

**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA
NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH
SOUTH COAST AND TABLELANDS REGION**

**MEETING OF THE SCAT REGION ROVER COUNCIL
HELD AT MT KEIRA SCOUT CAMP
ON TUESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER 2012**

RRC MINUTES

Meeting opened: 1945

1. Present:

1.1. Albion Park: Simone Haider

1.2. 1st Austinmer Rover Crew (1ARC): Rhiannon Hughes, Charlotte Baker, Matthew Kusi Appuah, Keith Critcher

1.3. Figtree: Ben Nichols, Tristan Haider, Katherine MacPherson

1.4. Korra Hill: Amy Campbell

1.5. 4th Wollongong: Craig Davis, Gavin Cottrell

1.6. Region: Bob Nightingale, Greg Pearce

1.7. Other: Daniel Seddon-Powell

2. Apologies: Catherine Bowie, Ryan Manton, Peter Hines, Peter Zuiderwyk, Kristal Jolie

3. Conformation of the previous minutes

Motion: The Council accepts the minutes from the previous meeting as a true and accurate account of that meeting.

Motion made: Gavin Cottrell (4th Wollongong)

Seconded: Ben Nichols (Figtree)

Motion Passed

4. Business arising from the previous minutes.

4.1. State Venturer Rally. This plan has been cancelled by NSW branch. The Venturers who were involved with this plan are receptive to the idea of in attending a Roventure and possibly inviting SMR Venturers and Rovers.

4.2. Roventure

The SCAT region Roventure will be held on the 13-14th of April 2013 at the Mount Keira Guide Camp. A booking has been made however a \$30 deposit is required to keep this booking. The campsite has a capacity of 100 and will cost

\$6 per person per day. A tender for this event will be presented by Daniel Seddon-Powell to the RRC meeting in December.

Senior Guides (of Venturer age only) and OP Guides (from the Guiding region equivalent to SCAT) will be invited to attend the camp. The RRC recommends that the Guides run a separate activity for insurance purposes and that at least one representative from the Guides be included in the organising committee.

There should also be a Venturer on this committee.

Motion: The Council agrees to write a cheque for \$30 for the deposit on the campsite.

Motion made: Greg Pearce (ARC-R)

Seconded: Craig Davis (4th Wollongong)

Motion Passed

4.3. Bogan Moot tender. The proposal for Bogan Moot remains largely unchanged since it was presented at the previous RRC meeting.

A budget was presented to the RRC. The cost of running the activity is \$12 per person and the cost for providing dinner on Saturday night will be \$5 per person. The total cost for activities will be \$315. Rovers will be charged \$25 to attend the moot and based on these figures the breakeven point for the moot is 40.

The campsite will be booked this week if the tender is approved.

Motion: The council approves the tender for Bogan Moot.

Motion made: Gavin Cotrell (4th Wollongong)

Seconded: Rhiannon Hughes (1ARC)

Motion Passed

5. Correspondence

5.1 Email from Kerry Latham with regard to Rover participation at the 2012 SCAT Jamborette. (Included at the end of the report)

6. Executive Reports

6.1. Chair: No report received

6.2. Treasurer: There are four Rovers (Rhiannon Hughes, Ben Nichols, Steph and Jabe Nightingale) starting their crew leader training. The RRC will cover the cost of this training has previously agreed to cover the cost of training for crews that are adequately represented at Weekend Wide Game. The cost of this training is \$120.

Motion: The Council agrees to pay \$120 for crew leader training for four Rovers.

Motion Made: Matthew Kuzi Appuah (1ARC)

Seconded: Keith Critcher (1ARC)

Motion Passed
(Rhiannon Hughes and Ben Nichols abstaining)

6.3. Secretary: No report

6.4. VLO: No report received

6.5. Webmaster: No report received

6.6. Service: A region service activity was held at the Wollongong Public School on Sunday the 7th of October. Rovers from the 1st Austinmer, 4th Wollongong, Figtree and Korra Hill Rover Crews were present. An apology was received from the Albion Park Rover Crew. The Rovers filled 2 ute trays and a three cubic meter skip bin. The job is still not completed and a third service activity will be run in December.

Hike for Hunger. \$14.15 was collected at the Gangshow and this money will be used to buy cans. Some Rover crews are arranging to collect cans at local supermarkets. Flyers will be made and circulated to promote the Hike which will be in November.

Motion: The Council agrees to pay Charlotte Baker \$36.38 as reimbursement for money she spent on the BBQ lunch that was provided at the region service activity.

Motion made:

Seconded:

Motion Passed

6.7. Public Relations: There are currently no crew profiles on the SCAT Rovers website other than Figtree. All crews are requested to provide some items to include on their profile such as: meeting time and place, contact details, information about the types of activities that the crew does and some photos. There is a Dropbox folder available for submitting photos.

This should be done before the next RRC meeting.

6.8. RC-R: Training: The Warilla and Far South Rover crews currently have no Rovers on elearning and are in danger of being put into recess next year. No action will be taken by the RRC at this point.

7. OH&S issues:

7.1. With regard to the lighting of the path to the Rover den: Some areas are still dark however most of the path is adequately lit. The flood light on the side of the Rover den is set on a timer switch so it should turn on every night. If this light is not on then the first person to walk down must use a torch and then turn on the light.

Some areas of the path are slippery, especially in wet weather and this may cause a hazard.

All Rover crews are required to inform their RRC delegates of these issues.

8. Crew Reports

8.1. Albion Park:

Number of Rovers: 13 (11 Squires (1 qualified to be knighted), 2 knights)

Past events and activities: Local Zone Venturer Council meeting, trip to the glow worm tunnels at Helensburgh, group working bee.

Upcoming events and activities: Formal McDonalds with Venturers, combined activity with Figtree Rover crew, crew bowling night.

8.2. 1st Austinmer Rover Crew (1ARC):

Number of Rovers: 23 (13 knights, 10 Squires, 2 linking)

Past events and activities: Bulli Show, Jamborette, Region service activity.

Upcoming events and activities: Crew blood donation, Hike to the Monolith Valley (Morton NP)

Other Comments: The 1st Austinmer Rover Crew would like to see the revival of inter crew challenges in order to promote communication between crews within the Region.

8.3. Figtree:

Number of Rovers: unchanged since the last report

Past events and activities: Jamborette, Hangdog.

Future events and activities: Activity with Albion Park, Weekend Wide Game.

8.4. Queanbeyan: 8 (3 knights, 5 squires)

Number of Rovers: 8 (3 knights, 5 squires)

Past events and activities: Jamborette, Gangshow.

Future events and activities: WWG, Rock Climbing.

8.5. Shoalhaven: No report received

8.6. 4th Wollongong:

Number of Rovers: 14? (4 knights, 10? squires)

Past events and activities: Squire training night, region service activity.

Upcoming events and activities: A knighting will occur in the near future.

8.7. Korra Hill: Was involved with the Korrimul Gangshow. Many of the younger crew members are currently completing their HSC. Some representation at the region service activity. Will be participating in The Big Far Cup with their Venturers.

8.8. Warilla: One new Rover.

9. BPSA

9.1. Keith Critcher (1ARC) Method A

The Service and Ramble sections of this BPSA have been previously presented to the RRC.

The Scoutcraft and Project Sections of the award were approved by the crew (1ARC) at their last business meeting and they subsequently approved the award as a whole at the same meeting.

The Scoutcraft and Project sections of the award were briefly described to the RRC. The Scoutcraft section included 11 camps and the project involved the production of a camp cooking book.

Gregory Pearce would like to make it known that he gives a sound endorsement to this BPSA, especially the service component that he said “stands head and shoulders” above some complete BPSA awards.

Motion: The Council endorses Keith Critcher's Baden Powell Scout Award.

Motion made: Matthew Kuzi Appuah (1ARC)

Seconded: Craig Davis (4th Wollongong)

Motion Passed (Keith Critcher abstaining)

9.2. Simone Hadier (Albion Park) Method B

Physical Development: Simone re-presented her proposal for this badge. No significant changes have been made since it was presented at the last RRC meeting.

Spirituality: Simone plans to research the history of the Rover ceremonies and traditions that are observed by her crew. She intends to look specifically into the influence of various religious denominations

Her goal at this point is to create a book for the Rover crew which contains the results of this research. She hopes to develop her own beliefs through the undertaking of this project. She would also like to develop some new ceremonies for the crew to use such as a Booting ceremony and a ceremony for linking Ventures

The RRC recommends that Simone should specify which religious denominations she intends to investigate in her progress reports and that she

look at the branch ceremonies book as well as Baden Powell's comments regarding the Rover investiture ceremonies as starting points for her research.

10. General Business

10.1. Region service: There will be a region service activity held at the Wollongong Public School on the 15th of December. The job should be completed in the morning and will be followed by a Region Christmas party at the beach.

10.2. Weekend Wide Game. Online registration is now open. Any registrations completed after the 2nd of November will incur a \$5 late fee.

Catering will be provided by Amy Campbell.

10.4 BRC:

The next BRC meeting will be held on Saturday the 24th of November.

10.4.1. Activity tenders. There are currently no activity tenders for and 2013 BRC events. These events are Branch Ball, Bushdance and Branch Moot. The RRC would like to encourage a SCAT Rover to tender for Bushdance 2013.

10.4.2. BRC elections. The elections for BRC executive positions for the 2013-2014 term will be held at the November BRC meeting. Nominations are required in writing at least 14 days before the meeting.

10.4.3. Branch Moot. Changes to the running of branch moot were discussed. These changes included: not running the moot on a long weekend, requiring tenders to be approved no less than nine months before the moot and running the moot every second year. These changes will be discussed and voted on at the next BRC meeting.

10.4.4. Commissioners presence in BRC meetings. The region commissioners have not participated in the past three BRC meetings as a trial to see if the quality of the meetings could be improved. The commissioners will be present at the next meeting and their role in future meetings will be discussed. The three main options can be summarised as:

1. The meetings run as they did before with no changes.
2. The commissioners participate in the meeting as observers and may only vote if they are accompanied by 2 Rovers from their region (the purpose of this is to prevent regions being represented only by their commissioner)
3. The commissioners have a separate meeting at the same time as the BRC meeting in a different rule and are included in the BRC meeting when required.

The opinion of the SCAT RRC is that the commissioners should have their separate meeting while the BRC tables Exec and region reports and that they should be involved in the second half of the meeting particularly the general business section.

- 10.5. Reports for region activities should be forwarded to the webmaster for inclusion on the website.

Meeting Closed: 2150

Attached email from section 5.1:

Hello Ben

Please pass on our thanks to all those Rovers who attended and participated and assisted at the 2012 Jamborette at Bengalee Scout Camp.

These included Rovers from:

1st Figtree
1st Austinmer
1st Albion Park
2nd Queanbeyan
1st Korrahill
Lones / Goulburn

If I have missed anyone I am sorry, they are not on my list.

We really appreciate all the hard work you put in for the success of the Jamborette, to let you know – with 389 scouts attending, this was the largest attended jamborette we have had in a number of years, so again thank you for the assistance and activities.

I certainly hope that next year you will again attend with such enthusiasm and more activities – these we will let you advise us as to what you think is worthwhile. We would love to have one of your members join our Jamborette committee throughout next year to assist with the planning.

Kindest Regards
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