

Scouts Canada Valley Highlands Area

Minutes for Area meeting April 24, 2003 at St. Paul's United Church, Perth

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm. with Michelle Niefer presiding.

Present were 18 participants: Michelle Niefer – Area Commissioner, Charles Gale – DAC for Program, Frank Larabie (Bob) – DAC for Growth and Retention, Jean Lasenba – Area Treasurer, Stan Lasenba – Area Property Manager, Brian Billings – Area Scoutrees Co-ordinator, Chris Tyler – area event team, Diana Nuttall – area group support team, representatives of 2nd Almonte, 1st Arden, 1st Elmsley, 1st Lombardy, 1st Montague, 2nd Smiths Falls

Report from Council (Tim Foreman absent with regrets) The Council newsletter “Vision” is on the web at www.Voyageur.scouts.ca any one who wants a copy by snail mail should call the council office at 225-2770 or 1-888-726-8876 ext 503

May 6th is the deadline for registering your applicants for “Chief Scout” or “Queen’s Venturer” Award. Call the council office at the above number.

If you have someone who you would like recognized, Stan Lasenba is willing to give you help in making out the application.

Report on Division meeting in Toronto April, 11-13, 2003 – attended by Michelle Niefer, Charles Gale, Roger Nuttall, Angela Britton, and Chaz Gale.

Expectations for the future has been drawn up by the youth members which will evolve into a plan for the area with each DAC contributing 4 Objectives which will then be circulated to all the groups. Please make any suggestions before the plans are finalized.

Frank Larabie submitted a report on the workshop on communications on March 29, 2003. The results will be circulated to all the groups. Any comments should be directed to Michelle Niefer.

One of the suggestions is to have an Area Communication Co-ordinator and we would have to clarify what that person would do and how to do the job.

The Area calendar for next year is to come out next month. If there is anything that you want to have included contact one of the DAC's or Michelle.

Reports

Group by Frank Larabie

V.S.A.W.C. June 6 – 8, Whispering Pines, contact Chris Tyler

Training by Roger Nuttall read by Michelle Niefer

By the end of this Scouting year the area would like to have lists of Coaches/Mentors for: Orientation, Basic Program Planning and Delivery(WB I), Basic Administration (Group Committee Training), Advanced Program Planning and Delivery (WB II), Advanced Personal Development. These lists would then be available to Group Scouters, Leaders, and Group Committee Members. There were 8 Scout Leaders and 4 Cub Leaders who took the BPP&D courses this year. The Canoe Tripping Course has 11 participants and 4 Trainers. Half the participants are from Ottawa and the rest are from Valley Highlands

Scoutrees by Brian Billings

5,000 tree seedlings will be ready for planting on May 3 rain or shine. Lunch will be served after planting. DO NOT bring your monies to the planting site, you will be contacted after the planting .

Camp by Stan Lasenba

Meeting in Ottawa on April 12, 2003 with Divisional people. General consensus that local level should have the most say but concern about National and Divisional Policies. Whispering Pines should be able to keep operating at least in the short term because it is so economical to run. Present map of the camp is not accurate so arrangements will be made to have the road and sites marked accurately, then new numbers will be posted at the sites and a new map made. Everyone using the camp MUST sign in and fill out the form in Trailer #1. **Camp Rules and Evacuation information are on these forms.**

Please do not leave any articles in the trailer without getting permission from the camping committee – call Stan Lasenba.

Many groups from Ottawa are requesting use of the camp, so make sure you notify Stan of any plans to use the camp. Book ASAP.

On May 3, 2003 there will be a work party at the camp. Items needing attention are: Sort poles and put on stand, Rake gravel on hill, General clean up, Clean and scrub Kybos, Clean storage trailers, Clear site #1.

Hobbies and Wheels by Bill Lawrence

Have 3 tracks and are looking for a fourth. Crests for all participants at Wheels and participation ribbons for all entries at Hobby Show.

Cubs to register at 9 am Saturday, events begin at 10 am. Scouts to register at 1 pm. and races to begin at 2 pm. On Sunday Beavers are to register at 10 am. and events to start at 11 am. Venturers to register at 2 pm. and races at 2:30 pm. Leaders who are present will be asked to participate as judges etc.

Venturers will be running a canteen from 10 am. to 5 pm. each day. There will be sandwich board signs set up.

Treasury by Jean Lasenba

Having difficulty getting Council to give a report on Area funds being handled by Council. Getting bills

1st Lombardy – Full report next month

1st Montague – Having difficulties with poorly functioning members of Group Committee. Will be talking to Wayne and Frank.

2nd Smiths Falls – Having a Fashion Show as a fundraiser on Wed. Apr. 30 at 7 pm. at the Smiths Falls Legion Hall. Tickets are \$5.00each. Men's and women's fashion to be on display along with many members of Scouting.

There is a meeting of Cub Leaders at St Paul's United Church in Franktown at 7 pm. on Wed. Apr. 30. Main topic will be Camp Impeesa.

Next area meeting to be Wed. May 28, location TBA

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.