



Branch Scout Council

Scouts ACT

Minutes

Wednesday 13 September 2023, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Lake Ginninderra Scout Hall, Belconnen

Present

- Lachlan, Chair (Les Explorateurs)
- Luke, Secretary (Orion Unit LTSS)
- Milo, Executive (Tasman Unit LBGSS)
- Maeve, Executive (Trident Unit LBGSS)
- Charlotte, Mt Taylor
- Tyler, Amaroo
- Marcus, Amaroo
- Jay Reid, BC Youth Empowerment
- Sophie Puschak, BRC Engagement Officer
- Maddie Woodward, Summer Camp Chief
- Andrew Newbery, IT Committee

Apologies:

- Leila, Vice Chair (Garran)
- Cathy Dickson, SL Mt Mugga

Welcome and introductions:

- Maeve welcomed everyone to Lake Ginninderra Scout Hall and gave an Acknowledgement of Country

BSC announcements:

- BSC Challenge
 - This is a new event created by the BSC to get more Scouts Units to do joint activities with other Scout Units
 - Organise a joint night, camp or activity with another Scout Unit during Term 4 and send a photo to the BSC Executive
 - The prize is \$200 worth of vouchers from an outdoor camping store, to be shared by the winning Units and announced at Summer Camp 2024
 - BSC Executive will select the winner, based on:
 - Number of Units, at least two but more points for 3+ Units
 - How fun the activity looked
 - How creative it was - out of the box, unusual, etc
 - Working together and making friends
 - Demonstrating Scouting skills and values
 - Most likes on social media

- You don't have to include all these elements, but the more you do the more points you can earn
- Rules:
 - Only open to Scout Units
 - Activity must happen during Term 4, 2023
 - At least a third of the Scouts participating must come from another Unit
 - Activity must be with Scouts from another Unit AND another Group
 - Photo must be able to be posted online - please check permissions with all youth members
 - Can't be an annual, major event (e.g. TriLakes, JOTA-JOTI, PACT)
- Andrew offered to create a website for the BSC Challenge to collect submissions
- BSC email
 - We have a new email address! bsc@scoutsact.com.au
 - Contact us to advertise activities, share suggestions, questions and issues, and to connect with other Units

Unit updates:

- Went around the table and heard what each Unit is up to

BRC update:

- Sophie introduced her role as the Engagement Officer for the Branch Rover Council
- The BSC brainstormed ideas and events to connect Scouts and Rovers
- Scouts request contact details for Rover Units - emails and Instagram are best:
 - Bethungra Rovers (Gungahlin) - Bethungrarovers@scoutsact.com.au
@BethungraRoverUnit
 - Erindale - erindaleroovers@scoutsact.com.au @ErindaleRovers
 - Lake Tuggeranong: laketuggeranongrovercrew@scoutsact.com.au
@LakeTuggroverUnit
 - Lake Ginninderra: lakeginnrovercrew@scoutsact.com.au
 - Lake Burley Griffin: lakeburleygriffinrovercrew@scoutsact.com.au

Scouts ACT website refresh project

- Andrew from the IT Committee talked about his project to update the Scouts ACT website
- Mentioned that all the other websites are outdated so this is a new website featuring a bunch of new things
- BSC might have their own page
- The BSC suggested:

- Photo slides on main page (not really old ones and are updated regularly)
- Something to help recruit new Scouts to the Groups that need them so that Group gets more Scouts.
- List of Groups and if they are full or want new members
- Move contacts for activities providers (AA) to public site so we can see them
- A new BSC page and menu option to get there! This is to include the next meeting: where and when, plus notes (minutes) from the last meeting.
- A shared list of program activities that are run so Unit Councils can get inspiration and people can add to.
- Set (or choose) your own colour theme for the website
- Recipes that Scouts have tried
- Be able to access their group's emails so we can contact them
- Videos of interviews with Scouts about how a recent activity went
- Fundraising ideas page (including events that need funds and how much)
 - GG's Camp
 - Summer Camp
 - Scout Groups (some don't have much money due to the small number of Scout members)
- Donations page
 - Allow people to make tax-deductible donations to Scouts ACT and
 - If they want to, identify a particular Group to help - might (not necessarily to get all the money donated, but a good slice)
 - Identify Groups or activities that are looking for funding and what the money is for
- Event Page with coming and maybe past events on it, must include a contact for coming events
- Make the website mobile compatible - BSC said it was hard to use on their mobile phones.

Summer Camp:

- Being planned for 12-18 January 2024
- Maddie from Birralea is organising - maddiekate@internode.on.net
- Went through the proposed activity schedule, including onsite and offsite rotations and night activities
 - The BSC sent their activity ideas from the July meeting to Maddie
- Market Day
 - The BSC supported the idea of a Market Day, where Patrols/Units would set up stalls to sell goods or services to make the more money
 - Each Scout given a certain amount of 'Summer Camp' dollars to spend
 - The BSC Executive are interested in designing the 'Summer Camp' dollars

- Camp newsletter
 - There was lots of support for a daily camp newsletter, similar to Jamboree and Cuboree
 - It could include details about the next days events, interesting stories and photos
 - Have a QR code or suggestions box for Scouts to submit stories and letters to the editor
 - Potentially a group of Venturers could run this

Any other business:

- Upcoming events:
 - Cycling Team mountain bike course
 - Thursday nights over 9 weeks in term 4
 - Contact the Cycling Team cycling@scoutsact.com.au
 - JOTA-JOTI 20-22 October
 - Chat with Scouts from around Australia and overseas
 - At Camp Cottermouth and Scout Halls around Canberra
 - Contact the Radio Team radio@scoutsact.com.au or visit <https://www.scoutsact.com.au/jotajoti-2022.html>
 - Pioneering ACT (PACT) Camp 27-29 October
 - Focus on OAS Bushcraft (Pioneering) Stages 5-7
 - Contact the Pioneering Team pioneering@scoutsact.com.au
 - Northern Loop Bikepacking Journey 10-12 November
 - Two nights overnight bike hike following the Centenary Trail
 - Contact the Cycling Team cycling@scoutsact.com.au

Next meeting:

- Wednesday 16 October 2023 at the Branch Office, Garran
 - This will be a joint meeting with the Branch Venturer Council