



Valley Highlands Area Minutes – Sept 16, 2010

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Smiths Falls

Call to Order: at 7:05

Oh Canada: by all

Scouter's 5: by John from Scouting Life March/April 2009

Regrets: Kelly Banks-CFE, Alexander Beelich-DAC Program, Jean Lasenba-Treasurer, Arnel Pattermore-4th Perth, Bill Lawrence-2nd Almonte, Hope Gray-1st Merricville

Acceptance of Minutes: Moved by Stan. Seconded by Michelle

Business arising from the minutes: None

Commissioner's Report: Council Management Advisory Committee meets at the Commissioners Weekend Sept 17-19. Stan, Michelle, Matt, & I will attend the weekend. I have OPP PRC forms. Requirement for fingerprints. \$ 26.75
How to maintain our numbers and ideas on how we can expand, and retain.
Team: Final Team, Who? Uniforms?
30 day notice for out-of-country approval by Council & National.

DAC Reports:

Secretary: Diana dcn@storm.ca

Please remember to send your report by e-mail. Otherwise your report cannot be included in the minutes

Council: Kelly None

Registrar: Jacynthe (Jacy): jacyatal@hotmail.ca

Final check of Reg'n forms packages Oct 21 at Area meeting, tonight, or by appointment. ALL packages must be verified and signed-off.

Finance: Jean lasenba@sympatico.ca None

Camp: Stan lasenba@sympatico.ca

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Training – Michelle Niefer mniefer@sympatico.ca

Training – Voyager Council – Valley Highlands

Currently there are two courses being offered within Valley Highlands.

1. WB 1 for Colony (Beavers), Pack (Cubs) and Troop (Scouts). **Course # 918**
Date: Friday November 19th 6 – 10 p.m., Saturday November 20th. 9 – 5 p.m.
Fee covered by area for Valley Highlands Scouters on this course only.
2. St. Johns First Aid with CPR level B adult & Child CPR **Course #916**
Date: Saturday December 11th 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. & Sunday Dec 12th 9 – 5 p.m.
Open to 3rd/4th year Scouts / Venturers /Adults
Cost : \$50.00

Other courses you may wish to register for are outlined ad below.

All courses must be registered with Scout headquarters, even those in Valley Highlands.

Program - Alex Beelich alex.beelich@nlfinancial.ca

Upcoming events:

Apple Day: Scheduled in Valley Highlands for October 2nd, 2010

Annual Skills and Bike camp (TROOP) has been confirmed for Oct 15th – 17th. Events will include a bike trip in the area, **JOTA** to contact other Scouts around the world and hopefully the Space Station. Each scout will also have the opportunity to earn their knife, stove, axe and fire permit.

A detailed agenda will be forwarded to all Troops leading up to the event.

Badges: Again this year, we continue with the Valley Highland's badge to be earned by attending and participating in a number of activities planned for the "AREA" this

scouting year. All our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, and adults are eligible to earn / participate at the section specific activities planned.

Please check our calendar for upcoming events.

To start the year all registered members of Valley Highlands will receive the date specific 2010/2011 centre badge. Group Commissioners will be distributing them to each section.

Year end activities in the planning stages.

Spring Camp for all sections – Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Venturers are invited to mentor the other sections.

Annual Canoe Camp and Still Camp. - Open to 3rd year Cubs and all Scouts.

July 3rd - 9th, 2011

Youth - Andreas Beelich dreas94@hotmail.com

Matt Courtland nardog16@gmail.com

Honours & Awards – Roger Nuttall rsnuttall@storm.ca

As most of you know this is John Stalker's last year as Area Commissioner. If any of you know of someone who would make a good A.C. , please give his/her name to one of the nominating committee, Michelle Niefer, Stan Lasenba, or Roger Nuttall.

Technology / Fundraising - Mike Dobbie – 4mdobbie@gmail.com

Camp Warden – Stan Lasenba – lasenba@sympatico.ca

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Scout Trees - Brian Billings - brian_billings@carleton.ca

- Visited and assessed the entire Drummond/North Elmsley (D/NE) Landfill property in July with Dan COOPER from the RVCA and Jeff WARD from OMNR/CCSCLC- overall, the survival rate of all tree seedlings planted by Scouting youth in May is good despite the dry Summer. Following the Scoutrees plant in May, D/NE Reeve Aubrey Churchill and D/NE Deputy Reeve Gail CODE asked that we survey the fields to the South property adjacent the landfill site and assess them for planting. As a result, I am pleased to report that the plant sites for Scoutrees 2011 and 2012 have been selected. Tree seedling order has already be placed with RVCA for Spring 2011 and we will be planting mixed species - 3,000 Tamarack/Larch and White Spruce.
- Letter of appreciation received from RVCA for VHA Scouting's efforts with Scoutree planting in 2010.
- VHA Scouts nominated by D/NE Council for the Tri-Valley Conservation Award for stewardship and tree planting in recognition of our on-going Scoutrees program and partnership with the Municipality of D/NE.

The 3rd edition of the Tri-Valley Conservation Awards will be held on

Oct. 20th, 2010. Nominations are now being accepted in eight categories: Primary School (JK-Grade 6); Intermediate/High School (Grade 7-12); College/University; Agriculture; Community Groups; Individuals; Businesses; Municipalities.

Projects which nominees could be involved in include tree planting, water quality protection, shoreline stewardship, conservation education and advocacy, natural beautification and other activities contributing to the health of the watersheds.

Partners in the awards are Rideau Valley Conservation, Mississippi Valley Conservation, and South Nation Conservation. This time out, the gala event celebrating awards winners will be held in the SNC watershed at the authority's new conference centre in Finch.

* - Thanks to D/NE Council and Bob MOORE for the nomination of VHA Scouts for this award...all groups within VHA Scouting are to be commended for their participation and support of the Scoutrees initiative/program. My personal thanks also go out to you all!

- Submission of Receipts for Re-Imbursement:
 - Tim Hortons: \$8.89 (May 1st, 2010) - Coffee for Plant Organizers.
 - Buster's Carleton Place: \$26.55 (July 21st, 2010) - Breakfast Meeting/Site Visit w/ OMNR/RVCA
 - total: \$35.44
- Currently, I am finishing up the delivery of certificates and letters to 2010 Scoutrees donors/sponsors and asking for their continued support in 2011.

GROUP REPORTS:

2nd Almonte:

1st Beckwith:

Ongoing: Registration has begun, with the main registration occurring Tues. night Sept. 14th. As it stands, we currently have 10 Beavers, (mix of returning and new), 6 Scouts, and a few interested Cubs. I am not sure if it is enough Cubs to reactivate the pack, so we may have to conduct a separate Open House/information drive. I have also been receiving email queries from the Group Locator at Scouts Can, so that must be working. The issue at this point is leadership, due to work, and moves not all leaders are available full time. We are currently canvassing out parents for leaders. Scouts are planning on starting Sept 30th, and Beavers early Oct?

Upcoming: Apple Day, Scouts - Oct JOTA camp.

Carleton Place:

1st Drummond:

1st Elmsley:

1st Merrickville:

4th Perth:

4th Perth held its registration day on Saturday, September 11th. We have interest in Beavers and Scouts with some new registrants and are still working on getting the Cub Pack going. We are also recruiting additional leaders.

On Wednesday, September 15th, in conjunction with 1st Drummond Centre Group I attended an open house/book sale at Queen Elizabeth School in Perth. We had several inquiries and hopefully some potential leaders. I will also be at The Stewart School next week while Drummond is representing us at Glen Tay and Lanark.

Scouts had a couple of events over the summer and the Beavers are already talking about a sleepover this fall. We continue to have good support at the committee level and are planning both Apple Day and Popcorn Sales.

We look forward to a great year in Scouting in Perth.

2nd Smiths Falls:

Old Business:

New Business:

Expenses submitted

Jacynthe for \$40.65 – uniform

John for \$16.94 – bag for bows and arrows

Brian for \$35.44 – breakfast meeting

Total \$93.03

Motion to pay these bills moved by Chris.. Seconded by Roger

Passed unanimously.

Adjournment Moved by Stan at 8:22. Seconded by Joan.

Next meeting Oct. 20 2010 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Smiths Falls

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept: _____

Minutes Signed by: _____
John Stalker, Area Commissioner