



Area Forum

March 17, 2011

Presbyterian, Church

Smiths Falls



Present: John Stalker, AC; Diana Nuttall, Sec.; Jacynthe Stalker, Reg.; Michelle Niefer, DAC Training; Alex Beelich, DAC Programme; Roger Nuttall, DAC Recognition; Andreas Beelich, DAC Youth; Stan Lasenba, Property Manager; Ken Richardson, Service Team; Chris Tyler, Service Team; Allen Sinfield, GC 1st Beckwith; Elizabeth Docker, GC Carleton Place; Torstein Dekart, GC 1st Drummond; John Armstrong GC 1st Elmsley; Hope Gray, GC 1st Merrickville.

Regrets: Kelly Banks, Matt Courtland, Jean Lasenba, Bill Lawrence, Joan Smith

Call to order: at 7:07 p.m.

O'Canada – by all

Scouter's 5 – John Stalker – deteriorata by National Lampoon

Acceptance of minutes: Moved by Alex, Seconded by Michelle. Passed unanimously

Business arising from the minutes:

Reports:

John Stalker, Area Commissioner: j_stalker@sympatico.ca

The last CMAC meeting was Yesterday,

National Leadership conference. In Toronto went well. Servicing document

Fees set at \$165/ youth, nothing for leaders. Algonquin Hills and I voted as per your request, but we were outvoted by the big areas. I have some help docs on making the change.

New council adventure award is shelved for now.

We are at 102.6% membership. Is anyone still needing to register members?

Scouters conference April 7, Smiths Falls Collegiate. Only 7 VH people signed up. Area is covering the costs, so get your people out for a great day.

All MMS records should be verified. New MMS delayed until summer/fall.

I have OPP PRC forms and lots of other handouts.

Roadmap to success has five areas for planning

- a) orientation – to recruit and register 75% of new leaders by Aug 31 of prior year.
Orientation and NSK (New Scouter Kit) provided to all new adult members within 2 weeks of accepting role
- b) program Tools – 80% of sections achieve the quality award
- c) formal skills development and training – 100% volunteers trained with WB1 for primary role
Training is measured at each Scouts Canada accredited course; 60% of participants strongly agree with core quality statements.

- d) In person support – each section/group receives 3 service visits annually. Each Group Committee has a minimum of three non-section scouter to support Group activities e.g. Fundraising, treasurer, secretary, recognition.
- e) Feedback and recognition – each volunteer receives personal feedback three times annually. 20% volunteers receive Scouts Canada recognition for outstanding service annually.

Council report: Kelly Banks – Field Executive: kbanks@scouts.ca

School Talks & Open Houses for Spring Registration and Winter Friendfest: Now is the time to plan for these –Groups should contact their CFE to arrange these.

Reminder – Winter Friendfest Incentives: A reminder to Groups about the Winter Friendfest incentives and that you should let your AC and CFE know about your BAF events in order to receive the incentives. To be eligible for the Council incentives the BAF events need to be held prior to March 31st.

Critical - MMS Membership Records Update: It is very important that Groups/sections do a data cleanup on or before June 1st 2011. This clean-up should include:

- Members Records: Please ensure email addresses, date of birth, Training records, Recognition records and volunteer roles are correct in MMS.

- Org Units: Ensure that national-council-area-group-section hierarchy is correct and that the Org unit associated with a members record is accurate.

It is critical that Groups do this as the new AMS (the system replacing MMS) will be on June 1st and all existing data in MMS needs to be updated and accurate for the changeover. If you need assistance please contact your AC or CFE - they can assist with this if help is needed.

Group Succession Planning, Prospectives and Growth Planning for 2011-2012: A reminder that Groups should be working with their AC's and CFE to ensure that you are starting to plan out your Section leadership teams for next year (i.e., who is returning, how many leaders do you need to recruit etc.). As well, there are still a lengthy amount of Prospective members throughout the Council. Please work with your CFE and AC's to finish up screening requirements and get these members activated. Finally, Groups are encouraged to put together a Growth Plan and budget for next year within the next few months. CFE's are available to assist Groups with all of these items.

Spring Registration Packages: Your AC has your Spring Registration packages. The fee for the 2011-12 Scouting year has been set at \$165 for youth and there is no volunteer fee.

Job Opportunities for Senior Youth: We are now accepting resumes and applications for the position of Day Camp Counselor. A job description will be on the Voyageur Council website soon. This is a paid position for youth 16-26 years old. Camps this year are located on the Carling Campus, Moodie Dr, Ottawa and Taylor Creek Dr, Orleans. Interviews will be conducted later in April. Resumes can be sent to hlee@scouts.ca

Secretary report: Diana Nuttall – dcn@storm.ca

DAC Reports:

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

ii: **Training – Michelle Niefer - mniefer@sympatico.ca**

- **E-Learning:** We have several individuals who have done e-learning, but have not shown up on the list (therefore they are not registered in the MMS system). Group Commissioners - if you know of someone, please let me know, and I will make sure that they are put into the system and receive their recognition.
- **Reminder:** When doing e-learning for WB 1 training, be sure to print off the **certificate at the end of each module**. You should have five certificates (5 modules) at the end of the taking e-learning.

This is turned into your Group Commissioner who in turn notifies me. If MMS system does not show you having taken it, I will contact Headquarters to have it put manually into the MMS system.

- **Pins/woggles:** For those that have completed WB 1 by E-learning, I have ordered the pins/woggles from Headquarters. If an individual has completed WB 1. previously, I have ordered the pin. First time individuals will get their woggle.
- Three members from 1st Elmsley have **completed WB 1** training in Ottawa (2 Pack and 1 Colony). Thanks to Stan Lasenba for helping them complete their requirements.
- **WB 1 training and 1st Aid** for 2012 will be help next year. Due to lack of interest for the month of November, it will be pushed back to late January.

iii: **Program - Alex Beelich - alex.beelich@nlfinancial.ca**

First sign up and information meeting for Valley Highland's week in Algonquin Park was held on March 1st in Merrickville at the community centre. Early indication is we will have in the range of 70 Cubs, Scouts and Adults attending the 2 camps.

Next planned Area event- **Beaver Buggy/ Kub Kar/ Scout Trucks racing day** to be held in Smiths Falls at the County Fair Mall- South end of Smiths Falls.

Race Day is scheduled for March 26th.

Cubs will start the racing followed by the Beaver Buggy event. After lunch the scouts will be racing their 18 wheelers. Cost for each racer is \$5.00.

Group and individual trophies will be awarded.

Planning continues for the Spring Camp, **Back to Basics Scouting 101** which will be held in Carleton Place on May 27-29th

Future events- **Scout Trees- May 6th**- details to follow

- **Nitevent – May 13th**, 2011- Whispering Pines Camp

Summary of National Leadership Conference held in Toronto from March 11th-13th, 2011

-Branding of Scouting in Canada-

The best way to predict the future is to invent it.

Need to be precise about the perception of what scouting can do for our youth.

Did you know we have about 3 million Scouting Alumnae in Canada?

- Tools for branding- Uniform, Advertising and communication but most important is our youth's experiences.
- New uniforms are to be unveiled on Friday March 25th
- Why should our youth join Scouts?
- Core brand –driven by motivation and outcome
- Need to build legitimacy and relevancy =well rounded youth=better people / citizens

Brand Promise

Scouting is to start something great

“It starts with Scouts”

(Scouting needs to be relevant and important)

Promises are like babies- Easy to make, hard to deliver.

Brand centre on Web site: - Scouts.ca

Letters, flyers, posters, banners, present ads

New programmes have been designed to enhance our youth’s development under the following FLEX, FAST and FOCUS. (Leave Andreas to explain further as he received Tool kits to aid in the development of Venturers, Scouts, and Cubs)

Youth involvement and development is Key to the success of Scouting in Canada

Jumpstart programme has been updated on the **Scouts.ca website**- available for all sections. Also includes an annual calendar with hints on how to organize an entire Scouting year.

Keys to Service in Scouting-

- Focus support customized to needs
- Identify help areas
- Recognize accomplishments
- Create action plan
- Measure impact

New leaders need to be orientated properly.

Training sets a stage for success

Good turn week is returning this year- March 27- April 2nd

BP&P has been digitalized on Scouts web site. Includes all the forms usually required.

Tri – Country (Canada/ Mexico/ United States) World Jamboree to be held in Virginia U.S.A. A permanent Scout camp is being built and will be operational in 2013.

iv: : **Youth - Andreas Beelich** dreas94@hotmail.com
Matt Courtland nardog16@gmail.com

v: **Recognition – Roger Nuttall** rsnuttall@storm.ca

I have up-dated the Long Service Awards and the 5, 15, 20 etc information so that I have pins and Awards for 32 of our Area Leaders. The information for the 50 year pin for Arnel Pattemore has to be sent to National for checking and I haven’t heard back from them yet. The 55 year pin for Chris Tyler has been held up because of a lost PRC.

vi **Registrar: - Jacynth Stalker** jacystal@hotmail.ca The directory should be ready for next month

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

viii **Camp Warden – Stan Lasenba –** lasenba@sympatico.ca

viii: **Scout Trees - Brian Billings - brian_billings@carleton.ca _]**

I will ensure my attendance at next month's Area Forum as Scoutrees will be truly kicking into high gear then. I appreciate your support of Scoutrees – Scouts Canada's National Environmental Initiative.

Please mark your calendars for Scoutrees – Saturday, May 7th, 2011...I apologize if there was some confusion with the date in the planning calendar. The later date is always preferred to ensure that we can get the tree stock from the nursery out of the ground. We will meet at the Drummond/North Elmsley Landfill site again this year at 0900h to plant a new area (back fields) with seedlings. Trees are ordered and will be covered by a grant this year - Thanks to Natalie BENSON and Lyn WILLIAMS at Voyageur Council! I am still awaiting receipt of Scoutrees Kits and supplies but I do have a few pledge kits/envelopes left over from last year that I can offer up to those groups who need them and want an early start. There is also a link on the Scouts Canada national website that offers a PDF downloadable pledge sheet - the link is as follows: <http://www.scouts.ca/dnn/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=tUb0qJN3miQ%3d&tabid=751>. In the interim (and in preparation for when I receive the Scoutrees Kits), those groups requiring pledge forms/envelopes, please contact me at cuopsmgr@yahoo.ca or call me at (613)693-1685 to give me your numbers - I will deliver to groups immediately upon receipt.

As always, I will make myself available to meet with your groups to discuss Scoutrees as the committed environmental initiative with Scouts Canada and an excellent fundraising program - I have a PPT presentation from past year plants that I can also share. Scoutrees helps raise funds for Scouting. Through sponsors and donors Scoutrees income helps fund local Scouting activities, council programs, and also provides much needed income for the Canadian Scout Brotherhood Fund. To this end, funds raised through Scoutrees are shared in the following manner:

85% is retained by the Local group
15% is forwarded to the Brotherhood fund

At the April Area Forum, I will provide maps/directions to the Scoutrees Plant Site and details for the after plant BBQ, hosted by Lanark Cedar. I have delivered all certificates and letters to our past year sponsors and supporters and anticipates their involvement again this year at the plant site on Saturday, May 7th, 2011. Should you have any questions or require any information in the interim, again, please do not hesitate to contact me at the undersigned.

ix: **Popcorn – Brian Billings – - brian_billings@carleton.ca**

GROUP REPORTS:

2nd Almonte: Bill Lawrence – scouter_bill@rogers.com

1. EVENTS TO DATE:
 - a. Cubs have been working on their Kub Kars.
 - b. Scouts have been finishing up their 18 Wheelers, and had a campfire at my house during March Break.
 - c. Cubs and Scouts went to Camp Sagonaska for their annual winter camp on March 4-6. It rained Saturday, but it didn't interfere with the planned activities as we toured the Belleville Scout and Guide Museum and the National Aviation Museum at CFB

Trenton. The only drawback to the weather was the aerial park was closed at the Air Force museum so the kids couldn't walk around the aircraft outside.

- d. We had our first annual Baden Powell Pancake Breakfast and Scouting Display on 20 Feb 11. Thank you to John for dropping by and bringing the Area Scouting display. The Girl Guides have expressed interest in joining us for the event next year.....Mark your calendar, it will be on 19 Feb 2012. Come on out, enjoy a great pancake breakfast and see some Scouting history.

2. FUTURE EVENTS:

- a. All Sections will be participating in the Annual Area Rally next weekend.
- b. Scouts are learning about Maple sugaring and are getting into Pioneering.

3. MAIN EFFORTS:

- a. We are trying to recruit new Leadership for Troop and Group Committee.
- b. Trying to get all registrations in.

1st Beckwith: Allen Sinfield – al1sin@hotmail.com

Beckwith held its BP/Scouting Week Celebration on Thurs Feb.24th. Turn out was very good, Some of the Scouts received badges and awards earned to date.

Beavers:

- Have continued working with the Beaver's In Space Theme, drawing star maps, and constructing paper Space Shuttles.
- In March, will start preparing the Beaver Buggies, and join the Scouts on Mar 24 to try their buggies on a track.
- Break during the School March Break, and getting ready for the Beaver Buggies Race weekend.

Scouts:

- Continuing on skills building in Feb.-Mar. by constructing a weaved rope.
- In March, started Scout Trucks, planning return trip to retrieve the Winter Camp tarps and dismantle the shelter.
- Also on break due to the March Break, and will host a trial Scout Truck/Beaver Buggy night.
- Putting final touches on the trucks in advance of the race Weekend.

Upcoming:

Scout's trip into Whispering Pines.

Leaders planning on attending the Apr. Scouter Conf.

Scoutrees

Nitevent.

Carleton Place: Elizabeth Docker – Elizabeth.docker@sympatico.ca

1st Drummond: Torstein Dekart – tdekart@on.aibn.com

1st Elmsley: John Armstrong – armstrong24@sympatico.ca

Feb 27 attended church parade, 28 celebrated family banquet thanks to John Stalker and Roger for attending it is always a pleasure to have the company at the head table
Groups are working on badges cubs and scouts weekend at ope a little wet. attending shrove Tuesday at Lombardy hall. working on beaver buggies, cub cars and trucks for race day
Later eh

1st Merrickville: Hope Gray – hope@kevinrobertgray.com

All sections are busy with Beaver buggy, Cub cars and Scout truck preparation for race day.
All will be attending the Spring camp in Carlton Place.
Beaver Burr and winter camps were held by all.

Venturers are looking forward to the spring for white water training and trip as well as a bike trip to Prince Edward County.

Merrickville Scouting and Guiding groups are looking at doing the Yellow Fish Road project that involves painting yellow fish on the storm sewers so people understand that anything that goes into the storm sewer goes directly into the river system.
Thanks, Hope

4th Perth: Arnel Pattemore – arnel@falls.igs.net

A combination of weaher and work schedules hamp[er]ed the Group Committee for 4th Perth. However, we can report that the Beavers and Scouts are going strong. We had a good weekend in Feb. with a Scout sleepover and Beaver Buggy/Eighteen Wheeler Runs. Scouts participated in Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl for Kids and raised \$130.00. We are now working on plans for next year while still having lots of activities ongoing for this Scouting year.

2nd Smiths Falls: Joan Smith – joansmith_13@cogeco.ca

Beavers working on their buggies for the beaver buggy rally. This month is we will be going to the police station and the fire department for a tour.
Cubs are busy working on their Cub Kars and bringing in friends to the meeting during friend fest.
Scouts have been winter camping and working on their trucks.
All sections are preparing for a busy month in April with Pitch In, Earth Day and meetings.
Group committee has received numerous phone calls for next year's registration already. Will be looking into trying to get more leaders registered with the numbers coming in.

Old Business:

New Business: Astronomer Badge Chris Tyler received a call On Mar. 16, 2011 from a Mr. Frank Hitchens, an amateur Astronomer from the Rideau Ferry area. He generously has offered his help to any group wishing to pursue the Astronomer Badge or similar programme. At this time he has had no reference checks or PRC done. So tread carefully. He can be contacted at 613-284-9920 or hitch.star@live.com .

Adjournment

Next meeting

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept: _____

Minutes Signed by: _____
John Stalker, Area Commissioner