

**Valley Highlands Area Agenda – Nov 18, 2010**  
**7PM, Presbyterian Church Hall, Smith's Falls**

**Call to Order:**

**Oh Canada:**

**Scouter's 5:**

**Regrets:**

**Acceptance of Minutes:** Correction to Jacy's E-mail jacystal@hotmail.ca

**Business arising from the minutes:**

**Commissioner's Report:** Council Management Advisory Committee meets next week, 1 week later than normal, to permit review of the Audit done on Voyageur Council. I will send out an update if required.

**Number ONE priority for this meeting, is to figure out how to get Registration done in a timely manner** The straw poll at the last meeting showed a small increase in our numbers, but we still have only 44% of last year's numbers registered. That means 54% of our members are NOT Insured, and their group commissioner is personally liable in case of an accident! I will soon have to close those groups who have not registered.

**Jacynthe is available at the meeting to get all the outstanding registrations done.**

Voyageur AGM Dec 4. Location TBD.

Scouters conference April 9, 2011. Location Smiths Falls.

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*Valley Highlands Annual Report*  
*2009-2010*

2009/10 was a good year for Valley Highlands Area despite a small reduction in the number of registrations, mainly due to a lack of adult volunteers. A busy year, with lots of outdoor activities was enjoyed by all.

Scout/Guide week had celebrations held in each of our Groups home ranges across the area.

Successful winter events were held for all levels, with the Beaver BRRR, Cub Winter Challenge and Scout Winter camp all being well appreciated by their participants.

The spring camp was, for a change, an all-sections camp (Springtime on the Mississippi), was held with a great turnout and good weather, with great turnouts and enthusiastic youth and leaders.

A combined year-end Cub/Scout canoe trip in Algonquin Park was a great success and will be repeated on an annual basis.

The annual "Beef-on-a-Bun" booth at the Lombardy Fair fundraising for Whispering Pines Camp raised enough income to fund the camp for the next year, thanks to all the volunteers' enthusiasm. Whispering Pines use numbers were good with many training sessions held as well as local and more distant scouting groups.

We awarded several of our new Area award, The Valley Highlands "Spirit of Scouting" Award, for mentorship.

The Venturers and Rovers participated in many of the events organized by the Venturer Advisor Forum, the Senior section youth committees in their various forms, and the Joint Council with senior Guiding members, including Venclimb, Rovent, Adirondack Winter Alpine Snowshoeing Adventure, Laserquest Lockdown, Whitewater 1 & 2, & Wilderness First aid Training and many more. The Rovers canoe trip on the Noire river was put off until next year due to the lack of water on the river.

Although paid membership was down very slightly, the enthusiasm of our youth and leaders is always great to see, and we look forward to a great year in 2010/2011, and an active push for new members.

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Area Commissioner  
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**DAC Reports:**

**Secretary: Diana**

**Council: Kelly**

**Registrar: Jacynthe (Jacy):** Final check of Reg'n forms packages tonight ALL packages must be verified and signed-off.

**Finance: Jean**

**Camp: Stan**

**Recognition: Roger**

**Program: Alex**

**Technology: Mike Dobbie?**

**Popcorn: John:** 5 Groups participated in Popcorn sales this fall. They sold a total of \$14750 worth and are profiting to the extent of over \$6300.

**Scoutrees: Brian**

**Youth: Andreas & Matt**

**Training: Michelle** Upcoming Area WBI, Colony, Pack, & Troop Dec 19/20 **Cancelled**

**Break:**

**Group reports:** I suggest that we stick to highlights to ensure we get out of here at a reasonable time. Full reports will accompany the minutes.

**Old Business:** AC Replacement Committee

**New Business:**

**Next Meeting:** Dec, 16, Presbyterian Church

**Motion to Adjourn:**