



## Area Forum

date

Presbyterian, Church

Smiths Falls



**Present:** John Stalker, AC; Jean Lasenba, Finance; Michelle Niefer, Admin; Bill Lawrence, 2<sup>nd</sup> Almonte; Andreas Beelich, YAC; Brian Billings, VHA Scout Trees; Stan Lasenba, Camp Warden; Ken Richard, Area; Alex Beelich, DAC Program; Matt Courtland, YAC; Torsten Dekart, 1<sup>st</sup> Drummond; Larry Palmer, 4<sup>th</sup> Perth, Joan Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Smiths Falls, Chris Tyler, Area; roger Nuttall, Area.

**Regrets:** Bill Bradley, Kelly Banks

### Agenda Items:

- **Opening:** Led by John with "Scouters 4".
- **Minutes:** Moved to accept minutes as distributed. Ken Richardson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Alex Beelich. Carried.

**John Stalker, Area Commissioner:** [j\\_stalker@sympatico.ca](mailto:j_stalker@sympatico.ca)

- Council Management Advisory Committee has met twice since our last meeting, including last Saturday before the Annual General Meeting.
- The Scout flag will fly at Ottawa City Hall for Scout/Guide Week. Raising ceremony Feb 20 @ 11:55.
- Opemikon Golf Tournament Wed June 2, 2010 at Manderly on the Green.(See me for details)
- The World Brotherhood AGM is to be held in Ottawa in Oct 2010. They will be visiting OPE, including the Chairman, the King of Sweden.
- Please respond to the request for Voting members sent to you.
- The Council Cub Camp is planned for June 4-6 at Apple Hill, east of Ottawa, a great place for a Cub Camp due to it's more open landscape. The Theme is "UP", as in the movie. The costs are being kept low, \$25 including t-shirt and patch or \$20 w/o shirt, Decision still to be made. There is a contest for the patch artwork.
- We need to give our hard working volunteers the recognition they are due. I am asking that you take a careful look at your staff, and put them in for an award as suitable. Hope and I are available to help, and there are several free training sessions (3hr) coming up. One just held was very successful.
- The Child Tax Credit is the same as last year.
- My concerns at the moment are:
  - Registration, Information reaching me is that there are many of the VH groups that have not put in their paperwork. Diana will go into this during her report.
  - Leaders who have not yet taken WB1.
  - Prospective members (awaiting VRAD etc.)
  - How to maintain our numbers and hopefully expand, and attendance at Area meetings. It is important to have as full representation as possible as this is how we communicate. If the GC cannot attend, then would it be possible to have a fill-in, either temporary or permanent?
  - I have a list of Awards due to Volunteers (mostly Long Service Awards).
  - I am leading a Senior Section WB1 at the end of March or early April, and instructing on the SOS (Scouting Outdoor Skills) Challenge

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

### DAC Reports:

i: Youth – Andreas Beelich / Matt Courtland

- Youth interested in being trainers, you can get in touch with either Andreas or Matt.
- Youth committee – very active in planning events.

ii: Training – Michelle Niefer [mniefer@sympatico.ca](mailto:mniefer@sympatico.ca)

- **Woodbadge I held in December was successful, however over half of the participants were from outside the area. Still many from our area that need training.**
- **See attached schedule for training dates and location that suit your needs.**

iii: **Program - Alex Beelich** [alex.beelich@nlfinancial.ca](mailto:alex.beelich@nlfinancial.ca)  
**\_Summary of events and activities December 2009 and January 2010.**

**December 2009:** Planning meeting held for upcoming Cub Winter Challenge and Scout Winter Camp. This joint activity will be held on the weekend of February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2010 at Camp Whispering Pines. Scouts will build shelters and camp out for the weekend while Cubs will participate in a number of challenging activities including snowshoeing, Cooking and shelter building.

Some of the Troops spent a Saturday building a winter camp shelter in prep for camp in February 2010

**January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010:** Winter camp prep night. Held at the Smiths Falls Troop's meeting hall 37 Scouts updated their skills- Out door cooking in the winter, how to load and secure your pack on a toboggan, what to wear and not wear at camp in the winter, Basic winter first aid concerns- frost bite, hypothermia and building a shelter.

Troops continue to prepare their sites at Camp Whispering Pines. The road in has been plowed and is easily travelled.

**January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010:** Planning meeting held for the Beaver Brrrr- Theme: Beavers at the Olympics This activity will be held on February 13<sup>th</sup> at the Easton's Corners Community Centre – associated with the Village of Merrickville. Activities to include Skating (indoor rink), crafts, games both inside and outdoors, lunch and an indoor campfire.

**Valley Highlands Badge 2009/2010** has arrived and will be circulated to each "**registered member of Valley Highlands**" via the group commissioners. Activity badges are on order and expected to arrive by February 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>. (Winter camp/Winter challenge and Beaver BRRRR). Will be distributed at the upcoming activities. To help commemorate Founders' Week another section for the badge is available to each group early in February.

An update with samples of the Area sponsored badge has been circulated to all groups and Scouters in the Area. Thank you Michelle N.

Still to come in **April is the annual Kub Kar, Scout Truck and Beaver Buggy challenge day.** Additional details to follow shortly.

**Nitevent** is scheduled for early May and will be held at Camp Whispering Pines.

**Year end Camporee-May, 2010.**

We are looking for Volunteers to help organize this activity. Volunteers are needed from each section; Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Please contact me by telephone at 613-283-3307 or email [alexbeelich@gmail.com](mailto:alexbeelich@gmail.com) if you can help.

An organizational meeting will be held in February. A date will follow shortly.

Last year Valley Highlands organized a Base Camp for 3<sup>rd</sup> year Cubs and 1<sup>st</sup> year Scouts along with a Canoe trip for 2<sup>nd</sup> year and 3<sup>rd</sup> year Scouts in Algonquin park. This was a 6 nights and 7 day adventure. We are planning the same for this summer.

**Summer 2010.**

**Date to be held July 4<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) until July 10<sup>th</sup> (Saturday).**

This camp will be open to all 3<sup>rd</sup> year Cubs and Scouts in Valley Highlands. An adult leader from each Group, while encourage to participate, will not be a requirement for their youth to attend. Similar to last summer we will have two camps running simultaneously. Our intent is to travel together with some activities held on a joint basis. A 4 to 5 day canoe trip will be incorporated in to the week for our 2<sup>nd</sup> year and 3<sup>rd</sup> year Scouts while a Still Camp will be our base for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year Cubs and 1<sup>st</sup> year Scouts.

Preliminary calculations put the cost at \$150.00 per adult and or youth for the week. This will be an all inclusive cost. Camping fees, food, canoes, camp equipment and possibly travel costs.

Each camper will be responsible for their personal equipment.

A notice regarding this week in Algonquin will be circulated to everyone in valley Highlands with additional details.

iv: **Camp Warden – Stan Lasenba – [lasenba@sympatico.ca](mailto:lasenba@sympatico.ca)**

- “**Appreciation Certificate**” was received by Stan on Behalf of **Whispering Pines**.
- 4-5 groups camped this winter
- road plowed twice; youth should be able to walk in for camp.
- Tarp needs replacing (torn in two places). **Motion** made to replace the tarp by Chris Tyler; 2<sup>nd</sup> Roger Nuttall.  
Vote: unanimous – **carried**.

v: **Honours & Awards – Hope Gray [hope@kevinrobertgray.com](mailto:hope@kevinrobertgray.com)**

Collecting / compiling names for the Spirit of Scouting Award.  
The crests have arrived and are great. Thanks to Gen Stalker for the design.  
So far, 9 people nominated have been accepted by the committee.  
A certificate is to be made to accompany the crest.

The aim is to present the Awards at all of the Groups Baden Powell Banquet / Celebration.  
Volunteers are needed to present these awards on behalf of the Area Council. Please volunteer for this. Let Hope know which Group's events you could attend.

More Youth nominees would be great. A Youth and adult recipient from each Group in the Area would be a great start. E - mail Hope with nominations; including short explanation of reasons for the nomination.

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

Invoice received from RVCA for tree order for 2010 Scoutrees Plant where we will be planting 1000 PW (White Pine) and 1000 SW (White Spruce) at the N end of the Municipal landfill site. The invoice amount is \$1,130.00 and I will submit same for payment from VHA funds held at Council Office at the request of our Treasurer, Jean LASENBA. Certificates of Appreciation to corporate sponsors/donors for 2009 have been/are in process of being delivered. Lanark Cedar has advised me that they will be happy to once again contribute to VHA's Scoutrees 2010 initiative at the same level or perhaps even a little higher than last year (depending upon Spring sales) - \$800 last year. This contribution, along with the annual donation provided by the Municipality of Drummond/North Elmsley (\$700) will more than cover the cost of tree seedlings for our 2010 plant. I will be looking at getting the pledge kits out as soon as they become available.

vii: **Technology / Fundraising - Bradley Simpson [bradleysimpson@sympatico.ca](mailto:bradleysimpson@sympatico.ca)**

Popcorn – I would ask that the attached 2009 response letter be read tonight and the no survey doc. Be distributed or forwarded on to each group commissioner. I would like them to respond before Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> so I can get the info to Doug Cody at council by the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Website – Fielded an email from Stan/ Marilyn Johnson about the camp page link on the council site coming up with our old camp page website. Sent email to Stan/Marilyn and Jeff in regards to this and Hopefully it has been fixed.

More pics are always welcome.

Doug Cody, The Big Popper

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

- bill received by Michelle \$38.22; John Stalker \$19.00; \$80.00 camp plowed; \$1130. Trees (which will be coming back in) and Areas crests \$2k960.87 which cover all sections for Area, Founding day, Winter events.
- **Motion:** To pay the above bills made by Jean Lasenba; 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Billings:

Discussion: - Vote: 14; Abstain 1. **Carried.**

viii: **Registrar: Diana Nutall:** [dcn@storm.ca](mailto:dcn@storm.ca)

There are still big discrepancies between what are in the MMS and what the paperwork that has been submitted to the office: please check that all your members are entered and all appropriate paperwork has been submitted. Only those who are fully registered will be getting the blanket central crest.

Only two groups have listed someone as registrar so that means no-one in the other groups can alter existing records. Whoever is doing the registrations for your group should be entered in the MMS as Registrar even as a secondary role to their primary one.

Once you have done that phone Lynn Levitan at the council office and tell her who is the registrar for your group and she will adjust the files so your registrar can adjust the files for your group.

So far there has been no mention of what the fees will be for people joining as a result of "bring a friend" but there should be something soon. Will keep you posted.

### **AREA SECRETARY/ADMINISTRATOR**

Still looking for a Secretary. Anyone interested? Do you know someone who might be interested?

**Group reports:** I suggest that we stick to highlights to ensure we get out of here at a reasonable time. Full reports will accompany the minutes.

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

#### 1. EVENTS TO DATE:

- a. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts Participated in the Annual Light up The Night festivities by giving out hot chocolate to the spectators.
- b. All Sections participated in the Almonte Santa Claus Parade.
- c. Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts have been having their weekly meetings at the School Gym, Cubs and Scouts have been doing badge work.
- d. Venturers went out to the Almonte Winter Camp site in Rosetta for an afternoon.
- e. Scouts participated in the Area Camp Zero Training night in Smith Falls on 5 Jan 10.
- f. Scouts and Venturers went to Dynamic Hobbies on Saturday, 16 Jan, and did an hour and a half of slot car racing.

#### 2. FUTURE EVENTS:

- a. Beavers will continue to meet in the School gym.
- b. Cubs and Scouts will be meeting at Scouter Bill's for the next couple of months. He has a workshop where they will be building their Kub Kars and 18 Wheelers, among other things.
- c. Cubs will be participating in the Area Cub Winter Challenge.
- d. Scouts will be doing their own Winter Camp (27/28 Feb), attended Winter Camp Zero training.

#### 3. MAIN EFFORTS:

- a. Registrations – Current standing: Group Committee 2(3), Beavers 1(2) / 2(4), Cubs 1(2) / 5(10), Scouts 0 / 5(6), Venturers 1 / 1 (9) (brackets represent actual participants)  
Registered: 5 Scouters / 13 Youth, Actual: 8 Scouters / 29 Youth  
One Beaver has to be transferred from Carleton Place

#### 4. ISSUES:

- a. Venturers – Youth have been told if they don't register, they will not be allowed to participate in Area and Group activities.

Yours in Scouting,

Bill Lawrence  
Group Commissioner  
2<sup>nd</sup> Almonte

**1<sup>st</sup> Beckwith:**  
**Events to date:**

**Beavers:** For the month of Jan. Beavers have been focusing on "Our Winged Friends of Winter", building bird feeder crafts, collages and learning about the birds.

*Note: Trish Fisher attended the Woodbadge I – Colony, in Dec, said it well done and had a lot of fun. Thanks to the team.*

**Scouts:** In January, attended the Camp Zero training. learned a lot, and now are excited about camp.

Have been spending meeting nights reviewing and practicing skills, mostly in preparation for Camp Zero. Troop will be hiking into the site Sat. Jan 23, in order to prep our shelters, and the site.

Upcoming:

Feb -Beavers: – Fire Safety activities, attend Beaver Brr, BP activities.

Scouts:– Camp Zero, Fire Safety and some First Aid, continue skills building and BP activities.

**Group:** Finish missing registrations (into HQ), BP Pot Luck for Beckwith Scouting families. Planning on running a longer. Bring a Friend campaign, in order to boost numbers.

No issues

Allen Sinfield, Group Comm

### **Carleton Place:**

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

- Scouts had their Christmas party/skiing in Pakenham/ badge work, plan to attend Winter camp.
- Cubs – Christmas part (all sections); badge work; plan to attend snow challenge.
- Beavers – Christmas part; crafts, work on buggies; had meeting cancelled.

**1<sup>st</sup> Elmsley:** No report

**1<sup>st</sup> Merrickville:** No representative – no report

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

Past Activities: Unfortunately our Christmas Party at Pizza Hut had to be cancelled due to bad weather. The Beavers held a meeting at Lanark Lodge on December 21st and were well received by a number of residents, all of whom received a craft done by the youth. We are "back in business" with the new year, Scouts as usual very active, Beavers carrying on without our Contact Leader who has headed south, and Venturers meeting to plan activities.

We have 8 Beavers, 7 Scouts and 2 Venturers.

Future Plans: The Scouts will be attending Area Winter Camp and will be joined by the Venturers. Beavers continue with strong leadership. We are planning activities for Scout/Guide Week including a sleepover, lunch at Pizza Hut, Buggy and Truck Runs, and a Pot Luck Dinner. More details to come. We are also exploring the possibility of Popcorn Sales and a spring church parade.

Challenges: We will be looking to the future and planning to restart our Cub Pack. The Group Committee continues to provide firm support to a lively Group.

Arnel Pattemore, Group Commissioner

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

1. **EVENTS TO DATE:** (since the last meeting)

All sections participated in the Santa Claus parade and the Scouts won most original float it was made of Pop cans. Pictures have been sent to Pepsi Cola head office and are being sent to the Leaders magazine. All sections went carolling down town before Christmas. Scouts made decorations to be given out at the hospital. Scouts have been winter camping at Whispering pines

Cubs have had a camp, and have been skating. Working on badges. Beavers had their first camp then went into Ottawa to Science Museum and to cosmic Adventure.

2. **FUTURE EVENTS:** (within the next month)

Scouts planning on another camp and going ice fishing. Beavers planning on a skating night and going tobogganing. All sections are going to the Ottawa 67's game and to winterlude. Banquet during Scout Guide week with a church service and parade.

3. MAIN EFFORTS: (the groups focus this period)  
Starting to plan 85 Anniversary in 2014

4. ISSUES: (items you need assistance with or questions you need answered)  
Not pleased with Ottawa booking 1000 tickets for the 67's game at a cost of 7.00 per back in July now with only 200 tickets sold cost now is 10.00 per. Now if they do not sell at least 500 it will not be promoted as a Scout event and there will be no Scouting ceremony on centre ice.

Yours in Scouting,

Joan Smith, Group Commissioner

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**John Stalker – Would like to pay each Group Committee a visit – please contact John and set up a time/date/place for him to visit.**

**- if you have any concerns, want help, etc. contact John at any time.**

**MOTION:** To adjourn made by Chris Tyler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Richardson

Time: 9:00 p.m.

**Next area meeting: February 18<sup>th</sup> – Smiths Falls, 7 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church. Please send a representative from your group or section.**

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