked to write a submission for National To consider	PHIL to progress through National
15.1.3	Recommendation 3 The State Scout Youth Council recommends that the State Mindari pursue the issue of reinstating the white cord for the scout uniform to recognise the rank of patrol leader.	SUPPORTED SSYC Executive to be asked to write a submission for National To consider	PHIL to progress through National
15.1.4	Recommendation 4 The State Scout Youth Council demands Regional Commissioners (Scouts) act to ensure all district and regional Scout Youth Councils are up and running by the June State Mindari.	REJECTED due to Time Frame SUPPORTED the following alternate recommendations. Regions have committed to the following Time Frames for Region / District SC&T June/Dec 10 H&C June/Dec 10 Hume June/June10 TGW Dec/Dec 10 SNR Dec/ Operating now GWS Operating now/Dec10 NC June/Oct 10 SM June/Dec10	Gail to Oversee All Minutes from Region and District SYCs to be forwarded to Gail and SSSYC Secretary.

		NW Not in Attendance Riv Not in Attendance	
15.1.5	Recommendation 5 The State Scout Youth Council recommends that www.patroltent.com include links for games and activities suitable for PL's to run on troop nights and at camps.	SUPPORTED	ALL RC(S)/State Team to research & provide for inclusion on website.
15.1.6	Recommendation 6 The State Scout Youth Council recommends that www.patroltent.com include information on how to plan Explorer and Adventurer cord journeys.	SUPPORTED Issue surrounding requirements were Regions have requested additional requirements due to safety, geographical or climatic conditions.	Murray / Gail to create.
15.1.7	Recommendation 7 The State Scout Youth Council recommends that www.patroltent.com include information on all types of camp menus/food guides from lightweight hikes to troop camps.	FUNDAMENTALLY SUPPORTED. However this is a training issue for leaders. There are many resources available to scouts for menu and food planning. Murray to look at potential forum on Patroltent for submission of good menus.	Murray
15.1.8	Recommendation 8 The State Scout Youth Council recommends all regional websites include a link to www.patroltent.com .	SUPPORTED	ALL RC(S) to follow up
15.1.9	Recommendation 9 The State Scout Youth Council requests the State Mindari to investigate the possibility of including other States major activities on www.patroltent.com for NSW scouts to apply and attend.	SUPPORTED	Phil to investigate with BC(S) of other Branches.
15.1.10	Recommendation 10 The State Scout Youth Council requests the State Mindari include information for elective target badges on www.patroltent.com	NOT SUPPORTED Mindari members felt there is adequate information and resources available. WASP, Scout Handbook etc. Issue relating to Copyright Law as well.	
15.1.11	Recommendation 11 The State Scout Youth Council recommends that the State Mindari establish a creativity award for creative ways of advertising of local scouting, judged twice a year to win a prize for the winning	SUPPORTED	Phil/Murray to investigate. State Office may be interested.

	As listed Must do one as well as the prerequisites		D Spear. ONGOING
	Badge Design	Generic for cost effectiveness Badge design to be decided	Phil to Decide ONGOING

17. ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Item No.	Issue(s)	Decision	Action/Resolution
17.1	Climbing Walls	As per Warren's Presentation 3 Climbing walls \$150 to hire each per day 2 at Cataract 1 at Pennant Hills Bookings are online Must have authorised/trained Activities leaders to operate	Warren Goodall for more information. CLOSED

18. NEW ZEALAND JAMBOREE

Item No.	Issue(s)	Decision	Action/Resolution
18.1	Progress	Dec/Jan Holidays Website, Facebook and twitter Flyers handed out for each region Registrations open soon and will close end of May. Please put links to NZ jamboree on your region website.	For more info - Randall Jones

19. GENERAL BUSINESS

Item No.	Issue(s)	Decision	Action/Resolution
19.1	Leader Training to prepare new leaders to LEAD and guide scouts. Formal scout training does not address their needs and does NOT enthuse them to continue the training.	INVITE JOHN CLARKE to our meeting. Prepare a paper with issues and solutions and submit to National Youth Programs	Phil to Progress with National Comm. YP ONGOING
19.2	Once trainee Leaders do BL1 – they fall off the radar.	1048 associate leaders in NSW and over 1/3 of them have been there for 3 years.	Peter Bach to Follow up. ONGOING
19.3	From Grant DeFries Thanks for everyone's hard work. Theft – very disappointing Admin – RC TGW resigned RC GWS resigned Warwick Bateman Retiring Member Services being reorganised		FYI

	Robert Rogers will continue DCC. D Marston will continue in his present position of BC, MS. Membership Fees increased as per email from Grant. \$90/2010/11 \$120 2011/12. Less than all other states bar SA.		CLOSED
19.4	Get out Badges for Jamboree	Available end this week	CLOSED

20. CLOSE

Next Meeting to be held 19/20 June commencing 0830hrs.
Canobolas Scout Camp ORANGE

Distribution

State Mindari Members
Chief Commissioner
State Commissioners - Program Delivery Team
State Commissioners – Program Support Team
Regional Commissioners

State Rally RAC Themes

RAC 1 Superheroes
RAC 2 No theme to date.
RAC 3 Hollywood
RAC 4 Disney
RAC 5 Animatronics