



## Area Forum

January 17, 2008

Lion's Club, Smiths Falls



**Present:** Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner, Michelle Niefer, Secretary; Jean Lasenba, Finance; Roger Nuttall, DAC Program; Ken Richardson, APM; Elizabeth Docker, Gr. Comm., CP; Larry Palmer, 4<sup>th</sup> Perth; Bill Lawrence, 2nd Almonte; Brain Billings, scout trees; Kelly Banks CFE; Debra Hull 2nd Smiths Falls; Brad Simpson Fundraiser/Website

**Regrets:** Michelle Niefer

### Agenda Items:

**O'Canada:** Led by Ken Richardson

**Prayer:** Led by Stan.

**Minutes:** Motion to accept: Larry Palmer, Seconded: Roger Nuttall; All in favour.

**Business arising from previous minutes:** none

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

**Council report: Kelly Banks – Field Executive:** [kbanks@scouts.ca](mailto:kbanks@scouts.ca)

- Friend fest kicks off Feb - April discounted registration as well as draws for scout bucks and crest
- See attached

### DAC Reports:

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

ii: Training – Hope Gray [hope@kevinrobertgray.com](mailto:hope@kevinrobertgray.com)

- Whole conference Apr 19th/08 Smiths Falls High School please register by April 4<sup>th</sup>
- Encourage all your leaders to attend wonderful experience with lots to learn and socializing
- Troop Wood Badge I - 6 people attended trainers Hope Gray, Roger Nuttall, Don Stalker, Alex Beelick

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

- **Camp Zero:** Camp Zero will be at Ken Richardson's on January 19 and 20, 2008. Weather permitting; we are expecting most of the Troops to take part.
- **Winter Cub Challenge:** The Winter Cub Challenge is scheduled for February 2. The location and program will be decided during a meeting of Cub Leaders at my place at 7:00 PM on Friday, January 18, 2008.
- **Beaver Burr:** The Beaver Burr is scheduled for February 16, 2008. The location and program will be decided at a Beaver Leaders meeting at my place at 2:00 PM on Sunday January 27, 2008.
- **Kub Kars and 18 Wheelers:** The Kub Kars and 18 Wheelers will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2008, probably at the Country Fair Mall in Smiths Falls.

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

- I have no report. The camp is snowed in.

v: **Honours & Awards – John Stalker – [stalker.john@fin.gc.ca](mailto:stalker.john@fin.gc.ca)**

- New Award forms can be found on the web site. Council Commissioners Quality Award

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

Just to recap, since I have missed the last couple of Area Meetings (my apologies), plans for the 2008 Scoutrees program will see 3,300 trees (1,700 PW and 1,600 SW) planted in the buffer zone area of the Drummond/North Elmsley landfill site - just East of Perth on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008..

Fundraising letters have been mailed out to past and new potential sponsors; however, no response/offers of financial support have been received as yet. Cost for tree seedlings through Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) will be \$1,485.00 - RVCA still has some carbon neutral funding available and will cover the balance outstanding following fundraising receipts. It is expected that D/NE Council will match or better their annual contribution of \$700.00...so at this point, we are looking at covering the remaining costs of \$785.00. I will follow-up with sponsors before next month's meeting and will provide a further update at that time.

At this point, I would like to canvas all Area Groups for their projected attendance numbers for the Scoutrees Plant so that I can order crests and pledge kits. Every participant will receive a crest if they attend and plant trees on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. I know not all groups use Scoutrees as a fund raising initiative but I encourage groups to consider it - 70% of funds raised stay with the group with 15% going to Council and another 15% to the Brotherhood Fund. Scoutrees is a great environmental initiative and a great way to raise some additional funds for your group. If you would like me to come to any of your meetings to give short presentation on Scoutrees, I am more than happy to do so - simply contact me. I will be placing the order for Scoutrees supplies in February so would like to close by asking all groups to respond to me with their numbers for participants and needs regarding pledge kits by February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Yours in Scouting,  
Brian E. L. Billings

vii: **Fundraising – Web site: Bradley Simpson [bradleysimpson@sympatico.ca](mailto:bradleysimpson@sympatico.ca)**

\* The only thing I have to report is that I'm still waiting for each group to e-mail me their contact info so I can update the website!!

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

- Only 3 financial reports in please forward yours ASAP
- Bills \$ 81.83 office supplies refreshments  
    \$161.97 training  
    \$243.80

## **GROUP REPORTS:**

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

#### **1. EVENTS TO DATE:**

- a. All Sections participated in the Almonte Santa Claus Parade.
- b. Cubs, Scouts and Venturers provided hot chocolate and apple cider during Almonte's annual Light up the Night festivities.
- c. Beavers are working on community living by building small villages and cars out of blocks of wood.
- d. Cubs have been doing town hikes along with map & compass work.
- e. Scouts have been working on rocket gliders and attended the Area run Winter Camp Skills training in Smith Falls on 8 Jan 08.
- f. Venturers also attended the Area run Winter Camp Skills training.

2. FUTURE EVENTS:
  - a. Beavers are doing a sleepover at the Almonte Civitan Hall on 1 Feb 08, and have a Police Officer visit planned for 19 Feb 08.
  - b. Cubs will be doing a historical town hike through Almonte on 19 Jan, and are planning a Winter Camp to Belleville in Mar / Apr to see the Scout/Guide Museum and the CFB Trenton Aviation Museum. If it's a go, they will be attending the Cub Winter Challenge on 2 Feb 08
  - c. Scouts are hoping to take some canoe training in preparation for a camp this summer.
  
3. MAIN EFFORTS:
  - a. Stella and I are still working on registrations, and making sure all paperwork is in this year.
  - b. I will forward a cheque for \$12.50 to Jean to cover the cost of buttons done at the Scouting in the Park event. I will also forward our receipt for Registration advertising for the \$50.00 Area subsidy.
  
4. ISSUES:
  - a. The Scout Leader requiring training is now trained Scout WBI as of 12 Jan 08.
  - b. We are still waiting to see if any of our Group submissions for the Centenary Medal have been approved. We hope to distribute them (if any approved) during our BP Week afternoon activities on 24 Feb 08.
  - c. We haven't heard anything about the Popcorn Campaign prizes.
  - d. A copy of the School handout promoting the meetings in our Area should be sent to the Group Commissioner before hitting the Schools in case something has changed, and to give us a reminder of what the Parents are going to be getting. Due to change in Leadership teams in a couple of Sections this year, nights and timings were adjusted slightly from the brochure, so there was some confusion when they hit the schools.

Yours in Scouting,

Bill Lawrence, Group Commissioner

1<sup>st</sup> Beckwith:

Carleton Place:

1<sup>st</sup> Drummond:

1<sup>st</sup> Elmsley:

1<sup>st</sup> Merrickville:

4<sup>th</sup> Perth: Group Committee met on January 10, 2008.

**Activities to Date:** Both the Cubs and Scouts participated in the Remembrance Day parade and had a photo in the local press. Both enjoyed Christmas parties at local restaurants. Cubs have been working on badges and general program. Scouts had a winter camp and were surprised to find that a porcupine had taken up residence in their teepee! This was also a good introduction to camping in the winter.

**Future Activities:** Plans are underway for a sleepover at the church followed by a lunch for parents and youth. They will also be participating again in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowling Day. The Group Committee has agreed to pay the registration fee for those attending the WHOLE Conference in April.

**Main Efforts and Comments:** The fall popcorn sales went very well and now the hope is to have a spring campaign, probably in connection with participation in Maple Fest. We are also exploring the possibility of being active at the Stewart Park Festival and possibly Perth Fair Parade. There will be a barbecue in May to raise funds and a Scout will design a brochure to promote Scouting in Perth. At the next meeting we will decide on a focus for the year.

Arnel W. Pattemore,  
Group Commissioner

