



## Area Forum

Oct 20, 2011

Westminster Presbyterian,

Smiths Falls



**Present:** Andreas Beelich, DAC Youth; Diana Nuttall, Sec.; Jean Lasenba, Treas.; Kelly Banks, CFE; Alex Beelich, DAC Program; Roger Nuttall, DAC Recognition; Chris Tyler, Service Team; Stan Lasenba, Property Manager; Allen Sinfield, GC 1<sup>st</sup> Beckwith; Elizabeth Docker, GC Carleton Place; Glenn Richards, GC 1<sup>st</sup> Elmsley; Angeliqne Jahn, Scouter 1<sup>st</sup> Elmsley; Joan Smith, GC 2<sup>nd</sup> Smiths Falls; John Armstrong, visitor.

**Regrets:** Michelle Niefer, Brian Billings

**Call to order:** at 7:11 pm

O'Canada - All

Scouter's 5 - Andreas

**Acceptance of minutes:** Moved by Stan, seconded by Chris - 11 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention Carried

**Business arising from the minutes:**

**Reports:**

Michelle Niefer, Area Commissioner: [mniefer@sympatico.ca](mailto:mniefer@sympatico.ca)

- **Area Youth Commissioners / Group Commissioners weekend - Sept. 16-18 was a very worthwhile weekend.**
- **We had two Group Commissioners from our Area attend - a lot of information was given out re new documents, up-dated changes, etc. Each went home with a memory stick of same. Yes, we are volunteers, but some things are very beneficial and this was a packed weekend with information that all groups could use.**
- **Group Commissioners - Did you receive a parcel from the National Office containing "Scout's Canada New Scouter Welcome Kit"? Did you receive enough? If not, to any of these questions, contact me and I will get you the number of books you require.**
- **Outdoor Activity Guide: There is still a couple of groups who have not handed these in over the past three years. If your group did any events, please turn these in so that these can be stored altogether in one box. A well run program with reference to the Program Standards, each group should have several per year.**
- **Youth Project:** An old Scouter is working with the small non-profit organization in Costa Rica. Basically, a small number of us here refurbish computers and ship them down there, where they are loaded with educational software and used to replace expensive textbooks and other resources in small rural schools in the poorest part of the country. We have no official status here - we are sort of a "friends of scouting" type of group.  
It has become a challenge for my mostly retired Canada team and ask if there may be a group of Scouts, or better yet Venturers, or best of all Rovers, interested in a service project. The role of the troop / company / crew could be anything from simply helping me move machines for a couple hours every 2-3 months (and loading a transport truck about once a year), to managing the inventory, to working on refurbishing machines, organizing some fund raising events, or even going to Costa Rica to help install or maintain machines. I don't know why I never thought of it before - the project screams Scouting, and a

great opportunity for youth reaching out to youth in the rest of the world.

I'd be happy to give talks, training, organization, whatever it takes - . If there was enough interest it could even be a Scouting project with me helping, rather than the other way around. If interested contact: Charles Gale at [charles@familygale.com](mailto:charles@familygale.com)

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#### Highlights from CMAC meeting held September 18<sup>th</sup>:

A new Council crest was presented with several versions of same. Modifications were made and will be presented for vote at the next CMAC meeting.

Council has a 'score card' which they are accountable to National. The potential is there for Area to have same and report to Council.

'Bring a Friend' night – Was successful last year. Groups are asked, what would make it even more successful. What made it good for you? Give me your input and I will take it to the next CMAC meeting.

November is a busy month with the Senators Night (November 5<sup>th</sup>) and White tail sleepover – dates yet to be determined.

Council Troop Camp – June 1-3, 2012. Apple Hill Camp. Camp will coincide with WB 1 Troop.

<http://www.nolansmith.ca/troopcamp2012/> for details

National Venturee – June 30 – July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 = Haliburton. Space for only 1000 venturers, so register early.

<http://www.scouts.ca/adventure2012/> for details.

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

Secretary report: Diana Nuttall – [dcn@storm.ca](mailto:dcn@storm.ca) I am getting about 20 e-mails returned with each mailing. Would each group please check with their adult volunteers to make sure I have their correct e-mail address.

#### DAC Reports:

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

Bills to be paid for	Alex	\$522.49 for JOTA
	Sharon Dekart	\$40.40 for JOTA
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Smiths Falls	\$150.00 for Algonquin trip
	Stan	\$71.34 for camp
	TOTAL	\$784.21

Moved by Allen, seconded by Chris to pay these bills. 12 yeas 0 nays 2 abstentions. Carried.

\$600.00 has been paid to Council for 3 people to attend the National Conference. Only 2 went. Moved by Stan, Seconded by Joan that we apply for the return of \$200.00. Passed unanimously.

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

- **We, at all levels tend to get comfortable in our positions, but the downfall we tend to make, is get too comfortable and not update ourselves.**
- **Do a refresher and do e-learning. It can be done in the comfort of your home as well as update on things that are new.**
- **New leaders / leaders changing section are required to do WB 1 in that section. Again, this can be done by e-learning or by a residential course. There are numerous on the calendar for you to choose from. If interested, contact Headquarters to register. Attached is an up to date list of WB courses being offered.**

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

Bike and Skills Camp in addition to JOTA

1<sup>st</sup> camp of the new scout year was held at Camp Whispering Pines this past weekend. October 15<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Friday evening's rain and wind did not hamper the arrival and preparation for the weekend.

Registration confirmed we had a total of 48 Scouts, 8 Cubs and their leaders representing the following groups

Almonte, Beckwith, Carleton Place, Drummond, Elmsley, Merrickville Scouts and joining us for the first time – Merrickville's Pathfinder group.

In addition 3 retired Scouters Bill, George and Dave from the Kingston Area joined us and supported the JOTA weekend activities.

Thank you to Larry Palmer for helping with the arrangements for JOTA

In total we had 84 youth and adults in camp.

We started off Saturday morning with a bicycle trek, leaving camp and proceeding on trails around the western tip of Otty Lake. Lunch was away from camp along the trail. After returning to camp our scouts updated their camping knowledge in preparation for the following permits-

- Proper ways to light a fire and where to find dry wood after a rainfall
- How to light and care for gas stoves and lamps
- How to sharpen , care for and use a saw, axe and knife
- Lashing camp craft.

As part of youth leadership and development, Andreas Beelich organized the wide game after supper, acted as campfire chief in addition to leading and setting the pace for our morning bicycle trek around the lake. Many thanks to him for all his assistance and leadership.

Sunday morning began with a challenge for the fittest. Rise by 7:15. Run from the pump to the Archery range ( ½ km), attempt while breathing heavily to shoot 3 arrows at a target , run back to the pump and cycle to the road ( 1 ½ km) and back. Am pleased to say a number of Scouts and Pathfinders achieved this task and all before breakfast. Well done.

Scouts own, presented by senior scouts and a pathfinder was held down by the lake at our chapel.

As this was a "Be Prepared Camp", random inspections occurred through out the week end. 1st Drummond came away with the weekend's honours. Points will accumulate through out the year and a final winner and recipient of the Valley Highlands trophy will be announced in May at the Spring Camp.

Thanks are extended to Stan Lasenba, Ken Richardson, Chris Tyler, Roger Nuttall, Brian Billings and Raine and everyone who helped to make the weekend a success. A circle of smiling faces tells all.

A BIG Thank You to Johanne Dekart for organizing this event so successfully.

Upcoming events- Remembrance Day November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010

All registered members with in Valley Highlands are to receive the centre badge for 2010/2011. Please ask your Group Commissioner for additional details.

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

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

**If you know a Scouter or Scouting Youth who should receive an Award for their service to Scouting , I ask you to go to the Voyageur Council >Home web site at [www2.scouts.ca/dnn/voy](http://www2.scouts.ca/dnn/voy) and click on Recognition. See the list of Who-What-When Awards in Voyageur Council, also see Forms & Procedures in the sidebar. Fill in the appropriate form and send it to me at [rsnuttall@storm.ca](mailto:rsnuttall@storm.ca). I will forward the write-up to the Deputy Council Commissioner of Recognition who will distribute it to the Deputy Area Commissioners of Recognition across Voyageur Council who will vote for or against. (Majority rules) For Scouter's Service Awards up to the Medal of Merit the DACs of Recognition recommend the level of the Award while Service Awards above the Medal of Merit go to the National office of Scouts Canada for approval.**

**Any Scouter may write up a fellow Scouter or Youth for an Award but typically it is the Group Commissioner that writes up one of their Groups Scouters or youth for an Award.**

**If you have any questions regarding Award write ups, e-mail me and I will try to help.**

vi Registrar: - Jacynth Stalker [jacystal@hotmail.ca](mailto:jacystal@hotmail.ca)

vii: Technology / Fundraising

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

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)

I have nothing new to report on Scouttrees and with respect to Popcorn am just waiting to hear back from groups with their orders - need this by the end of next week.

**GROUP REPORTS:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Almonte: Carol Coutu - [carolcoutu@295.ca](mailto:carolcoutu@295.ca)

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

Activities:

Beavers Cubs and Scouts have held their first few meetings; getting new kids and the groups re-activated.

All groups are meeting at the Beckwith Public School Thurs night to facilitate linking.

Some of the Scouts attended the Bike/JOTA camp, other than the rain it was a good camp.

Still receiving walk in registrations.

Upcoming:

Scouts will be assisting in the Township's Halloween Party

All sections will have representation at the Township's Remembrance Day Ceremony.

Cubs planning fall overnighter at Whispering Pines.

Scouts planning hike/GPS activity in Whispering Pines.early Nov.

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

**Reference: Group Committee Meeting held Thursday, September 29, 2011**

1. **EVENTS TO DATE:** (since the last meeting)
  - a. **Apple Day: October 1<sup>st</sup>. We raised close to \$1700, and Wal-Mart will be matching the \$690 raised at their store.**
  - b. **Beaver Camp at Papanack Zoo: September 24 and 25**
  - c. **Cub Camp at Richard Hepton's Property: October 15 and 16**
  - d. **JOTA: October 14 to 16**
  - e. **ROVENT: October 14 to 16**
  - f. **Investiture: All sections have invested, or will invest this week, their new members.**
2. **FUTURE EVENTS:** (within the next month)
  - a. **Remembrance Day: Church Service at St. James Anglican Church and Cenotaph Parade**
3. **MAIN EFFORTS:** (the group's focus this period)
  - a. **Registration: We registered 41 youth as a result of fall registration, in addition to the 14 youth who were registered in June. We are also expecting to register several more youth over the next week or two. We have registered 11 leaders, and I am completing the paperwork for 2 more leaders.**
4. **ISSUES:** (items you need assistance with or questions you need answered)
  - a. **Beaver Papanack Zoo Sleepover: The Beaver Colony had a sleepover at Papanack Zoo on September 24 and 25. The total cost of the program for the Beavers and parents was over \$900. The program was badly run, and the zoo did not provide the services promised. I am writing a letter of complaint and will be sending a copy to Council. Has anyone had any dealings with Papanack Zoo?**
  - b. **Scoutree Donations: I sent the names of Scoutree donors and a cheque for \$310 to the Brotherhood of Scouting on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The web site said that the cheque and receipts would be sent out in one month. We have not received them yet. Whom do I contact to check on their whereabouts?**
5. **COMMENTS:** (general comments on your program and area program)

none

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

**BEAVERS - went on a weekend camp**

- **Craft night**
- **Investiture**
- **Plans include music night, remembrance day with tour of museum at Perth Legion**

**CUBS- Canoe Trip cancelled due to weather held movie night instead**

- **Maze Night**
- **Shelter building & Emergency kits**
- **Investiture**

- **Plans include an urban hike, bear awareness night, remembrance day with tour of museum at Perth Legion**

**SCOUTS – fire lighting night/ permit night**

- **High Ropes at Opemikon**
- **Jota/Bike Camp**
- **Investiture**

**GROUP – Popcorn & Fudge Campaign on now**

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**1<sup>st</sup> Elmsley: Glenn Richards – [grrichards@explornet.ca](mailto:grrichards@explornet.ca)**

**1. EVENTS TO DATE:**

September 19th – Registration/Fun Night - 6 Scouts total  
8 Cubs total  
5 Beavers total

September 26th – Fishing Night – Beavers, Cubs and Scouts attended

October 1st – Apple Day – 14 youth participated – Approx. \$ 500.00

October 3rd – Troop and Pack specialty – Stamp collecting – Will have 1 night/month dedicated for the specialty.

October 17th – Night hike @ Mill Pond Conservation Area – Cubs and Scouts

- The 3 R's – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – Beavers

**2. FUTURE EVENTS:**

**October 22-23 Fall Camp – Little Cabin Camp for Cubs and Scouts**

**October 24th – Halloween Party – Beavers, Cubs and Scouts**

**November 7th – Remembrance Day guest and Investitures – Beavers, Cubs and Scouts**

**3. MAIN EFFORTS:**

**Complete group registration**

**Fundraising: Spaghetti Supper**

**4. ISSUES:**

**5. COMMENTS:**

**Would like to get new leaders WB 1 course - 2 Colony and 1 Pack – May have to do it in December as some members cannot attend this month's course.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Merrickville: Hope Gray – [hope@kevinrobertgray.com](mailto:hope@kevinrobertgray.com)**

1st Merrickville's Group Meeting was held on October 12 @ 1930hrs. The finances are in flux at the moment as we wait for final registrations to be paid. As of September the group has about \$2000.00. We are waiting to hear from Troop regarding equipment repair expenses. Also, Troop has yet to submit receipts for 2010 -2011.

**Beavers** have 4 members and 3 leaders at the moment.

**Cubs** have 10 members. Several were lost to hockey this year. They have 2 leaders, both of whom need PRCs

**Troop** sent no representative and no report.

**Venturers:** 2 members attended the **Leadership Forum** at Ope. Two attended the **VenClimb II** anchor course. They also attended an **introductory rock climbing course** in Gatineau where they did most of the setup, teardown and supervising. Eight ( 2 teams) competed in **Crazy Canuck adventure race**. They also made 32 lbs of apple crumble for the Crazy Canuck dinner. One Venturer volunteered for Limerick Forest open house. Venturers will have 7 – 9 members this year.

**Apple day** produced \$511.00 in sales. The apples cost \$70.00 for a net profit of \$441.00.

**First Aid Training** is needed for several leaders. Group approved up to \$65.00 for Allan to take Wilderness First Aid.

**Registrations** are to be submitted by the November meeting with the "not paid"s collected. Adults are to be submitted ASAP.

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

**Already Done:** We have been able to restart our Cub Scout Pack while the Beaver Colony and Scout Troop are doing well. We have welcomed new and some former leaders. We also have one youth as a Venturer

Our Apple Day was very successful and reflected the support we have from the community.

**Planned Activities:** All sections will participate in the remembrance Day Parade and we plan several joint activities (including Fire Hall visit, Christmas at Lanark Lodge and Combined Christmas Party to encourage continuation through the sections. We are participating in the Popcorn Campaign and will encourage closer contact with our Sponsor.

We have also begun a monthly newsletter which will be distributed.

**Concerns:** Communication is always a problem and sometimes news arrives too late to adequately plan for participation. This will be a priority item for our Group this year. Area representative are always welcome.

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

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Adjournment Moved by Elizabeth and seconded by Allen at 8:57 pm

Next meeting Nov. 17,2011 at Westminster Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m.

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

Minutes Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Niefer, Area Commissioner