



Area Forum

Sept. 15, 2011

Westminster Presbyterian, Church

Smiths Falls



Present: Michelle Niefer, AC; Diana Nuttall, Sect.; Jean Lasenba, Treas.; Kelly Banks, CFE; John Stalker, Past AC; Alex Beelich, DAC Program; Andreas Beelich, DAC Youth; Chris Tyler, AST; Stan Lasenba, Property Manager; Brian Billings, Scoutrees & Popcorn; Allen Sinfield, GC 1st Beckwith; Sharon Dekart, 1st Drummond; Johanne Dekart, Youth 1st Drummond; Glen Richards, GC 1st Elmsley; Allison Horton, Treas. 1st Elmsley; Angeliq Jahn, 1st Elmsley; Larry Palmer, 4th Perth

Regrets: Roger Nuttall, Jacynth Stalker

Call to order: 7:06 p.m.

O'Canada - All

Scouter's 5 - Michelle (Scouters' Prayer)

Acceptance of minutes: Moved by Alex, seconded by Stan. 15 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 abstention. Passed.

Business arising from the minutes: 2011 Calendar - Lombardy Fair should be Aug. 4, 5, 6 instead of July.

Reports:

Michelle Niefer, Area Commissioner: mniefer@sympatico.ca

*** PRC's - all who work with youth will need fingerprinting as we work with "Vulnerable Sector". Please be ensured that no one is being singled out. It is for the safety of our youth.**

*** There are still several groups that have not handed in their financial statements. Please do so ASAP to Jean, so that we can file the Area's report.**

*** Group Commissioners: Again, we have a few groups who have not turned in their "Outdoor Activities" forms for events/activities in 2010-11 that occurred away from your meeting hall. These will be stored at Scout Headquarters for safekeeping in the event anything comes up in future years. These forms are also an indication of what your programs is being offered by your group.**

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

As of the end of August, Valley Highlands reached 106.3% in membership. Well done.

- ⤴ **Group Commissioners conference: September 15, 17 & 18th of September at Camp Opemekon there are sessions being presented for the Group Commissioner. There are five categories in which this weekend will be based on to give assistance to Gr. Commissioner and new information that is being presented from National.**
- ⤴ **World Rover Moot - August 8-13, 2013. This will be a big event and they have some great events lined up. Mark your calendars for this. This will be held in Ontario.**
- ⤴ **Venturee - Will be held at Haliburton Scout Reserve - 2012. For more details and dates, check the Council Website.**
- ⤴ **Canoe Rally: A group of Scouters plan to paddle down the Rideau Canal on September 3rd. They plan to put in at Dow's Lake and paddle down to the NAC. Check the Council website for more details, times, etc.**
- ⤴ **Group Commissioner's training (WB 1) is on August 26 & 27th and not 25th as sent out earlier in an e-mail. Another WB 1 will be held in November.**
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Secretary report: Diana Nuttall - dcn@storm.ca

DAC Reports:

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

Bills to be paid \$25.09 to Brian for Scoutrees Moved by Jean. Seconded by Larry. Passed unanimously.

Lease for camp has been paid for this year.

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

A new Scouting year brings new Leaders and previous leaders changing sections. Please remember that all must take WB 1 in their section.

WB 1 - There are several listed on the Council Web site. The next one for all sections is October 21-22nd. The next one after that is October 28 & 29th.

Check with Scout Headquarters where the location and cost is. Be sure to register early.

locally, we are having one in Valley Highlands, January 13th and 14th. These courses are planned to make your Scouting year easier.

E-Learning is also available on line. Again, you go into the Council website, under training and follow the links for e-learning. When finished, please contact myself and your group commissioner that this has been completed.

FAST-FLEX - This is a informative session for Sixers and Seconders; Patrol leaders and Ass patrol leaders. It is a course designed specifically for youth, and the trainers are youth. More information to follow.

November - Group Commissioners WB 1 course: The date will be published shortly. If you have not taken a recent course in the last 2-3 years, it would be beneficial if you took this to keep up to date with all the changes that are being implemented as well as you forms.

iii: Program - Alex Beelich - alex.beelich@nlfincan.ca

Summary of events planned in September and October, 2011

1) *Brother Hood Camp* – September 23rd-24th

2) *Apple Day* – October 1st

3) *JOTA combined with Bike and Skills Camp Challenge*. Event is schedule for October 14th to the 16th at Camp Whispering Pines.

Our thanks are extended to Johanne Dekart a 3rd year Scout with 1st Drummond whose brain child this challenge camp is.

Plans including cost to attend will be circulated to all Scout Troops in the Area.

Main meals including mug up will be funded by the enrollment costs.

Each Troop attending will be responsible for Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday only

Challenge will include cooking a predetermined meal from scratch.

Meals are to be cooked over an open fire*. Cooking stoves will not be permitted.

All edible ingredients will be provided.

Each Troop will be responsible for cooking utensils and personal mess kits.

As a "Be Prepared Camp" all Scouters will take on a role of judge and audience

The Bike challenge and skills camp provides an opportunity to participate on a road course with challenges along the route will provide each Scout with many memories. Please ensure your bicycle is in good repair.

Practice your knots. This should be enough of a hint of things to come.

The stage has now been set. Who else will now step forward with an idea for an event?

JOTA* will be operational around the clock. This year Scouters/Radio operator will be on site to man the radios into the early hours of the morning. An ideal opportunity to have a conversation with Scouts in other Time Zones and other hemispheres.

4) *FAST/FLEX* – Patrol Leaders, Assistant Patrol Leaders along with Sixers and Seconders. October 28th and 29th at Camp Whispering Pines.

Leadership training for our youth run by Andreas Beelich the Area Youth Commissioner in conjunction with the Council Youth commissioner for training. Also included will be Senior Area Scouters who will act as resource and assist with Youth development.

iv: : Youth - Andreas Beelich dreas94@hotmail.com

Matt Courtland nardog16@gmail.com

v: Recognition – Roger Nuttall rsnuttall@storm.ca

I have sent out information on Awards to the Area Scouters.

I am sure we have many members who have earned some of these awards. I am particularly interested in seeing more of the youth receive awards they have earned.

vi Registrar: - Jacynth Stalker j_stalker@sympatico.ca

All registrations MUST be reviewed, preferably by Jacy but can be done by any member of the Area team. Just call whoever is most convenient for you and make arrangements.

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

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

Very little to report. The Rovers were at the camp for their annual get together. The camp is in great shape and with the onset of some better weather a few things will be done such as painting the kybos etc. We only need more groups camping at Whispering Pines.

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

- Breakfast Meeting with Jeff WARD (OMNR) and Dan COOPER (RVCA) on 29-AUG-2011 (expense claim).
- Visit of 2011 plant site and survival assessment with Dan COOPER, RVCA Forester on 29-AUG-2011 revealed a 85-90% success/survival rate with our planting.
- Review of remaining plot of land (last area) to the South of our 2011 plant site will hold about 3,200 seedlings for May 2012 plant.
 - o Species to be determined...most likely pine and tamarack again.
 - o 2012 will represent 20 years of partnership between D/NE and Scouts Canada (old Mississippi District and Valley Highlands Area) and we are hoping to promote our successes with some celebration as we plant this last year at the D/NE property. CSCLC, RVCA, Lanark Cedar, and Lake88 are behind this idea with great support. Details will follow after I have some further discussions w/ D/NE Reeve Aubrey CHURCHILL and Council. Stay tuned.
- I am currently looking for other plant sites for 2013 and beyond so if anyone has any ideas/knows anyone who would like Scouts to plant trees on their property, please have them get in touch with me or get their name to me and I will make contact.

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

- I have a slide show that I will be sending out to all Groups after tonight's meeting (hardcopy of PPT circulating). My contact info is on the slide near the end of the slide show – please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.
- Groups are encouraged to have their own kickoff to get youth, leaders and parents all on side for your Scout Popcorn Campaigns.
- Groups should have a monetary goal before they start their campaigns and sales drives and be prepared to tell all stake holders what they will be doing with the funds that are raised (i.e.: camping supplies, troop outing, canoe camp, etc.).
- Youth should be encouraged to set their own goal. A youth with a goal is more likely to sell more. Check out the incentives and rewards!
- I will endeavor to touch base with each Group throughout the campaign to assist and to answer questions or get the answers to your questions.
- Key Dates:
 August - Popcorn packages to Areas/Groups (last Area Meeting)
 September 26 – 29 (suggested) Group Kick-Offs
 October ?? - Youth order to Group Coordinator
 October 28 - Group order to Area Coordinator
 November 18 – 19 Distribution of popcorn to Groups
 December 12 - Cheques are payable to Voyageur Council
- If there are any groups not participating in the Scout Popcorn fundraising program, I need to have unused popcorn packages returned so as to be available to other Areas/Groups that need more material.

GROUP REPORTS:

2nd Almonte: Carol Coutu

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

After our main registration night Beckwith will be fully active again.

Beavers - 8 youth currently (expecting 3-4 more), with Trish Fisher returning as Beaver Leader
 Cubs - 10 youth currently, (0 to 10 in one night!), Ken Fisher returning as Akela, new parent stepping in to assist.
 Scouts 5 youth with myself and Brian leading the Troop.

Upcoming activities:
 Apple Day Oct 2
 JOTA (joint Cub/Scout Camp)
 Investiture - Oct

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

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

We have had one group committee meeting to set up programming for the upcoming year.

Our 1st meeting will be held on September 14th, 2011.

Registration will happen September 21st once we have established who is returning

The Beavers are planning to host a welcome back night, a promise & law night, a trip around the world as well as an overnight camp.

The cubs are planning a fall camp with some canoeing along a heritage waterway, Tay River, a rules night, museum sleepover (purple star), as well as assisting a community group.

The scouts are planning a camp to Ope for High ropes, bike camp, a bbq at the Independent Grocers Sept 17th, as well as Apple Day and investiture.

Plans are underway to have speakers at various schools within our immediate area to increase membership as well.

1st Elmsley: Glenn Richards – beauregard@cogeco.ca

Events to date Sept 11, 2011- Tay River commemorative plaque unveiling at Drummond/North Elmsley Hall. Scouts ran pioneer games.

First regular meeting was on Sept. 12 for Cubs and Scouts only.

Future events Registration and Fun night on Sept. 19 when we hope to recruit new Beaver Leaders.

Fund raisers will include Apple Day and a spaghetti supper.

Main Efforts Getting end of year reports submitted
Increasing enrolment of both youth and leaders.

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

4th Perth: Arnel Pattemore - arnel@falls.igs.net
Registration was Sept 10 received 2 new youth and 2 interested adults.

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

Old Business: Algonquin trip - Equipment: A few issues arose regarding various pieces of equipment with much discussion held. Everything has been accounted for and new measures will be implemented with our next Area Canoe trip.

New Business:

Adjournment Moved by John Seconded by Andreas at 8:51 p.m.

Next meeting Oct. 20,2011 at 7pm Westminster Presbyterian Church in Smiths Falls.

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept: _____

Minutes Signed by: _____
John Stalker, Area Commissioner