



## Area Forum

June 16, 2011

Presbyterian, Church

Smiths Falls



**Present:** John Stalker, AC; Diana Nuttall, Sec.; Jean Lasenba, Treas.; Jacynth Stalker, Reg.; Matt Courtland, DAC Youth; Alex Beelich, DAC Program; Michelle Niefer, DAC Training; Roger Nuttall, DAC Recognition; Stan Lasenba, Property Manager; Chris Tyler, Area SAL; Allen Sinfield, GC 1<sup>st</sup> Beckwith; Elizabeth Docker, GC Carleton Place; Cyndy Courtland, CP VA.

**Regrets:** Andreas Beelich, Brian Billings, Torsten Dekart

**Call to order:** 7:05

O'Canada by All

Scouter's 5 John Stalker – Hope Makes a Difference (Leader Magazine Mar 2003)

**Acceptance of minutes:** Moved by Allen; seconded by Roger. Passed unanimously

**Business arising from the minutes:**

**Reports:**

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

The last CMAC meeting was Yesterday,

FLEX and FAST, the training to do Sixer/Second and PL training is looking for partners. Meeting Wed June 22, 7PM at HQ (Andreas, Michelle?)

New Council crests are in the works for the new shirts. These will include Provincial/Territory emblems. (Trillium, Fleur des Lis, and Polar bear for Nunavut)

Nominees for the voting members attending the Annual meeting are being accepted. This week is the cutoff.

Venturer Jamboree in southern Ontario, summer 2012. 1000 max attendees, \$600 +/-

Last call for Program Quality Awards.

CMAC will meet Aug 17.

All MMS records need to be verified by June 30. New MMS delayed until summer/fall.

Rideau Canal Canoe Run, late Aug/early Sept.

Sept 16-18 Growth Symposium

Same time, Venturer/Rover Executive course.

Relevant to the Community. We are trying to get the Scouts "known" for 2 things. Emergency Preparedness, and Environment. Ideas welcome and more news to come.

Chief Scout/ Queens Venturer award, June 11, Almonte

I have OPP PRC forms

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

**Secretary report:** Diana Nuttall – [dcn@storm.ca](mailto:dcn@storm.ca)

**DAC Reports:**

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

Bills 6 to be Paid 1) Alex - \$500 for Orca, \$2329.96 for Algonquin Camp

2) Brian - \$28.31 for food at Scoutrees

3) CP Group - \$83.63 for cost overrun at "101"

4) Stan - \$25.20 for camp expenses

**Motion:** Moved by Chris; seconded by Michelle "these bills be paid" Passed unanimously

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

WB I will be presented on the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of Jan.

iii: **Program - Alex Beelich -** [alex.beelich@nfinancial.ca](mailto:alex.beelich@nfinancial.ca)

**Spring Camp:** Scouting, Back to Basics 101 hosted by the Carleton Place Scouting Group.

Thanks are extended to Cindy Courtland, Elizabeth Docker and all the leaders from Carleton Place, Almonte, Beckwith, Drummond, Smiths Falls, and Merrickville for putting together a weekend for everyone to remember.

Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts participated in a weekend of activities planned for their specific section. Many thanks to the Venturers from Carleton Place and Merrickville who helped organize and oversee many of the activities.

Our last planned Area event for this Scouting year will be quickly upon us. July 3<sup>rd</sup> until July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Algonquin 2011 is only a couple of weeks away.

Transportation, programme, menu and planning have been completed and we are now waiting for July 3<sup>rd</sup> to arrive. More than 80 Cubs, Scouts and leaders will depart from Merrickville and Carleton Place by bus and proceed down the Trans Canada highway until we reach our destination, Kiosk Station Algonquin Park.

If anyone has any questions related to this camp please contact anyone of the following- Allen Sinfield, Chris Tyler, Michelle Niefer or Alex Beelich

Valley Highlands annual fund raising weekend in support of Camp Whispering Pines will be held again at the Lombardy Fair on the long weekend beginning July 29 until August 1st, 2011. Hoping you can help out for a couple of hours.

An event calendar will be completed and circulated prior to registration in the fall.

If anyone has a suggestion for an event related to Scouting – Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Venturers please forward to the Valley Highlands Area Scouters and we will attempt to help organize for the upcoming year.

10 people passed the Orca Three

\_ Draft Calendar of Events outline Scouting year 2011/2012

June 2011- Spring Registration-

September 2011- Fall Registration-  
School presentations  
First Meetings to begin-

October 2011- 1<sup>st</sup> weekend- Council and Area Youth commissioners  
Provide a leadership training workshop  
Troop- Patrol Leaders  
Assistant Patrol Leaders  
Pack – Sixers  
Seconders  
To include Keeos and Kims  
( letter sent to AYC and awaiting response)

October- Near end of the month- Fall Troop-  
Possible Theme- hiking, trail blazing and trail signs.

November- Remembrance Day-

Scout Pop Corn?-

December- Group participation in various Christmas events

January- Troop Winter Camp prep night-  
Troop Winter Camp- location-?-  
Pack Winter Challenge-

February – Beaver BRRRRR-  
Founder's Week-  
Founder's week group banquet-

March – Scout Trucks/Kub Kars/ Beaver Buggy- Should we change location?  
If so where?  
Should we include a Hobby and Wheels event?  
How do we incorporate the Venturer Companies?

April - ??

May- Scout Trees  
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Year end all section camp- Theme-  
Suggest we include a going up ceremony for all sections at this year end camp.

Algonquin 2012- Considering a 4<sup>th</sup> phase to this activity.

iv: : Youth - Andreas Beelich [dreas94@hotmail.com](mailto:dreas94@hotmail.com)  
Matt Courtland [nardog16@gmail.com](mailto:nardog16@gmail.com)

v: Recognition – Roger Nuttall [rsnuttall@storm.ca](mailto:rsnuttall@storm.ca)

This is a reminder to have all your Leaders fill in their “My Scouting Resume” and forward a copy to their Group Commissioner and to me for our records, so that this information is available for writing up someone for an award.

Wilhelm Patterson of the Kinsmen Club of Smiths Falls will present Scouts as the Sportsman of the year.

vi Registrar: - Jacynth Stalker [j\\_stalker@sympatico.ca](mailto:j_stalker@sympatico.ca)

vii: Technology / Fundraising - Mike Dobbie – [4mdobbie@gmail.com](mailto:4mdobbie@gmail.com)

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

I mowed the grass on June 11 and at that time one group has not removed their tarps and other items from the camp. Please remove these as soon as possible as other groups may want those sites. Also the picnic tables at the Headquarters site are not being moved to the edge after events, this is required to assist in keeping that area mowed. It is difficult for one person to move them without dragging and causing damage to the grass. After the wind on June 8<sup>th</sup> there were 3 trees across the road, one large white Birch at the entrance to the red trail, an old poplar at the first dip in the road and a small one around the first bend to the right. All have been removed and the wood from the birch will be picked up for use at the camp. I just received today this years environmental survey, Equipment list and property standards check list, These will be completed and returned to Marilyn Johnson in the next few days.. Booking have been slow so if your group wants to use the camp there is no problem reserving your spot.

Stan Lasenba  
Property Chair  
Expenses

Gas for Lawn mower	May 23	18.21
Gas for lawn Mower	June 8	6.99
Total Expenses		25.20

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

ix: Popcorn – Brian Billings – - [brian\\_billings@carleton.ca](mailto:brian_billings@carleton.ca)

## GROUP REPORTS:

2<sup>nd</sup> Almonte: Bill Lawrence – [scouter\\_bill@rogers.com](mailto:scouter_bill@rogers.com)

1<sup>st</sup> Beckwith: Allen Sinfield – [al1sin@hotmail.com](mailto:al1sin@hotmail.com)

Both groups have finished their Scouting year regular meeting nights at the School.  
The Scouts and 1 Beaver attended the CP 101 Camp; everyone enjoyed themselves. Scouts were honoured to be awarded 2nd place finish in Gateway competition, and 1st place in Camp Site.

We held our Group BBQ/Swim-up with 4 Beavers moving up to the Cub Scout level.

Scouts are planning on a mid summer day outing, site TBD.

3 Leaders and 2 Scouts preparing for the Algonquin Camp.

2 Leaders attended the ORCKA Canoe course... excellent course, highly recommend it for future trippers, or Algonquin still campers!

GC focus:

Year end finances - good condition, will be looking at some tent replacements for the fall season.

Also, will be looking for additional leaders for Cubs and Beavers.

Carleton Place: Elizabeth Docker – [Elizabeth.docker@sympatico.ca](mailto:Elizabeth.docker@sympatico.ca)

Reference: Group Committee Meeting held Thursday, June 2, 2011

- EVENTS TO DATE: (since the last meeting)
  - Scoutrees: Carleton Place raised \$787.06, and I submitted our 15% Brotherhood contribution (\$118.06) to Council. I also submitted the forms and pledge envelopes to Council for income tax receipts.
  - Moving-Up Ceremonies: Our all-section Moving-Up Ceremonies were held on May 24.
  - Early Registration: Our registrar is updating and entering information into MMS for early registration
  - Scouting 101: The Area camp was a big success despite the damp weather. See the Scouting 101 report submitted by Cyndy Courtland.
  - End-of-Year Meetings: All end-of-year section meetings were held during the first week of June. Campfires and awards were the focus of each meeting.
  - Lambs Down Festival: Our group entered an exhibit at the Lambs Down Festival on June 10 at the Wool Growers' Building in Carleton Place. We had a lot of people enter our shelter to look at the Scouting information, displays and memorabilia. We borrowed the Area PR kit, and I obtained a few give-aways from Council. We also held a free draw to attract youth and parents into the display. See the accompanying report if you're interested in the idea for future events.
- FUTURE EVENTS: (within the next month)
  - Senior Scouts and two Scout leaders will be taking part in the Area Algonquin Camp from July 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - Venturers are planning a canoe trip to take place during the second week of August.
- MAIN EFFORTS: (the group's focus this period)
  - Early Registration
- ISSUES: (items you need assistance with or questions you need answered)  
none
- COMMENTS. (general comments on your program and area program)  
I hope everyone has a happy and restful summer. It's well deserved.

1<sup>st</sup> Drummond: Torstein Dekart – [tdekart@on.aibn.com](mailto:tdekart@on.aibn.com)

BEAVERS – We watched the cubs & scouts launch their rockets

Three youth, 2 parents & 1 leader attended the Spring Camp in Carleton Place

For our final meeting we gathered at Stewart Park in Perth to enjoy pizza and race our boats  
We put the finishing touches on our Beaver Books

CUBS - We launched our rockets  
We picked up the garbage along Code Road near Drummond Dump  
We attended the Spring Camp in Carleton Place  
For our final meeting we enjoyed a pizza party in Stewart Park in Perth & raced our boats  
We all earned our Blue Star & had a presentation at the final meeting

SCOUTS – We built our gate for the Spring Camp in Carleton Place that we all attended  
We held a BBQ at the Independent Grocery in Perth to raise the final payment for Algonquin  
We launched rockets with the Cubs  
We joined the Beavers & Cubs for pizza & boat races in Stewart Park  
5 of us are going to COPA for kids June 18<sup>th</sup>  
5 of us & 3 leaders are going to Algonquin Park for the canoe trip

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**4<sup>th</sup> Perth: Arnel Pattemore – [arnel@falls.igs.net](mailto:arnel@falls.igs.net)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Smiths Falls: Joan Smith – [joansmith\\_13@cogeco.ca](mailto:joansmith_13@cogeco.ca)**

**Old Business:** Valley Highlands has 106% of last years registrations. Six of the Groups are over the 100%. Thanks to the Valley Highlands groups and people.  
AC replacement committee will report at the August meeting.

**New Business:** discussion on policy for illness or death in our Area – Post-poned to August meeting  
Jean proposed getting a stamp for “deposit only” approved unanimously but post-poned until August once Jean has information regarding cost.

Adjournment 8:47 moved and seconded by Elizabeth and Allen

Next meeting August 18,2011 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Smiths Falls at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Stalker, Area Commissioner