



Area Forum

February 21, 2008

Lion's Club, Smiths Falls



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Present: Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner, Michelle Niefer, Secretary; Lasenba, Finance;

Roger Nuttall, DAC Program; Ken Richardson, APM; Area Rep; Elizabeth Docker, Gr. Comm, CP; Larry Palmer, 4th Perth; Bill Lawrence, 2nd Almonte; Brain Billings, scout trees; Debra Hull 2nd Smiths Falls; Joan Smith 2nd Smiths Falls; Val Vandlese 4th Perth secretary; John Stalker Carleton Place (j_stalker@sympatico.ca); Jim Fairhurst Drummond North Elmsley Group Comm. (jamesfairhurst@yahoo.com 613-264-8453)

Regrets: Michelle Niefer

Agenda Items: BP letter read by Stan.

Minutes: Motion to accept Ken Richardson seconded: Chris Tyler; All in favour.

Business arising from previous minutes: Web Page is now active please send Brad any Pictures you may have. The best way to do this is on CD so you don't over load his mailbox

Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner: Lasenba@sympatico.ca

Council report:

Kelly Banks – Field Executive: kbanks@scouts.ca

DAC Reports:

i: Youth - Gen Stalker stargate_gal@hotmail.com

ii: Training – Hope Gray hope@kevinrobertgray.com

We have enough colony and pack leaders needing Wood Badge 1 to run another training session Stan to set up training time and place

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

Cub Winter Challenge: We had 47 youth and 21 adults at the Cub Winter Challenge that had postponed from Feb. 2 to Feb. 9 due to weather. The lane into Whispering Pines was plugged with snow so we held the event near the end of the road end of the lane. While we couldn't have the ice fishing, the other activities went well and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, even with the 60 - 80 cm of snow in the bush.

I want to thank Blake Trick for trying to clear the snow from the camp lane for the Feb. 2 date.

Beaver Burr: The Beaver Burr was held at Conlon Farm in Perth, on Feb. 16, 2008. We had 61 youth and 43 adults come out to this event. The weather was excellent and everyone seemed to enjoy the activities.

Sharon DeKart was able to arrange to have pizza and drinks for everyone donated for our lunch.

In the past Scouting was able to get the use of the Conlon Farm pavilion at no cost we now have to pay to have someone to open it for us. (\$26.25)

Kub Kars and 18-Wheelers:

The Kub Kars, the Scouts' 18-Wheelers and the Ventures' Rocket Cars will be held at the Country Fair Mall in Smiths Falls on Sturday March 29, 2008.

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

- Camp snowed in - nothing to report at this time.

vi: **Honours & Awards – John Stalker – stalker.john@fin.gc.ca**

- Chris Tyler was presented with the CCM award.

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

- Only one group requested fundraising trees forms at this time it looks like we have enough donations to pay for the trees.

vii: **Fundraising - Bradley Simpson bradleysimpson@sympatico.ca**

Website Report: Well I finally have access to our area's website and now I would like to ask formally for group contact updates and current pictures from recent events to add to the site. This is a great opportunity for us to brag about our great Scouting groups but it can't be done without current information.

Please forward any and all info you would like to see on the site and I'll post it ASAP. I'll be away next week on holidays but will get on top of it as soon as I return.

Any questions please feel free to e-mail @ Bradley Simpson@sympatico.ca or phone @ 613-253-0748.

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

* Jean Lasenba put forth a motion to buy Lions Hall a new coffee maker and we get the hall for no cost and theirs no longer makes coffee. Motion: 2nd Bill Lawrence. All in favour.

* Bills \$23.92 mall display; \$51.61 frames for awards \$50 .

total \$125.53 motion to pay bills Motion to pay: Joan Smith 2nd John Stalker; all in favour

\$722.96 given to area for popcorn sales; this have been split between the groups who fundraised with popcorn sales

GROUP REPORTS:

2nd Almonte:

1. **EVENTS TO DATE:**

- a. Beavers had a Sleepover at the Almonte Civitan Hall, have had Aviation and Valentines Theme nights, and had a Police Officer scheduled for a visit this week.
- b. Cubs have had a sledding night in Gemmill Park, attended the Cub Winter Challenge and are now meeting at Scouter Bill's House to build their Kub Kars.
- c. Scouts have been sledding in Gemmill Park and snow shoeing at the Mill of Kintail.
- d. Venturers just had their Winter Camp out at Al Wellman's farm.

2. **FUTURE EVENTS:**

- a. All Sections will be participating in our Group BP Week Challenge this Sunday afternoon in Gemmill Park. We will be presenting Centenary Medals to Leaders and unveiling a display case in the main area of the Arena to showcase Scouting.
- b. Cubs are working on their Kub Kars in preparation for the Area Rally on 29 March. They will be going into Ottawa on 1 March to tour the Scout Museum and the National War Museum. The Cubs will also be visiting Stella's Crafty Corner, a ceramic store in Almonte, to see how ceramics are done. They will go through all the steps in the process, picking a mold, pouring the slip, cleaning the piece and painting it.
- c. Scouts are getting ready for their Winter Camp on 1 – 2 March.
- d. On Saturday evening (23 Feb), Stella and I are attending the Annual Fish & Game Dinner and will be presenting a couple of Scout Appreciation Awards to the Club (they are our Sponsor).

3. **MAIN EFFORTS:**

- a. Stella and I will be going to Scout Headquarters on Monday to complete our registrations. We will then be at a strength of 48.

- b. I have a cheque for \$12.50 to cover the cost of buttons done at the Scouting in the Park event. I also have our receipt for Registration advertising for the \$50.00 Area subsidy.
- c. 2nd Almonte has a plaque for presentation to Area for their support of the 100 Years of Scouting "Scouting in the Park" celebrations.

4. ISSUES:

- a. We are still waiting for prizes for Popcorn campaign last fall.

Yours in Scouting,

Bill Lawrence
Group Commissioner

1st Beckwith:

Activities to date:

January, February, Beavers have been working on various crafts/activities and have attended the Feb. Beaver Burr. The group is still small, but have had kids/parents coming to check out the program, so we are hopeful the number so will continue to grow.

For the Cubs, still working on skills/stars, participated in the Winter Challenge at Whispering Pines.

Upcoming activities:

Beavers/Cubs Groups Committee, BP Pot Luck evening Feb 21 at the school.

The Beaver leaders are trying to put together an presentation (during an upcoming meeting to be scheduled) by the RCMP "Hug a Tree" program, any group interested in attending or finding out about the presentation contact Rob Donald 1st Beckwith Beavers 613-253-7317 arrdee@sympatico.ca

Cubs will be heading off to camp Feb29-Mar2 at Opemikon. Will be working on Cubs cars for the upcoming challenge.

Next group committee meeting Feb 26.

Allen Sinfield, Group Comm.

Carleton Place: no report recieved

1st Drummond:

Beavers were busy building their Beaver Buggies. They attended a winter camp at Ope the first weekend in February and the Beaver Burr February 16th. February we held a church parade to the Balderson United Church to start off Baden Powell celebrations. Wednesday we will hold a group celebration with songs, games, some history and refreshments.

Cubs were active designing and cutting their Kub Cars. They also attended the church parade along with winter camping at Ope.

The scouts are building Scout Trucks, also went winter camping at Ope and attended the church parade.

The entire group will be going tubing at Mount Pakenham later this month.

First aid training is in the works for March. We are planning our Rocket Launch to coincide with Trees for Canada and boat races late May.

1st Elmsley: No report recieved

1st Merrickville: No report recieved

4th Perth:

1st Portland: No report recieved

2nd Smiths Falls:

Old Business:

New Business:

Voting members list of nominees was discussed everyone giving what they new about the candidates voting members must cast there vote by Feb 25

Anniversary Crests each group to give accurate # of REGISTERED members to Stan and the crests will be packaged and delivered to each group

Registration Please make sure everyone is properly registered and in a timely fashion with PRC's

Stan can sign a PRC copy if he is presented with the original and then send the copy to Ottawa

Encourage your leaders to attend the WHOLE conference; it a great learning experience

Regional Beaveree May 10 -11 location to be determined
Beaveree date changed to May 24 Almonte at Gemmell Park

Pioneer Workshop April 26-27 Whispering Pines leaders only

Next meeting: March 20, 2008

Motion to adjourn: Ken Richardson 2nd Joan Smith

Recorded by Debra Hull

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept: _____

Minutes Signed by: _____ on _____.
Stan Lassenba, Area Commissioner Date