

BOY SCOUTS OF CANADA
CANADIAN COUNCIL OF B.-P. GUILDS

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Note: We have changed our name to CANADIAN COUNCIL OF B.-P. GUILDS as decided at an organizational meeting held in Calgary, Alberta on May 14, 1977 at which time we drafted a constitution, a copy of which accompanies this news letter.

In order to become a member country in the International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides we had to be supported by a national scouting organization as well as have a national organization of our own with a constitution. Boy Scouts of Canada at a recent meeting passed a resolution "That National Council give authority to the B.C.-Yukon Group to form a National B.-P. Guild Council, and that the name of Walter Touzeau for National Secretary and Seymour Archbold for National Registrar be considered. It is suggested that one delegate from each province with a registered Guild participate in the National B.P. Guild Council." Based on the above we called the organizational meeting and passed a constitution. We are now confident that we will be accepted at the 12th General Assembly of the International Fellowship being held in Montreaux, Switzerland July 25-30, 1977. Three members of the 4th Canadian B.-P. Guild will be attending this assembly : Frouida Baker who has been asked to represent the B.-P. Guilds in Canada, Doris Coole and Cynthia Llewellyn. If we are accepted in the International Fellowship we will be proud to have Frouida receive our membership.

Our constitution was adopted on May 14, 1977 by a guild representation from Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia. The bulk of the time of the meeting was spent in consideration of the constitution which was thoroughly discussed. Members of the Calgary Guild were most delightful hosts and arranged billets and entertainment for the visitors.

It was decided that guilds would not be referred to as "unit, branch or chapter" but be called just guilds. eg. there are "scout troops" but "B.-P. guilds."

The meeting also decided that a handbook would be compiled as soon as possible. Several items for inclusion were noted. It is hoped that all guilds and members will contribute to the handbook and submit ideas to be included. It is the plan to ask various guilds to complete items for the handbook so that it will be the result of ideas from all members. Please feel free to write the secretary with your ideas.

It is the plan of the Council to make available an application for admission into guilds which can be used across the country. Each guild is asked to send the secretary a copy of its present application form so that all ideas can be considered. It is felt that such a form should contain information on B.-P. Guilds, their aims and purpose with a tear off application section.

In order to publish news letters and carry on national and international correspondence the Council will require funds. Even before the official formation of the Council we have been active in organizational matters including the submission of dues to the International Fellowship. This has cost money for postage, exchange, etc. For the first four months of this year expenses amounting to almost \$50.00 have been incurred.

This does not include the purchase of stationery to carry on our correspondence with the international Fellowship, Boy Scouts of Canada and our own guilds - including the news letter. For the first year, and to become established the Council Executive is asking that each guild submit \$1.00 for each guild member. We hope that this amount will supply sufficient funds so that next year the assessment can be lowered. Please encourage your guild to send your assessment to the registrar as soon as possible : S. Archbold, Sherwood Dr., R.R. #1, Parksville, B.C. V0R 2S0.

The Calgary Guild met the evening of the Canadian Council Meeting. After a general discussion on projects, etc. and an investiture, in which the Council participated, an illustrated talk was given by a guild member Art Jenkins on Operation Eyesight Universal. It was a most interesting and inspiring talk. This was followed by a square dance with a very patient caller.

AWARDS: We would like to acknowledge awards given to our guild members. If any members have been so honored pleased let us know so we can include them in our next letter.

Service pins:

20 years;	J. Hurley, 1st Canadian, Vancouver.
25 years;	W. MacPherson, 1st Canadian, Vancouver.
25 years;	S. Manning, 1st Canadian, Vancouver
40 years;	Doris Coole, 4th Canadian, Vancouver.

Medal of Merit:

Margaret Novak, 4th Canadian, Vancouver
Jack Kent, 1st Canadian, Vancouver.

Guild Prospects:

An initial meeting was held in Burnaby B.C. to discuss the formation of a guild. A volunteer group agreed to set a date for an organizational meeting and investiture which is expected within the next week or so. We look forward to another guild in B.C. and hope to hear more from enquiries from other provinces. Contact your scouting friends in other regions and provinces and help spread the spirit of the aims and purpose of the B.-P. Guilds throughout Canada.

Let's keep growing:

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