



Area Forum

Dec. 15, 2011

Westminster Presbyterian,
Church

Smiths Falls



Present: Michelle Niefer, AC; Diana Nuttall, Sec.; Alex Beelich, DAC Program; Roger Nuttall, DAC Recognition; Stan Lasenba, Property Manager; Chris Tyler, ST; Allen Sinfield, GC 1st Beckwith; Torsten Dekart, GC 1st Drummond; Glen Richards, GC 1st Elmsley; Angeliqne Jahn, TS 1st Elmsley; Larry Palmer, 4th Perth; Joan Smith, 2nd Smiths Falls

Regrets: Jean Lasenba

Call to order: at 7:06 p.m.
O'Canada by all
Scouter's 5 by Michelle

Acceptance of minutes: Moved by Alex and seconded by Larry. Carried.

Business arising from the minutes: Discussion on Area payment for Woodbadge I and Woodbadge II

Reports:

Michelle Niefer, Area Commissioner: mniefer@sympatico.ca

- **There have been some changes made to a couple of positions. Kathy McKee, a new member to Scouting, will be the new Area Secretary. Beginning our January 19th meeting, Kathy will assume the position.**
 - **Diana Nuttall will be assuming the position of Area Quartermaster. This will entail creating a complete list of all Area equipment, where it is stored and condition it is in. As well, I ask that each Group Quartermaster give Diana a list of each group's equipment. This list will be kept on file at area level. All equipment stays within the group and is operated and controlled by each group. The purpose of the list is, if anything happened to any of your equipment and you needed to verify you owned same for insurance purposes, it will be on file to substantiate your claim. As well, over time equipment tends to be forgotten in Scouter's basements. This will alleviate this problem.**
 - **Diana will also be Group support to 1st Elmsley.**
 - **AODA presentation: This is to be taken by everyone in Scouting. Anyone taking WB 1 will get this as part of the training. As well, it is now available on E-Learning. For those who ask if they must re-take it, especially if they had it at work, this is the official reply.**

"The Accessibility Directorate Office of Ontario got back to me today with an answer to everyone's burning question; Do Scouters who have taken AODA training with another organization need to re-take AODA training from Scouts Canada?"

The short answer is yes. The government expects that people take it with every organization that they work/volunteer with, because different organizations have different policies and procedures. I did ask whether reviewing our policy would suffice for organizational specific training and again I was told no; organizations cannot assume that their employees/volunteers have received any level of training from another organization. The government's expectation is that if we do accept someone's training from another organization, that we have reviewed that training and are confident that it mirrors ours, in addition to the person reviewing our policy. If we have not taken

the step to review the other training, the government will question our compliance if audited.

If you would like to talk to the office yourself and gain further clarity, I would be happy to provide you with the number and contact." Nick Wise, DCC Training.

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

Secretary report: Kathy McKee – kathrynmckee@rogers.com

Reports:

DAC Reports

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

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

AC Training:

- **WB 1 – January 13th and 14th. This is for Beavers, Cubs and Troop. Please register with Headquarters, Course # 596.**
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- **AODA training: This can be done locally within your group or done by E-learning. Most Group Commissioners have had the training or a representative of your group. A copy of the program will be provided to Group Commissioners so that they can give it to their Scouters. A list of participants must be provided to me to be filed at Headquarters.**

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

Upcoming events:

January 11th, 2012- Winter Camp training- Smiths Falls Presbyterian Church

Meeting opening- 6:45 – Flag break

Sessions to include- How to build a winter shelter

- **How to stay warm and dry at camp**
- **What to wear and not wear at camp**
- **Winter camp cooking and food prep**
- **How to pack for winter camp**
- **How to transport your gear to camp and home again-**
- **Learn how to pack a toboggan so that it stays packed and your gear remains dry.**

January 28th - 29th, 2012 – Troop Winter Camp at Camp Whispering Pines

January 28th, 2012 – Cub Winter Challenge- Camp Whispering Pines

Challenge opens at 9:00 am

And closes at 3:00 pm

Lunch, snacks and refreshments provided.

Details to be forwarded to all Cub Packs.

February 11th, 2012 – Beaver BRRRR- Hosted and organized by 1st Drummond.

Details will follow-

February 19th – 25th, 2012- BP Founders week.

March 25th, 2012 – Beaver Buggy, Kub Kars and Scout Truck rally.

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

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

Scouts Canada are proposing to change the procedures for the Outstanding Service to Scouting. The Council Recognition Team met on December 4, 2011 to discuss the proposed changes. We concluded that a simpler write-up

method would help get more of the deserving people get Awards. To this end I was designated to make up two new forms which require mainly dates, years and check marks to give the information needed to evaluate someone for an award. I have sent these draft forms to the rest of the Council Recognition Team to for review. Our Deputy Council Commissioner for Recognition, Stewart Ross hopes to present the our ideas when National Recognition Team meets next month.

vi Registrar: - Jacynth Stalker - jacystal@hotmail.ca

vii: Technology / Fundraising

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

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

x: Popcorn – Brian Billings – - brian_billings@carleton.ca

xi Quartermaster – Diana Nuttall

GROUP REPORTS:

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Carleton Place: Elizabeth Docker – elizabethdocker@sympatico.ca

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

1st Elmsley: Glenn Richards – grrichards@explornet.ca

Group **Committee meeting held December 5th/2011**

EVENTS TO DATE:

1. November 27th – All sections did take part in the Smiths Falls Santa Claus parade. We had a simple Christmas theme and the youth enjoyed a horse drawn carriage ride/float.

November 28 and December 5/2011 – These were our craft nights. Cubs and scouts to made birdfeeders. They each made one to take home, they made one for each beaver and a couple to give as a gift to the retirement home where we had our Christmas carolling night.

December 6th – A tree was decorated on behalf of the 1st Elmsley group for the Civitan festival of trees. Trees are to be raffled or auctioned with the proceeds going back to the community.

Christmas carolling was on December 12th at the Lombard Manor. A very good attendance from all sections and a good attendance from the residents of the manor. It was a full house and the activity was enjoyed by all.

2. FUTURE EVENTS:

There will be an all section Christmas party with a visit from Santa on December 19th. After the gift exchange, we will serve refreshments, have a group craft and a cupcake decorating event.

3. MAIN EFFORTS:

We have been selling Christmas tree as a fundraising activity. Trees are located at the Otter Creek Antique Shoppe in Lombardy.

Our next fundraiser will be a spaghetti supper at the Port Elmsley hall. Preparations to begin shortly.

4. ISSUES:

5. COMMENTS:

New members have started their WB online training. We will be attending the Area meeting to receive the AODA training.

Registration is almost complete with 3 youth left to be registered. Package will be sent this week. We may also have a new leader joining our group. The Registration process will be followed and we have sent him the link to commence the WB training.

The beavers will resume on January 9th/2012 at the Port Elmsley hall and the cubs and scouts will resume with the winter skills training session in Smiths Falls on the 11th. 1st Elmsley is planning to attend the area winter camp.

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

4th Perth: Arnel Pattemore - arnel@hell.net

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

Old Business: A brief discussion about insurance on equipment

New Business: Presentation of AODA (Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act)

Adjournment at 8:50 Moved by Larry and seconded by Alex passed

Next meeting Jan. 19, 2012 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Smiths Falls

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept: _____

Minutes Signed by: _____
Michelle Niefer, Area Commissioner