



Area Forum

2008 December 4th

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church,
Smiths Falls



Present: John Stalker, AC; Jean Lasenba, Finance; Brad Simpson, Technology / Fundraising; Michelle Niefer, Secretary; Gen Stalker, Youth Commissioner; Ken Richardson, Area; Allen Sinfield, Group Com 1st Beckwith; Stan Lasenba, Area Camp; Christ Tyler Area/2nd Westport; Sherri Marsh, 2nd Westport; Joan Smith, Gr. Com 2nd SF; Angelique Jahn, 1st Elmsley, Kelly Banks, Council; Elizabeth Docker, Gr. Com, Carleton Place, Roger Nuttall, Area Service Team, Alex Beelich, Merrickville, and John Armstrong, Gr. Com 1st Elmsley.

Regrets: Brian Billings, Area and Larry Palmer, Perth.

Minutes: Minutes amended for a couple of names i: regrets ii: list of attendees.

Motion: To accept minutes with amendments. 2nd by Ken Richardson
All in favour: 18. Abstain: 0. Against: 0. **Carried.**

John Stalker, Area Commissioner: j_stalker@sympatico.ca

- **Council Management Advisory Committee:** Met on Nov 12 without minutes or staff attending.
- **Most concerning our assignments (mine is to ensure that 75% of sections meet program standards).**
- Only item of real interest to areas is that the DCC training no longer holds the power to grant exemptions, etc. This now stands with the Commissioners exclusively. This should make life easier, although I still am a full believer in the value of training, and will not grant exemptions without cause.

NOTE: Message received from Allan Yates:

Grandgathering notwithstanding, Stew Hamill (our treasurer) and I just completed the Group Committee course this weekend. While there were some issues with the content of the course, it has renewed my faith in potential quality of training available. Grace, Patti, and Ernie (?) were very good. Stew and I are now contemplating requiring (strongly encouraging) all our leaders to take one weekend of training each year, either a WB course or something else. A question I have posed to Grace is whether leaders could just register for a single weekend of WB II; they could then complete WB II over a few years, and even if they never completed all the weekends, they would still have more skills than not having taken any of it (as will always be the case currently).

Council report:

Kelly Banks – Field Executive: kbanks@scouts.ca

DAC Reports:

i: Youth - Gen Stalker stargate_gal@hotmail.com

- Rovent went well
- JC November event was curling, it went very well
- JC December event is undergoing planning due to flaws in original plan
- WB II course went very well – partook as party of the training team
- Lazer Quest this weekend – full
- JC Winter Camp – Venturer/Pathfinder switch (gender bender) or Pokemon
- Adarondack – coming up, full (100+ people).
- ScotiaJam/CCJam coming up, CP is going to ScotiaJam
- Amory Award – We got a letter confirming our entry.
- Still on the search for a new Youth Rep.

ii: **Training – Any takers??**

- Keep tuned to the Council web site for training.
- Another SS WBI is planned
- SS WBII, WB II and local WB I cononly/pack all went well with good reviews.

iii: **Program – Alex Beelich**

- Beaver Burr is planned. Several leaders met prior to area meeting
- FU meeting scheduled for January 15th.
- Volunteers needed.

iv: **Camp Warden – Stan Lasenba – lasenba@sympatico.ca**

v: **Honours & Awards – Hope Gray hope@kevinrobertgray.com**

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

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

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

- **Motion:** That every event run for the youth (Beaveree, Cuboree, Camporee, etc) will be funded to a maximum of \$200. to help run the event.
2nd by Chris Tyler. Discussion held. Vote: All in favour – 18; abstain 0; against 0. **Carried**
- Area badges are needed for 2nd Westport – requested by Chris Tyler. Jean reports that when Westport folded, they turned into area \$479.
- **Motion:** To give Westport \$500. donation + crests to start up as well as to utilize extra materials from other groups that are in excess.
2nd: Joan Smith Discussion
Friendly amendment: Increase the \$500 to \$1000. + loan if needed, as well as utilize materials from Other groups.
All in Favour: 18; abstain 0, against 0 – **carried.**
- **Advertising** cost the area \$800. Was it worth it. Will revisit the issue next year.

GROUP REPORTS:

2nd Almonte: No report

1st Beckwith: Reference: Group Committee Meeting held ___Nov 27, 2008

1. EVENTS TO DATE:

- a. Beavers held investiture
- b. Sections attended Carleton Place Santa Parade, Beavers and Cubs decorated a float for the parade.

2. FUTURE EVENTS:

- a. Sections wrapping up for 2008, and will start up again 2nd week in Jan.
- b. Both sections interested in Area winter activities.

3. MAIN EFFORTS:

Registration has been completed.
Group still looking at banking options.

4. ISSUES: None

Yours in Scouting,
Allen Sinfield, Group Commissioner

Carleton Place: Reference: Group Committee Meeting held Wednesday, December 3rd, 2008

1. **EVENTS TO DATE:** (since the last meeting)
 - a. November 9th: Remembrance Day Church Service at St. James Anglican Church
 - b. November 11th: Remembrance Day Parade and Service at Cenotaph
 - c. November 29th: Cub Christmas Craft Sale to finance spring sleepover at Old Fort Henry
 - d. November 29th: 20 youth and 8 leaders took part in the Carleton Place Santa Claus Parade
 - e. December 2nd: The Venturers presented their excellent video submission for the Amory Award at Joint Council.
2. **FUTURE EVENTS:** (within the next month)
 - a. December 6th: Scouts are participating in the Camp Zero Prep Day at Ken Richardson's
 - b. All sections will be wrapping up next week for Christmas holidays with various festive activities.
3. **MAIN EFFORTS:** (the group's focus this period)
 - a. Popcorn Sales
 - b. Scouts are preparing to attend ScotiaJam 2009. Venturers are hoping to attend as Offers of Service.
 - c. First Aid Training for leaders and youth (Scouts and Venturers)
4. **ISSUES:** items you need assistance with or questions you need answered) - none
5. **COMMENTS.** (general comment on your program and area program)
 - a. Canada Remembers Pins and educational materials from Veterans Affairs are available for all the members of your group. If you are interested, I have the name of a contact at Veterans Affairs.

Yours in Scouting,

Elizabeth Docker, Group Commissioner

1st Drummond:

1st Elmsley:

- Cubs & Scouts are jointly run this year
- Night hike at the reserve; compass walk
- Crafts – Christmas; Caroling at Lombardy Manor.
- Participated in Smiths Falls christmas parade.
- Camp – 10 youth with 3 leaders
- Everything is going well.

1st Merrickville:

Pack Report (Jim)

- All youths stayed out at 100 tent except 2 that came back for activities
- Code of conduct
- Sixer Camp 6 sixers & 7-8 2nds
- 2nd camp (big group)
- Older youth want to help out more
- Investitures are done

- Night hike and camp fire
- Kims night last night played soccer in the dark at ball diamond no injuries
- Alex McKay and Gregory Jackman are the kims
- Skeeter making a hall of fame on Bristol board
- Doing beads for inspection. Remove if necessary, youth can win back with Skeeter

Troop Report (Alex)

- Youth keeping their dues and books
- Investiture complete – added 5 new Scouts to the Troop
- Pushing leadership rolls on Patrol Leaders
- Patrol leaders set for the year and in January Assistant Patrol Leaders will be voted in.
- Saunders farm on Oct 27th – Hallowe'en outing – everyone attended
- Nov 10th Remembrance Day with Ken Richardson and investitures
- Nov 14th camp @ Whispering Pines joint camp with Pathfinders and Rangers. Helps by providing Female leaders for girls in Troop.
- Activities for camp to biking and archery.
- **No more water bottles at camp (pre filled)**

Venture Report (Allan)

- Ventures having fun
- Coming up; having a planning meeting, bicycle repair meeting, Remembrance day meeting (having an active military person doing it)
- Xmas hampers labor filling up baskets, youth prepares the hampers and leaders to possibly deliver??

Remembrance Day Parade

- Remembrance day parade “Girl Guides cooking”
- Should have 1-6 ratio Scouts and younger
- Bus Nov 11 pick up at Wolford at 9:45 and Merrickville at 10:00 Deb Skelhorne driving

Snowflake and Founders Week Activities (Planning)

- Saturday Feb 21st winter activity day conjunction with snowflake
- Ventures to do snow shoeing @ Stu
- Scouts cooking campfire treats to give to village youth???
- Cubs 3rd year cubs linking act with Scouts

4th Perth: None at this time

2nd Smiths Falls:

- Remembrance parade – participated and made crosses for the soldiers
- Participated in the float for the Santa clause parade.
- Made buttons for the hospital patients for Christmas
- Participated in travelling supper – lots of fun.

Old Business:

- Curling bonspiel: Not as well attended as hoped.
- Council Service team too busy with multiple events to attend.
- Merrickville – run Hobies & Wheels as well as KubKars this year.

New Business:

- **Offer of service** for Camp this summer.
- **Council Scout Camp:** June 12-14th
- **Camp Trail**
- **CCJam09** at Camp Sumac.- Offer of service needed.
- **Annual financial** reports due. This is not an option item folks. It is also important as it may permit IF of problems before they get out of control.
- **Outdoor Activity Guide, Permission slips**, etc from 2007/08 should be packaged and submitted for storage at HQ.

Adjourned: 9:15 p.m.

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept: _____

Minutes Signed by: _____ on _____.
John Stalker, Area Commissioner Date