



## Area Forum

June 21, 2007

Lion's Club, Smiths Falls



**Present:** Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner, Michelle Niefer, Secretary; Jean Lasenba, Finance; Roger Nuttall, DAC Program; Ken Richardson, APM; Bill Lawrence, 2<sup>nd</sup> Almonte; Stella Lawrence, Bingo; Charlotte Wannamaker, Bingo; Tracy Joron, 2<sup>nd</sup> Almonte; Paul Kehoe, 1<sup>st</sup> Drummond, Sharon Thomson, 1<sup>st</sup> Elmsley, Joan Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Smiths Falls and John Stalker, Area & CP.

**Regrets:** Jean Trant-Lambert, Beckwith; Brian Billings, Scout trees; Elizabeth Docker, CP; and Gen Stalker, DAC Youth.

### Agenda Items:

**Opening:** O'Canada – led by Michelle  
Prayer – led by Stan

**Minutes reviewed:** Motion to accept by Ken Richardson; seconded by Roger Nuttall; all in favour.

**Business arising from minutes:** School flyers specific to each group will be ready at the end of August for distribution.

**Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner:** [Lasenba@sympatico.ca](mailto:Lasenba@sympatico.ca)

### Council report:

- Upper St. Lawrence Area interested in having a display at the plowing match. Any interest from here?
- The tax credit for youth taking part in Scouting comes into effect next year (2008). How receipts will be handled, etc, will be out shortly.
- Lost Children Group could use some Scouts to help this year at the Ottawa Ex.
- Criteria for the new national youth award called "Medal of the Maple" should be out in the near future.
- Deadline for CCM medal is August 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Commissioner Report:

- New lease for Whispering Pines is signed and sent to the Corporate Body, 1 copy on file.
- Lombardy Fair coming soon, call Jeff Criggar to Volunteer.
- As most groups have closed down for the Summer, I wish each and everyone a very enjoyable Summer and hope to see everyone back and raring to go in the September.

### DAC Reports:

i: Youth - Gen Stalker [stargate\\_gal@hotmail.com](mailto:stargate_gal@hotmail.com)

ii: Fundraising -

iii: Program - Roger Nuttall – [rsnuttal@storm.ca](mailto:rsnuttal@storm.ca)

### Camporee - 2007

We had 16 Scouts and 11 Leaders take part in the "Trail Blazer" Camporee on May 25 -27, 2007.

The main activity was to clear and mark the Yellow trail. The Yellow trail is a loop off the Red trail that goes through a picnic area overlooking a large beaver pond, then west to the cottage road, along the cottage road for about 200 meters and then east to the junction of the Red and Yellow trail for a total length of about 1250 meters. This junction of the trails about the middle of the Red Trail.

The Scouts seemed to enjoy the trail clearing and their picnic by the beaver pond. The hike back along the full length of the Red trail was a first for many of the Scouts.

iv: **Camp Warden – Ken Richardson – [wraith@ca.inter.net](mailto:wraith@ca.inter.net)**

- lawnmower needs a new battery
- Opemikon has booked their days into Whispering Pines this Summer.
- Rideau Valley Conservation – putting in a grant to Trillium. Asked what we would need (gravel, new washroom).
- On the look out for a new trailer to replace our older ones.

v: Honours & Awards -

vi: **Scout Trees - Brian Billings - [brian\\_billings@carleton.ca](mailto:brian_billings@carleton.ca)**

- no report at this time.

vii : **Financial: Jean Lasenba - [lasenba@sympatico.ca](mailto:lasenba@sympatico.ca)**

- end of March total was \$21,320.12; end of May \$21,522.12
- Bills: Stan for supplies \$81.25; reimbursement to Kanata \$35.00 = total \$116.25  
Motion to have the bills paid Jean Lasenba, seconded by Roger Nuttall, vote: unanimous to pay.
- Stan has a list of groups that have outstanding amounts; each group will be contacted, and they in turn will talk to Dee at headquarters.

**GROUP REPORTS:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Almonte:**

1. **EVENTS TO DATE:**

- a. All Sections are closed for regular meetings.
- b. Venturers and myself did a BBQ fundraiser for the District Senior Games in Gemmill Park on 9 Jun 07. Profits are going towards CJ and WJ.

2. **FUTURE EVENTS:**

- a. Venturers are doing a Standard First Aid Course on 28/29 Jun in preparation for CJ07.
- b. We are doing a 100<sup>th</sup> 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. We will be building a rope bridge, zip line, a small climbing wall and there will be some activities for the younger crowd too. This is open to all Scouting Groups and anyone wandering through the park at the time. I have contacted Merrickville to see if we can borrow their cave simulator. I would like to borrow the Area button machine for this event.

3. **MAIN EFFORTS:**

- a. We had sent out the Early registration packages to Parents by mail, but this year have had a poor response.
- b. 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 a Cub Leaders for next Season. I have told the Parents I will take on the Akela position, but early registrations for Cubs didn't happen as no one volunteered to be a Leader.
- b. We have been approached about being offered a small piece of property on the Mississippi River between Almonte and Pakenham. I have sent a letter to Stan for discussion at Council Level.

5. **COMMENTS.**

- a. I am still trying to get a necker and shoulder flash from Beckwith and Carleton Place, and a shoulder flash from Portland and Smiths Falls. That will complete the set for active Groups.
- 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. We will sell other Groups the popcorn at our reduced price, that way we still make a couple of dollars and the other Group can make a couple of dollars.
- c. I feel the Area having a bank account with over \$20,000.00 while Groups are barely

getting by, or folding, isn't right. I would like to see Area cover the costs, or most of the costs, to go back to giving out crests at Area events. Buttons are good as a program activity, but they are not durable enough for fire blankets, and are not really something a Scout or Venturer would collect. As a Scouter who goes to other Jamborees and camps, crests are something that brings people together for friendship and comradery. Crests can be designed and done for as little as \$2.50 for a 3"x4", 7 colour design.

Yours in Scouting,

Bill Lawrence, Group Commissioner

**1<sup>st</sup> Beckwith:**

- 2007-08 we have no group commissioner;
- No beaver leaders; maybe cubs; no scouts. Things look bleak

**Carleton Place:**

- No report

**1<sup>st</sup> Drummond:**

- Have finished their year. They have one camp at Opemikon June 23-25<sup>th</sup>
- 2007-08 – we will have no group commissioner
- Sections look good: 2 Beavers leaders; 3 cubs leaders and 2 troop leaders all set to go.
- Want to find all old leaders from Drummond for their 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration. If you can help out with names, please call.

Paul Kehoe, Group Commissioner

**1<sup>st</sup> Elmsley:**

- Our scouting year has come to an end except for a group trip in mid July.
- Over the past year our Beaver colony has grown and we expect even more next year. We have a new leader in place for Beavers.
- Our Cub pack is getting one new leader for next year and one returning.
- Scouts has remained strong this year two very involved leaders. All our Scouts are returning next year thanks to a very positive program.
- We are taking advantage of early registration and have almost 20 forms in to date.
- Our group has a year end trip planned to Park Safari and a leaders barbeque planned to start looking ahead to next September

Gary Thomson, Group Commissioner

**1<sup>st</sup> Merrickville:**

**4<sup>th</sup> Perth:**

The 4th Perth Group Committee met on June 14th, 2007.

**Events to Date**

The Cub Pack was challenged to identifying pictures that had been downloaded to Akela's computer, a living history lesson for all. Unfortunately, Akela lost the challenge and had to surrender the Tim Bits!

The Scout Troop had a camp at Whispering Pines where they constructed a rope bridge. Both Sections will continue until the end of June.

The big event was our Centennial Perth Reunion held on May 26th. Although there was not a large attendance those who did come seemed to have a great time and included visitors from as far as Edmonton and back to the early 60's.

The Scouts had built a special gateway and the track was used by some vintage Kars and trucks. Local publicity was appreciated.

**Future Events**

Our Cubs are planning a weekend camp in July. Scouts will have a week-long camp leading up to the weekend. They also hope for a weekend camp in August when they will invite the Cubs who are ready to come up to the Troop.

Our Registration will be held on Saturday morning, September 8th from 9:00 to 11:30. Sections will begin again the next week. We are looking to ways to increase membership next year.

## Main Efforts and Comments

We welcome suggestions and support from national council to attract new youth. Our leadership team looks good for next year with possibly one or two vacancies. We will be making contact with independent schools and with home schooling groups.

4th Perth can look back on a successful and active year and anticipate even greater things for next season.

Arnel W. Pattemore, Group Commissioner

### 1<sup>st</sup> Portland:

- No report

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Smiths Falls:

Reference: Group Committee Meeting held \_3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month

1. EVENTS TO DATE: (since the last meeting)
  - a. Scouts went on a bike camp down St Lawrence and biked 50km into Cornwall
  - b. Scouts had a canoe camp from Smiths Falls to Merrickville
  - c. Beavers and Cubs went fishing at the locks caught lots of fish
  - d. Cubs met with the Merrickville group and had a great time in the war canoes. Thank-you 1<sup>st</sup> Merrickville Cub pack for having us
  - e. Beavers had a bike ride around Lower Reach Park to the locks
  - f. Last night June 18<sup>th</sup> BBQ, registration night, awards and a swim-up to take place
2. FUTURE EVENTS: (within the next month)
  - a. Family camp at Delta with approximately 70 to be in attendance June 22 to 24
  - b Scouts anxious about going to CJ
3. MAIN EFFORTS: (the groups focus this period)

Have a safe and happy summer. Recruiting new leaders for Beavers.
4. ISSUES: (items you need assistance with or questions you need answered)
5. COMMENTS. (general comment on your program and area program)

Would like to thank all of the dedicated leaders and group committees who have put in a fantastic year for the youth in Valley Highlands. We would also like to thank the Almonte Scout Troop for putting on a fantastic camp- fire at the pre CJ camp. Our Scouts and everyone around them thought it was fabulous. Best they have seen for a long time.

Joan Smith, Group Commissioner

### **Old Business:**

- 7 – Challenge Award – Pack: a memo was sent out in early May asking if any groups have youth that have earned all 7 challenge awards. Only one group has responded. Are there no other youth that have accomplished this level in the area? If not, maybe it's time to look at your program.
- White tail sleep over – e-mail received with this information; will send out to all Beaver leaders / Group commissioners.
- World Jamboree - Jly 23 – Aug 9<sup>th</sup> – Bill and Stella Lawrence are attending. Enjoy

### **New Business:**

- Calendar – a draft copy was sent out; reviewed by all at the area meeting; final copy will be sent out to all groups under separate e-mail.
- **Lombardy Fair:** Jeff Crigger is looking after. We need lots of help for both the food both and Scouting display. Call Jeff if you can give a few hours – 283-9793/. Parents / leaders / youth over 18 can help.
- Group finances – some have overdue accounts. Stan will get in touch with those groups.

### **Bingo: Memorandum**

**Date: 21 Jun 2007**

**To: Area Forum**

Changes to Scouting Bingos Effective 1 July 2007

As directed by the Ontario Lottery and Gaming commission, the bingo hall is now responsible for hiring and paying the runners. The sponsor groups will only be responsible for the workers behind the counter. This is mandatory, and we and the bingo hall must abide by it.

Due to declining numbers, the Carleton Place Bingo Hall feels that they can manage with only 2 runners. The sponsor groups felt that if the runners were paid staff, then we should not be responsible for any of their shortages. The bingo hall agreed, however the only way to tell if the runner is short, is to do runner tally sheets on each runner. Due to the new format of games at the hall, each runner will require 2 aprons and 2 runner tally sheets.

Because of the changes, I had Michelle email all groups so that they could have a representative at the area meeting held in Smith Falls on 21 June, as decisions had to be made, and I felt this was to be the best forum.

The following was discussed and agreed upon.

Charlie Wannamaker will remain our main point of contact, (the coordinator, or as the bingo hall calls her the chairperson), and will do the majority of paperwork, as she currently does now. She will continue to be reimbursed \$45.00

Sharon Thompson will be the person responsible for doing all of the runner tally sheets. She is to be reimbursed \$25.00

The third worker will come from a list that Charlie will have. This person will be responsible for doing the payout sheets, and paying the winners. This person must be very comfortable with doing paperwork and with handling cash. It was recommended that to start with, Gary Thompson will work in that spot, however if you feel that you have someone that is capable of doing the job efficiently and accurately, please give the name to Charlie, and she will contact the person for scheduling. This worker will be reimbursed \$25.00

All three of these positions will also sell Bingo sheets at the counter at the start of our Bingo time slot.

For all shortages that are not because of the runners, the Bingo Chairperson (or as the bingo hall calls me the Coordinator), will pay them out of the proceeds of the bingo money.

In order to make this work, the groups are responsible for making sure that before the beginning of the month, Charlie must have a cheque to cover the cost of reimbursing the counter staff. The cheque must be made payable to Charlie and can be postdated, as long as the date is at least 4 days prior to the date that you are reimbursing the workers (the same schedule as is in place now), the 4 days allows Charlie time to get to the bank and cash the cheque, so that she can have the cash to reimburse the workers.

If the month has 4 weeks then the following amounts are payable to Charlie:

Elmsley	\$63.34
Beckwith	\$31.66
Almonte	\$95.00
Smith Falls	\$95.00
Drummond	\$47.50
Merrickville	\$47.50

If the month has 5 weeks (remember July is the first month with 5 weeks)

Elmsley	\$95.00
Beckwith	\$31.66
Almonte	\$95.00
Smith Falls	\$95.00
Drummond	\$79.18
Merrickville	\$47.50
Area	\$31.66

When the bingo reimbursement cheques are received from the bingo hall, any shortages for the month will be deducted from the amount, with the remainder being divided and forwarded to each scouting group. The division will be based on the following:

	Based on 4 weeks:	Based on 5 Weeks
Elmsley	2 shares	3 shares
Beckwith	1 shares	1 shares
Almonte	3 shares	3 shares
Smith Falls	3 shares	3 shares
Drummond	1.5 shares	2.5 shares
Merrickville	1.5 shares	1.5 shares
Area	0 shares	1 share

This may sound complicated, but the ratio is exactly the same as it was before the changes.

Due to the fact that the May bingo cheque was extremely low, (the lowest that I have seen in 10 years) a discussion was held with regards to not renewing our bingo license at the end of July. With all the changes that are happening at the bingo hall, no one can predict what the future holds. It was decided that we would renew the license for the period August to October, and then decide if we want to continue, or give up our slots entirely. If any of the Groups want to back out early, or will not be having a Group in Sept, please let me know ASAP (before 10 July) so that I can find a replacement.

On a further note, I will be out of contact from approx 20 July to 3 Sept. If there are any problems, please contact Charlie, and if she is unable to resolve them, she will contact Stan. If I get the June cheques in time, I will mail them out before I leave, however the cheques for July and Aug will be sent out after I get back in Sept.

Have a great Summer.

Stella Lawrence  
Area Bingo Chairperson  
613-256-7343 Or 613-256-0257

Adjourned: 9:45 p.m.

Recorded: Michelle Niefer

**Next area meeting: August 16<sup>th</sup>**

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept on: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner