

RRC Minutes
08 – 10 – 2014

Open meeting 7:35pm

Attendance

Rachel Camillen, Dani Barnett, Luke Saunders, Ethan Saunders, Dani Barnett, Gabrielle Fulton, Joshua Overland, Michael Barton, Neal Gillard, Rachel Fulton, Katherine Lockman, Brendan Sedgers, Laurie Pearse, Daniel Campbell, Angus Boxall, David Twist, Johnathan Morey, John Gale, Cameron Foye, Bowen Van der Voort, Matthew Lee, Nicola Grundy, Matthew Hanvin, Tyler Kara-Kingston, Kellie-jo Fletcher

Previous Minutes

Reading of previous minutes
Angus did this.

Business arising from previous minutes
Facebook Groups
Roventure

Reports

Chairman's report

What a big two months we've had! Two moots; three if you count service moot, and all organised within our region. Busy; busy; busy ... so busy in fact that I was unable to send out a Rover update last week. Well something has got to give. Rest assured however, that text messages will return to normal broadcast next week.

So how did we do? Well by all accounts, our Region Moot - "Man Vs Monster Moot" was a great success. Attracting people from out of region, and even out of state, I'm sure everyone had a great time. I won't say anymore, as not to steal the thunder from their report, however, I would like to take the opportunity to thank 2nd Castle Hill Rover Crew for their efforts in running it. Congratulations.

The branch ran a moot. I know! The first for a number of years (I believe the last was in 2011). None the less, Kings Langley Rover Crew triumphed over that fact, and Mexican Moot was a great success. Thanks to all the crews from the region that went, and helped make it a great long weekend, one you will not soon forget... no matter how hard you try.

On a more sombre note, I would like to draw everyone's attention to Service moot. This years' Service Moot had to put it lightly a poor turnout. You'd find more people at a morgue, and that's only counting the ones with a pulse. Thanks to those who came, and lent a hand. I'll save the motivational stuff, and cut straight to the point. For region events, it is reasonable to assume that we as a region get behind it, after all, all the crews voted for it. With that in mind, it would be fair to expect some level of attendance from each crew (unless that is they're at the morgue). So, here's what I'm thinking, we do it one more year, and see how it goes. But if you (by which i mean, the crews, because as an Exec, it's not a call we make) decide to do it, then you realise that you are saying, "yes, we should run service moot next year, and yes, my crew will be there." Back to the motivational stuff. Doing something like this makes Rovers look really good, which is handy when we ask, "hey, do you mind if we borrow/use ...", or "hey, do you mind if we drink at ... event", because when it boils down to it, we get a lot of stuff pretty easy, and Neville can say, "no you can't drink at ... event", but he doesn't. The least we can do is lend a hand every once in a while.

In a similar vein, I think that we should look to reassess running our Roventure based on the participation of Rovers at Waratah this year. To be blunt, if we can't support our regions Venturer activity, what chance do we have on supporting our own, new activity. This isn't based on any numbers, just a note. If that's a poor judgment to make, let me know.

Now, onto more exciting notes. The Region Rover Pool Party is back! This year is bound to be bigger, and better than last year. With more water related puns, and hopefully people, than last year, this year is bound to make waves in the scouting community as an event that goes down in the annals of history. With regards to details, we will be confirming location in the next week or two, however, suggestions are still welcome. The tentative date looks to be the first sunday of December, and it will double as our RRC meeting for December. Any issues let us know tonight. Speaking of our December meeting; we will be voting for exec positions for RRC, and the Jamborette Committee. So if you're not wearing a hat, let us know, and we can give you one.

With such a great segway like that, i couldn't help but talk about BRC. A few things your should be aware of. A tender of Bush Dance was proposed, and passed for next year, next years Branch Moot has begun advertising - "Maximum Security Moot", and Branch Ball preparations are well underway to be held early in February. The November BRC meeting is coming up, and with that so are elections. If you're interested in any positions, you should definitely run for them. Just think, "what do i have to lose," and if that doesn't work, think, 'If i go for the position, at the least it could be really funny if i actually get it." Nonetheless, i urge anyone who has even an inkling to go for a position, to do so, if you never go for it, you'll never know if you could actually get it.

Between now, and the end of the year, Branch has a few activities coming up. Hike for hunger is almost over, if we get another 1000 cans before the end of the month, we'll have surpassed 100

000 cans over its 15 year history. Yet again, Lord Mayor's Picnic is going ahead. Limited spots are available, and if you get in early you can guarantee a good vantage point to welcome in the new year. Looking more long term, AJ2016 is fast approaching, and the Rovers are running an activity base. This will be the last time till 2028 that the Jamboree will be in NSW, so if you want to lend a hand on something you likely won't get a chance to ever do again, let Jamie lee Ride know at service@nsw.rovers.com.au. She's looking for help organise, and running the activity base (each are separate roles)

Finally, if anyone is interested, they're looking for the new chief commissioner of Scouts Australia, if you're not satisfied with RRC, BRC, or think "Fuck it, why not?" go for it, what have you got to lose.

Angus.

Vice Chairman's Report

Hello everyone,

It's exciting to see your faces tonight as I linger in on what will be another RRC for the record books. Since last time I was in Slovenia, I mean RRC, we have all been up to so much.

My highlights of the past 2 months in GWS Rovers are; walking in the graffiti tunnel on Westmead's Night Hike, Hanging at MARB (Melbourne area region ball) with Laurie, and getting my Mexican on at Branch Moot.

I hope you have a great next 2 months of Rovering and look forward to seeing you at Decembers Christmas RRC Meeting.

Kind Regards
Johnathan Morey

Treasurer's Report

The Current Bank Balance is \$3465.03

We earned a grand total of \$2.47 in interest in the last Quarter and still have a Cheque for \$4.00 for Insurance that remains Uncashed by Scouts Australia.

Many thanks to Nepean Rover Crew who have paid their outstanding Levies.

I am still awaiting payment for Levies from 1st/2nd Merrylands and 1st Westmead.

Kind Regards,
Luke Saunders

Secretary's Report

No Correspondence.

PR/Internet's Report

- A page for Blacktown Rover Crew was made on the GWS website. I tried a couple of times to get in contact with them and to visit them but plans fell through. Still need to get the names of people in their Crew with executive positions.

- A new email address, e1@gwsrovers.com.au was made, where all your E1's can be sent

VLO Reports Parramatta / Nepean

The Venturers are pushing for their Tri-Rovering Badge.

Greater Western Sydney Rovers

Help is still needed for Waratah, Closing date is October 10th (Cost is \$40.00)

Training Officer's Report

Information has been pushed out to Crew Leaders since the last meeting!
Remote First Aid Course for the weekend of 11th and 12th has been cancelled.
Wednesday 15th, 2014 at 7:30pm will be the BCORE WHS Module and BCORE Child Module.
(Remember that these modules are *compulsory*)

Activities Officer's Report

A massive BRAVOOO to Castle Hill and Kings Langley on running two amazing moots and congratulations to Blaxland for winning Man vs Monster moot, I look forward to hearing your plans for region moot next year.

A huge thank you to the members of Castle Hill and Kings Langley that came to service moot and helped clean up the 4th Castle Hill scout hall for this Service Moot this year.

It's that time I year again to stand outside grocery stores and work until you can work no more in order to collect as many cans as possible for hike for hunger. On the 1st of November we will carry these cans across the harbour bridge and present them to Wesley mission's head office.

Lastly stay tuned over the coming weeks for information regarding the region rover pool party.

Region Commissioner's Report

Big thanks and good work to Castle Hill Crew for running the Region Moot, Man V Monster Moot. And can't wait for Kings Langley's report on the Branch Moot.

Scoutlink is now on line now. New invoices will be issue soon. And on invoices thanks to those Crews who paid their fees. There one Crew still has outstanding fees; I will speak to that Crew.

AJ 2016 Registration system is now open for Rovers and Leaders. The cost for Rovers is \$945 the initial closing date 15th March.

On Training There are two (2) new modules in E-Learning Basic core.

These are:

- BCORE WH&S
- BCORE Child Safety

These modules are compulsory and must be completed by 31st December 2014. There is a workshop next Wednesday 15th Oct 7:30pm at Bundilla or Login back into E-Learning to complete the modules.

Services Moot again a poor effort by Crews in this Region when it come to service activities. Just to remind you the Motto for Rovers is `Service`. We get to use Bundilla campsite and Halls for our meeting free of charge. So the next service activity I want a better attendants from Crews. Those Rovers from Castle Hill and Kings Langley Crews thank you.

Social Networking Policy the NRC has review the social networking policy. I have forward policy to all Crewleaders and Rover Advisers. It's a matter being careful on post made on Crew social sites.

Assistant Region Commissioner's Report

I'm Back! I'll be hanging around for now. Maybe.

Crew Reports

2nd Baulkham Hills

Crew Activities:

Board Game Relay, Dungeons and Dragons, Pub Dinner, Transmitter Hunt

Inter-Crew Activities:

Mexican Moot, Magical Musical Tour, Trivia Night

Coming Activities Not Previously Listed:

Observatory Hill Visit, Go Karting, Crew Council, Programming Night

Census Information			
No. of Rovers	No. of Squires	Rover Advisors	No. of Candidates
4	6	1	0

Blaxland Kalangadoo

Crew Activities:

Bowen's Knighting, Joey's squiring, Trivia night, Tennis

Inter-Crew Activities:

Circus Night with Castle Hill

Service Activities:

Preparing the scout hall for the new roof

Joint-Venturer Activities:

Jamborette

Coming Activities Not Previously Listed:

Programming night, Capture the flag with springwood Venturers, Hall clean-up

Census Information			
No. of Rovers	No. of Squires	Rover Advisors	No. of Candidates
14	11	1	6

Comments:

The new RRC report form looks better than the old one.

The changes to the NSW state forms are confusing.

2nd Castle Hill

Crew Activities:

Moot debrief, Social night at bro dogs, IKEA hide and seek

Inter-Crew Activities:

MMT

Service Activities:

September, Big Aussie BBQ

Coming Activities Not Previously Listed:

Skills night, Crab racing, Archery tag

Census Information			
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No. of Rovers	No. of Squires	Rover Advisors	No. of Candidates
8	18	1	3

Hawkesbury River

Crew Activities:

Kane's Squiring, Ben received Gold D of E, Meeting at Macquarie Arms, Programming night at the hall

Inter-Crew Activities:

Man Vs Monster Moot, Magical Mystery Tour, Leeder's Booting, MARB

Service Activities:

BBQ at Castle Hill, Mowed lawns at the hall

Joint-Venturer Activities:

Woodfired pizza making night at the hall, Rock climbing Penrith, Movie night in the den

Coming Activities Not Previously Listed:

Turrumurra Rovers Harbour Cruise, JOTA/JOTI, Wiggles Moot, Hike4Hunger, Waratah, Pirate Moot, Advanced Sectional Techniques Course (Laurie) and a Canoe Course (Laurie), Skills night, Crew Camp in Austinmer

Census Information			
No. of Rovers	No. of Squires	Rover Advisors	No. of Candidates
7	5	0	5

Kings Langley

Activities:

September	
06-07/09/2014	Magical Musical Tour
07/09/2014	Crew Council
12/09/2014	Leeder Booting
13/09/2014	BRC
12-14/09/2014	National Youth Council: Spring Conference
14/09/2014	Intercrew Bowling
20/09/214	MARB: Rover Ball VIC
19-21/09/2014	NYPT: Melbourne
20-21/09/2014	Ratskin
21/09/2014	MM Meeting
25-28/09/2014	Alison M's Ramble
27-28/09/2014	BUD
28/09/2014	MM Meeting
October	
03-06/10/2014	Mexican Moot
08/10/2014	RRC
10/10/2014	Harbour Cruise
11-12/10/2014	Advanced Skills Training: Rovers
12/10/2014	Speed dating
18-19/10/2014	Jota/Joti
19/10/2014	Sam's Night
24-26/10/2014	Wiggle Moot
25/10/2014	Gynea Halloween Patry: Anything but Clothes
26/10/2014	Venturer Night

Census Information			
No. of Rovers	No. of Squires	Rover Advisors	No. of Candidates
9	0	1	6

½ Merrylands

No Report

Nepean

No Report

1st Westmead

Crew Activities:

Comedy night in Redfern, Crew Council, Trivia night, Crew dinner, Photo scavenger hunt

Inter-Crew Activities:

Night hike from Castle Hill to Northmead

Service Activities:

Assisting Venturers with rat skin prep

Joint-Venturer Activities:

Trial rat skin Activity prep, Games/rover information Night

Coming Activities Not Previously Listed:

Murder mystery night, Blood drive, Investitures

Census Information			
No. of Rovers	No. of Squires	Rover Advisors	No. of Candidates
1	2	2	3

Comments:

Candidates will be becoming squires in next few weeks

General Business

Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury Rover Crews are presenting their reports at the next RRC!

GWSR Moot 2014 Report

Presale	\$1,600.00
Door Takings	\$3,087.20
Total	\$4,687.20

Dry Bar	\$194.80
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Was a good event, well run by the group. Would have been great to see more attendance & moral support from the region, in region attendance was at 22% of the overall moot attendance, and was only , particularly upsetting given Blaxland's turnout of 20+. Upsetting, given the effort taken to ensure the moot was held at a campsite located within the region (& the only scouting one suitable for hosting a Moot). A monumental support from Sydney North, and whilst I have in the past been a proponent of the idea of Sydney north being "reclusive", I really have to give them credit for putting in a large effort and getting a large number of their rovers there. Blaxland made a serious & impressive effort to win the weekend, and I understand that they will be putting forward a tender for 2015 Moot.

Activities were well run, and though it took a LOT of effort on behalf of everyone involved, it was a very successful weekend.

Big Congratulations to Blaxland Kalangadoo for winning the moot and good luck to them running next years' GWS Moot.

Motion to move voting for exec to December

Motion put forward that we open nominations for exec positions now and vote for them at the December RRC.

Cameron Seconds

Motion Passed

Can region covers the cost of Laurie's Rover AST course please?

Laurie puts forward the motion for the RRC to cover \$122.50 of his AST course

Brendan Seconds

5 For

1 Abstaining

Motion Passed

Thanks for coming to Mexican Moot (Report / Wrap Up)

Thanks for coming, it was an AMAZING weekend!

GWS Region was well represented!

Facebook pages (follow on from last meeting)

Each Crew has their own FB page but we were looking at condensing them into one page (region page). It seems to be easier to tag the Region page in posts and photos.

Castle Hill will be taking on the challenging of promoting their crew on the GWSR page and trying to provoke Venturer interest.

Region Rover Pool Party

Angus puts forward the motion that we have the December RRC on Sunday 14th of December directly after lunch and before the region rover pool party.

Cameron Seconds

Motion Passed

GWSR Moot 2015

Cameron said things, they were loud enough.

Castle Hill gave Blaxland words of wisdom in running their moot!

Cameron puts forward the motion that 1st Blaxland Rover Crew 'Kalangadoo' runs Marvel Moot as GWSR Moot 2015
Ben Seconds
Motion Passed

Service moot 2015

A lot of effort goes into organising ANY rover event and it's fairly disappointing when not many people turn up to the event.

Please think about if you do want to back Service Moot for early next year. I think if we continue to do this it will have a positive impact on the region both physically and emotionally/mentally.
Prospective dates for moot: September 12th and 13th or September 19th and 20th.

Ideas for make Service Moot:

- Make it more like a moot or rename it "Service Ding"
- Penalties for lack of attendance
- Promotion for squires
- Those who don't attend have to do extra service activities to make up for it
- Service during the day and entertainment at night. i.e. Campfire, music, etc.
- Service to the community

Roventure

The expectation of this is that EVERY crew will turn up. Each crew gets an hour slot to run an activity as well as the chance to cook meals and clean up after them.

If we can't commit to Waratah what are the chances of us getting our own Roventure up and running?

There is the prospect of running this camp as a moot and organising it as a GWSR committee.

We are looking at getting a nominee from each rover crew by December RRC. If this isn't reached, the event will NOT go ahead.

How to receive our Invoices?

Receive it by snail mail, email or call region office.

Rover Wrist Bands

AV2015 has a request for 1000 bands.

If we have 1000 we will provide them at 0.75 cents per unit to AV 2015.

NYC Applications Open

State Youth Council has transformed into something that's useful that everyone can aspire to be on!

One Rover nominee is needed!

No nominees found at current RRC meeting as more information about the role is needed.

WSC & WSYF Report

118 People from across the world! 5 people from Australia attended.

Duty to God Review: allow people who do not believe in god to join scouting. Not passed at the WSC.

Remembering that scouting is for life, scouting is an educational movement, we are not just a social movement.

2nd Castle Hill is in need of a Cub Leader

Tuesday Nights from 7pm – 8:30pm

If no one is able to help, the section will close.

Please contact Joshua Overland if you are interested!

Matthew and the BP Chronicles

Blaxland Kalangadoo is attempting to transfer their squires across to new BP training.

Merrylands squires are enjoying their new training.

Kings Langley has turned the notes into a squire training manual. All rovers in crew have been issued new badges. Angus has almost completed his BP (old scheme)

Castle Hill has taken on the new scheme and have tacked on some extra bits from their old training. No badges in stock just yet. No one has expressed interest in completing BP as of yet.

Baulkham Hills are moving through the new scheme slowly and have all the new badges in stock.

Hawkesbury has members who are just interested in being a part of the movement and not completing their BP training just yet. Prior commitments are keeping them busy (other sections).
Nepean still working their heads around the new scheme, Matthew will be visiting them to help them sort themselves out!

Next Meeting Sunday 14th December, 2014

Close Meeting **9:40pm**