



Area Forum

May 24, 2007

Lion's Club, Smiths Falls



Present: Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner, Jean Lasenba, Finance; Roger Nuttall, DAC Program, Brian Billings, Scout Trees; Val Venables, 4th Perth, Bill and Stella Lawrence, 2nd Almonte, Paul Kehoe, 1st Drummond; John Stalker, Area/CP/Venture Rep/, Gen Stalker Youth rep, Joan Smith 2nd Smiths Falls, Gary Thomson 1st Elmsley. Ken Richardson Camp Warden.

Regrets: Michelle Niefer

Agenda Items: O'Canada
Prayer
Introductions

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes Brian Billings second by Roger
All in favour. No business arising from the minutes

Agenda Items:

Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner: Lasenba@sympatico.ca
Council Report May 16,2007

- Rideau Area holding a campfire at Ope on August 1st Information on their Web page
- Chief Scout Award Ceremony will be held at Nortel Office Moodie and Carling more info on web
- CJ precamp well attended 548 at camp
- Expecting 600 for Cub camp
- Cost of rental for council office increasing from \$8.50 to \$9.75 per Sq. Ft. App. 2400 sq. ft.
- \$1500 for common space stays the same

Commissioner's Report

- Ken and I met with Rideau Valley to do a walk around at camp, they seem satisfied. New lease with same terms has been signed by Scouts Canada. Name of leaseholder was changed from provincial Council to the incorporated Body. The lease now goes to Rideau Valley for their signature.
- Ken, Roger Chris and I set up a display for the Rideau Canal opening ceremonies on May 22nd. We had rope making and button. This was well received by everyone Training
- Roger and I attended Merrickville's swim-up ceremony and presented Woodbadge woggles to Beaver Leaders Simon Eadie, Vic Weatheral, and John Tempstra also Cub Leader Elizabeth Collinson = Congratulations to all

Kelly Banks, Council Field Executive – kbanks@scouts.ca

Please pass along my request for Group information for next year for the school flyer. If you can pass around a sheet and one of the flyers, so that each Group Commissioner could fill out all the correct information. I can get the listing from you next time you are in the office or I am out that way.

Again - the information I need from each group is:

1. Group Name
2. Meeting Location(s)

3. Program Offered (Beavers, Cubs, etc.)
4. Meeting Nights and Times
5. Fall Registration Night (if there is one scheduled)
6. Contact Name for the Group, phone number and when to call.

Cheers!

DAC Reports:

i: **Youth - Gen Stalker** stargate_gal@hotmail.com

ii: Fundraising -

iii: **Program - Roger Nuttall** – rsnuttal@storm.ca

Nitevent: We had 42 Scouts take part in the Centennial Nitevent on May 4/5, 2007. The winning Patrol was from 1st Merrickville. We had a net profit of \$16.50 at the Nitevent.

Beaverree: The Beaverree was not held this year due to other commitments by most of the Colonies.

Camporee: The Camporee is being held this weekend (May 25 - 27, 2007) at Whispering Pines. Indications are that only 2 or 3 Troops will be attending due to the heavy camping schedule of those Troops going to CJ 07. Rather than holding the Camporee with typical activities, it was decided to have a ‘Trail Blazers’ Camporee’ where the Scouts would help extend our system of trails. We will be hiking the Red Trail to the start of a new trail, and stop by a large beaver pond for lunch. The new trail will pass through a picnic area overlooking the beaver pond and go on west to a cottage road. By following the cottage road north from the new trail for about 350 meters, you come to the west end of the Red Trail.

Camp Impeesa: The Area Cub Camp will be held at Whispering Pines on May 1 - 3, 2007.

iv: **Camp Warden – Ken Richardson** – wraith@ca.inter.net

- Total camp days to date 1077
- Water test has been done and everything is fine
- Roger graded the road after the spring ruts
- RVSA inspected the camp and everything seems ok. There will have to be a general cleanup of campsites to get rid of garbage and some dead trees that are dangerous.
- When you camp, make sure you fill out registration forms.
- Bookings
- June 1 to 3 Cub camp, June 8,10 Perth, June 16,17 Boat rescue, June 22,24 7th Kanata

v: Honours & Awards - No report

vi: **Scout Trees - Brian Billings** - brian_billings@carleton.ca

Scoutrees Report - May 24th, 2007

Thanks to all for a very successful plant year!

On May 5th, 105 youth, leaders and volunteers attended the plant site at the Brook’s Farm and by noon, 3,000 tree seedlings were in the ground. Jeff WARD (OMNR/CSCLC) and his work crew came back to the plant site on Tuesday May 8th and finished planting the remaining 1,000 seedlings on site. Art BROOKS was rather pleased with the entire experience and in appreciation has donated \$100.00 to the good of Scouting with the stipulation that it be used by the area youth for area Scouting needs (cheque submitted to Jean LASENBA at meeting).

On May 13th, 25 youth, leaders, and Area reps. attended the Drummond/North Elmsley (D/NE) landfill site and planted 1,000 Tamarack seedlings...in only 1.5h!!! D/NE Councillor Gordon McConnell attended and expressed his appreciation for our Scoutrees partnership and planting efforts. Rudy DYCK, Jeff WARD, and I will visit the D/NE site in July or August to survey the property and plan our next planting project for 2008.

Those groups who raised funds with Scoutrees are asked to submit a report of their totals raised to me (for my Scoutrees report to National) and remit 15% of pledges/funds raised to Jean LASENBA for furtherance to the National Brotherhood Fund. At this meeting, I was presented with the reports from Almonte and Smith Falls... Almonte raised \$522.00, forwarding \$69.90 to Brotherhood and Smiths Falls raised \$699.00, forwarding \$104.85 to Brotherhood. It would be most appreciated if all groups could get back to me by mid-June at the latest with this info so that I can close out my report to National by June 30th.

If any group did not receive their Scoutrees crest or require additional crests, I still have a good supply left - please call me and I will get some off to you.

Receipts submitted for re-imburement - Total \$15.00: \$5.51 in postage for sponsorship letter/certificate mail-outs and \$9.49 for Timbits for May 12th (D/NE Landfill Plant).

vii : **Financial: Jean Lasenba - lasenba@sympatico.ca**

- \$21,304.44 as of end of March
- \$1500.00 for lease of camp
- area crest given out for CJ participants 5 per each one going.

GROUP REPORTS:

2nd Almonte:

1. EVENTS TO DATE:

- a. Cubs, Scouts and Venturers participated in our canvassing for Scoutrees on 28 Apr 07. A cheque for \$66.90 was turned in to Jean. Beavers came out after the canvassing to participate in the Swim-up, Leap-up ceremonies done behind the Post Office.
- b. Beavers have been doing outdoor events at Gemmill Park (kites and bike activities).
- c. Cubs and Scouts participated in planting trees on 5 May.
- d. Scouts went to see the theatre production of "Annie Get Your Gun" at Carlton Place High School. They also did a bike trip on the Trans Canada Trail near Carlton Place, and took a Standard First Aid and CPR course on 22 and 29 Apr 07. Tom arranged the course done by a fellow teacher, then Andy came to the next Scout meeting and administered the test. 18 Scouts and Leaders are now certified.
- e. Scouts and Venturers went to the Pre-CJ Camp at the Apple Hill Scout Reserve 11-13 May 07.

2. FUTURE EVENTS:

- a. All Sections have finished weekly meetings.
- b. We have been asked to do a BBQ for the Senior Games in Almonte on 9 Jun, so proceeds from the BBQ are going to WJ and CJ costs.
- c. Venturers are doing a Standard First Aid Course on 28/29 Jun in preparation for CJ07.
- d. We are doing a 100th Anniversary afternoon Scout Day in the Park with a BBQ and Campfire on 29 Sep 07. Mississippi Mills Parks and Rec. have given us permission to build Scouting activities in the park, and the Fire Chief has ok'd an open campfire. This will co-inside with our Apple Day canvassing.

3. MAIN EFFORTS:

- a. We have sent out the Early registration packages to Parents by mail.
- b. Scouts and Venturers have gone through our equipment and are gearing up for CJ07. The Venturers are holding a small raffle to raise extra funds for CJ07.
- c. I am finishing up 4 submissions for the Centennial Medal.

4. ISSUES:

- a. We are looking for Cub Leaders for next Season. I have told the Parents I will take on the Akela position, but early registrations will not be taken for Cubs unless another volunteer is found, as 2 Leaders are required per Section. We have no returning Cub Leaders from this season. It looks like we will have 2 Venturer Advisors, 3 Scout Leaders and 4 Beaver Leaders so the other Sections will be OK.
- b. We have 8 Scouters and 19 Youth going to WJ/CJ. I have contacted Jean about 135 Area Crests (received 24 May).

5. COMMENTS.

- a. I am still trying to get a necker and shoulder flash from each Group so I can have the display ready for the Almonte and Lombardy Fairs. I currently have a necker and shoulder flash from Area, Almonte, Perth, Merrickville and Drummond. I have a necker from Arden, Montague, Smith Falls and Portland. So far I have nothing from Elmsley, Carleton Place, Beckwith and Pakenham. I realize that some of these Groups are not active now, but this display will be used for historical displays as well as at current Area activities so I hope to eventually show all Groups, past and present (it's a long term goal).
- b. We still have some popcorn left if anyone is looking for it. We lowered our prices and found it sold a lot quicker. A slightly lower profit, but still a profit.

Yours in Scouting,

Bill Lawrence, Group Commissioner

1st Beckwith: No change from last month.

Carleton Place: No report

1st Drummond: No report

1st Elmsley: No report

1st Merrickville: No report

4th Perth:

Current Activities:

- The Cubs are working on their second den curtain and have also had visitors to talk about First Aid and Community Law (former OPP officer). They continue to work on badges.
- The Scouts did a sleepover and then went to the Museum of Civilization in Gatineau. As well as participating in NiteVent they also had programs on First Aid and Citizenship.
- The group did a barbeque at Hendrik's Independent Grocer on Friday, May 11th and raised money to support the group.

Upcoming Events:

- Our big event is the Perth Scouting Reunion scheduled for Saturday afternoon, May 26th. We have invited any who have in the past been connected with Scout groups in Perth and area and look forward to a fun afternoon filled with memories and stories. This will be our big event for the Centennial.

Challenges:

- For several years John Price has been our outstanding contact with the church sponsor. He has now decided to go on to other things and we look forward to his replacement. St. James Church has been very supportive over the years and we also appreciate the support of the community.

Arnel W. Pattemore, Group Commissioner

1st Portland: No report available

2nd Smiths Falls: No report available

Venturers:

- 10 youth, 1 Advisor @ RSVP
- 5 youth, 1 Advisor @ CJ Pre-camp
- Several youth at JC meeting @ HQ
- 7 youth at WW1 May 26-28
- 1 youth @ WW3
- 6 youth, 2 advisors @ WW2 June 1-2
- 1 @ Kayak 2
- Venturer/Scout canoe trip Mid July

