



Area Forum

August 16 2007

Lion's Club, Smiths Falls



Present: Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner; Jean Lasenba, Finance; John Stalker, Area/CP/Venture Rep/, Gen Stalker Youth rep, Joan Smith 2nd Smiths Falls, Ken Richardson Camp Warden. Allen Sinfield, Beckwith.

Regrets: Michelle Niefer, Larry Palmer, Kelly Banks, and Bill Lawrence

Agenda Items: O'Canada
Prayer
Introductions

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes Ken second by John
All in favour. No business arising from the minutes

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Kelly Banks, Field Executive: kbanks@scouts.ca

Hope everyone had a safe and fun summer. Please note the following items as we start to gear up for the second half of our Centenary!

* **School Talks/Open Houses - BOOK YOURS NOW!** Numbers on the low side? Need a boost in your membership? Call me ASAP to book a school talk for your Group. These work well when followed up with an Open House (or invitation to the section meeting) where I do a presentation to parents to get their interest in volunteering with the group!

Pre-registration Statistics for 2007-2008 Scouting Year: Pre-registration numbers in Voyageur Council are currently at 3402 – this is approximately 48% of the 2006-2007 membership. Great way to start the new Scouting year! Let's keep this momentum up!

School Flyer Campaign – Fall 2007: School flyers are scheduled to arrive in our hands between August 13th and 20th. We will then bundle and ship them out to all Elementary Schools in Eastern Ontario. They will then be at the discretion of each of the schools Principals as to when they will be distributed to students in their schools. Our experience with previous councils in distributing the flyers to the schools, is that some schools may take more time than others to distribute them. Please be patient and do not panic if they are not out for your registration period. Contact your Field Executive if you notice that the flyers have not gone out by the end of the second week of school, as we may have already heard from the school. If the group has a personal contact within the school, and can inquire about and encourage the distribution of the flyers, it would be much appreciated if you did so and let us know.

REMINDER – Your Area PR Kit is available for Recruitment Purposes! Just a reminder that in this time of registration and recruitment – your area has a PR Kit that is available for Groups to borrow! The kit includes pamphlets, give-away material, 5 table top stand posters featuring the 5 sections and a 5" x 2" banner.

Council Report

- Pamphlets will be handed out to all school principals for scouting. Please ask your principle if they will not hand out Stan will pick them up
 - November 24th group commissioners day course 12hrs. in Ottawa.
 - Apple Hill Scout reserve program in a can 18.00 per youth and adult; 10.00 per registered leader
- Statistics show we are in 3rd or 4th standing at 94.8%

DAC Reports:

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

- C J update
- We had a two-day training when we got there
- Everyone had a blast, went to an Irish party and a Taiwan
- Gen on stage for closing ceremony
- Met lots of friends; would like to do a Calgary exchange-Duke of Edinburgh

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

TRAINING Gateways : September 19 in Carleton Place

September 25 in Port Elmsley

October 4th in Smiths Falls

November 2nd and 3rd Part 1 in Carleton Place

Please contact Stan asap if you have anyone going to any of the above.

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

- Total camp days to date 1542
- Camp OPE used the camp in July
- Lawn was cut and toilet paper all filled
- Rover moot this weekend Aug. 17th and 18th
- Bill to be paid of \$58.48for toilet paper, removal of garbage and the tires that were 8.00 each

Ken motioned that the bill of 58.48 be paid for camp supplies. Second by Jean

v: Honours & Awards -

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

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

- Lombardy Fair report; income \$5542.93
- Expenses \$2279.66
- Balance \$2610.52
- 20% of the balance goes to the fair board \$652.05 leaving us up around 100.00 from last year,
- the cost of expenses was up as last year costs were 1700.00
- thanks to the coordinators Stan and Jean Lasenba, Jeff Criggarr and Joan Smith
- There was 250 buttons made and given away at the Heritage site along with 3 large cakes made by Brenda Starks for the 100th anniversary.

GROUP REPORTS:

2nd Almonte Area Report - 16 Aug 07

Hello from The International Scout Center in Kandersteg, Switzerland.

I don't have access to my regular files, so I don't have the Area Report form, so here's my report:

Past Activities:

4 Leaders took 2 Troop units to CJ07, I haven't gotten a report back from them yet.

Tove, Kirby, and the Venturers had a great time at CJ2007. The boys had a great time going to evening concerts, dances, making funny signs, and doing amazing activities such as rappelling, rock climbing, zip wires, aerial parks, water slide parks, lumberjack competitions, raft building.

Stella and I had a great time at the World Jamboree in Chelsford, England. What an experience working with over 8000 International Service Team members supporting a camp of 40,000 people. I think we met someone from every country in the World that has Scouting in it. We even met Lord Robert Baden Powell...the Grandson of BP, and two of BP's Great Nephews. We also met fellow Scouters we work with at the JAMBO's in London Ont. I was also close enough to Prince William to shake his hand, but was too busy holding back the crowds (part of my job was crowd control for Special visitors). My main job was working with Day Visitors, of which we had approx. 40,000 over 8 days. Stella was in her glory...she was working in the accounting area counting all the British pounds coming through the camp. The chance to do this is something we would recommend to anyone, it is a once in a lifetime experience, although we now have the fever and are thinking.....WJ11.....Sweden 2011.....(can we get a grant from Area)? We are now at the International Scout Center in Kandersteg, Switzerland. Here it is like a mini Jamboree, there are Scouts from England, Scotland, Portugal and Australia, and Staff from around the world. Activities range from bead crafts to hiking on the ice in the mountains (Alps). You can camp outside, or book the Chalet for groups, with kitchen facilities and laundry.

John - there was no Campfire at the Jamboree, so although we didn't get together for the ashes, you didn't miss out on the opportunity (sorry).

Upcoming Activities:

We will be doing our Group Registrations the first couple of weeks in Sept. We have Apple Day in conjunction with the "Scouting in the Park" Day on 29 Sept. "Scouting in the Park" is open to all Groups and the Public, with activities like rope bridges, zip line, simulated caving, crafts, games, historical Scouting Display, BBQ supper and an evening Campfire. We also have a special crest made for the day. I gave Stan a letter before I left requesting some financial support for this activity as it is part of the Centenary Celebrations. Stan - I'll be in touch as soon as we get back to collect my stuff from the Lombardy Display.

I am planning on doing a short presentation at the September Area meeting about next summers Great Lakes Jamboree, being held in July, just outside London, On. If Scout Leaders would like to attend the presentation, it would give them a chance to see what a week long Jamboree at a reasonable price, can offer them.

Concerns / Issues:

We haven't gotten a Volunteer for Cubs yet, so we are not accepting Cub registrations yet. In the early registration package we sent to Parents, I said I would be the Akela (I have WBI & WBII in Cubs), but we wouldn't do Cub registrations until someone else came forward, to make the minimum two Leaders. All other Sections look good for Leadership teams.

We still haven't heard back from Scouts Canada concerning the piece of property we have been offered. Has Stan heard anything yet?

Our Year End Financial report should be ready for the Oct Area meeting, which will give the Scouts and Venturers time to get their final reports to Stella, and for Stella to get the Bank statements to include Aug 07.

Yours in Scouting (from across the pond)
Bill Lawrence, Group Commissioner

1st Beckwith

Carleton Place

1st Drummond:

1st Elmsley: No report

1st Merrickville: No report

4th Perth:

1st Portland: No report

2nd Smiths Falls:

Venturers REPORT

Old Business:

Area Bingo Report - 16 Aug 07

Just a reminder, Bingo cheques for June, July and August will be mailed out asap on my return to Canada (1 Sep). Our new Bingo licence is good until the end of December, not October as we had thought at the last meeting. I will keep you informed of any changes in the Bingo situation as I hear them.
Yours in Scouting (from high in the Alps)

Stella Lawrence
Area Bingo Co-Ordinator

New Business:

Almonte would like to request 200.00 for their September 29th 100th anniversary celebration in the park Discussion put forth and on total agreement that this be carried.

Ken motioned that we give Almonte group 200.00 for their 100th Anniversary celebration for September 29th . Second by John . All in favour. Motion passed

Local paper This weeks news has asked us to put add in paper

Stan motioned that each Group will have up to \$50.00 for advertising for their registration night. Second by Ken All in favour. Motion passed

Groups financial statements are due in no later than October 15th

Meeting adjourned 8:25pm motioned by Ken

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept by_____

Minutes Signed by: _____
Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner