



Area Forum

May 17, 2012

Presbyterian, Church

Smiths Falls



Present: Michelle Niefer, AC; Andreas Beelich, Area Youth Commissioner; Johanne Dekart, DAYC; Kelly Banks CFE; Glen Richards, Group Comm 1st Elmsley; Chris Tyler, Area Service Team; Diana Nuttall, Area Quartermaster; Alex Beelich, DAC Program; Jean Lasenba, Area Finance; Carol Coutu, 2nd Almonte Group Comm; Sharon Dekart, 1st Drummond; Kevin Tetreault, Drummond; Roger Nuttall, Recognition; Stan Lasenba, Camp Warden and Joan Smith, 2nd Almonte Group Comm.

Regrets: Brian Billings; Allen Sinfield.

Call to order: O'Canada - all
Scouter's 5 – provided by Joan Smith.

Acceptance of minutes: Motion to accept the minutes as distributed by Chris Tyler 2nd: Alex Beelich; All in favour

Business arising from the minutes: none

Reports:

Area Commissioner - Michelle Niefer - mniefer@sympatico.ca

- * As mentioned in a previous e-mail, long-time Scouter, Dick Cowan and member of Camp Opemekon passed on. His wake is in Ottawa.
- * **Youth Training:** This will be available for all youth to take and will be done by Video presentation. World Organization of Scouting & Scouts Canada have put this together. It can be done on line and they are hoping to release it on CD. This will be released the first week of June.\
- * **Recognition:** 388 have been nominated for various recognitions (Certificate of Accommodation; Medal of Merit, etc) and most were put through. If you wish to nominate anyone, the deadline is May 31st for this year. Send it to Scouts Headquarters and they will send it onto Stewart Ross.
- * **A spread sheet:** will be sent to each area with the names of recipients. All dates of presentation are to be recorded and returned when completed. These will be then updated in the new system.
- * **Scholarships:** there were six applicants with four to receive a certificate and cheque from Voyageur Council
- * **Motion 1014:** Changes were made to this at the March conference. The change is: That every registered member (14+ in age) have a vote to nominate an individual to represent Voyageur council in voting at the Annual General meeting. Nomination process is currently being run, and all Scouting members who have e-mail will have received this. 3 members are to be voted on to represent Voyageur Council.
- * **Legacy Award:** Is a new award. You can download it off the system (4 pg.) and it is to be awarded to long-time scouters (35+ years) of service.

- * **Popcorn:** Changes were made in the prize amounts to be achieved: 1. \$250. and 2nd is \$450. in sales to earn anything. Kits are due to arrive in August and will be ready for start-up in September. All groups are encouraged to take advantage as this offers good revenue for the group. As a request, the 'tins' have returned. One new flavor – double carmel crunch.
- * **Recycling:** Taking place at Headquarters on May 26th for electronics.
- * **New Program:** 2013 which will see a continuation of badges – it can be earned in Cubs; advanced on in Troop, and on up the ladder.
- * **June 2/3 – Open Doors:** Is being held out throughout Ottawa, and once again we will be part of this. They are looking for people to volunteer to be greeters, guide and give out information. If interested, contact Headquarters.
- * **Events are now being placed on the Council Calendar:** If you wish to share and have other groups participate, you can contact John Dougherty, DCC Program.
- * **Rovers:** the fee has been reduced to \$0. They are redoing the Rover program looking at the content. All Rovers will also have to have a PRC and screened, as many are involved in the sections.
- * **MOOT:** Taking place August 8-18, 2013. Doug Proud is head of the Canadian Contingent. If interested and/or want more information, contact John Stalker.
- * **STATS:** Council is currently 95 members shy of 100% membership, but hope by Summer's end will achieve the projected goal of 102%.

Drummond Center: Has once again achieved over 100% with a 70% retention rate, and therefore has a bit of rebate.

Membership Development (Growth) Report Kelly Banks – Field Executive: kbanks@scouts.ca

Membership Report: All the kinks have not yet been worked out with the reporting functions of myscouts.ca. Doing a rough calculation of what paperwork has come in, what summer program data needs to be entered and what was in MMS before the transition – the Council looks to be on target for at least 2% Growth.

Spring Advertising Campaign 2012: Ads went out in various papers in communities throughout the Council the week of May 7-11th or 14th-18th. If you hear feedback from Groups about response to the ads please share with your CFE.

REMINDER - Key 3 Meetings over the Spring/Summer months: Several Area's have not confirmed Key-3 meetings with their CFE for the upcoming months. With the new Child and Youth Safety campaign coming out these meetings will be very important. As well – things such as Area/Group Training needs, outstanding Screening and registration issues and Fall planning are key items to look at at this point in the year to be ready for Fall. Please respond to your CFE with dates that work for you and your AYC's. Thanks!

Prospective/Pending Members in mscouts.ca – Because there still seems to be some issues with the reporting functions in myscouts.ca – some Prospective members that should have been cleared and made Active in the system are still showing up on some reports. Therefore, CFE's will be generating listings according to myscouts.ca of remaining Pending (Prospective) members and will be contacting and working with AC's/AYC's to edit the listing manually and ensure that we are recognizing Active and fully screened members.

Spring Cleaning and Access to myscouts.ca: Please encourage your Groups to do a final check to clean up myscouts.ca. Groups should take their Section attendance lists and check them with the data in myscouts.ca for

errors or omissions. If they find any that need to be resolved please have them contact their CFE and/or Lynn Levitan (Council Registrar). If any GC's or Registrars are having a hard time getting access to the system and the Help Desk (Zen Desk) hasn't been able to help them – please have them contact their CFE for a resolution..

Other Items to Remember:

School Flyer Data collection will be happening over May/June – we will be looking for GC's to confirm dates, locations and contacts for their Sections/Groups against what is on the Join Page of the Voyageur website. More to come.

Your GC's should have received their New Scouter Welcome Kits, Recruitment Toolkits for 2012-13 and the Milestone Recognition items in one package by now. Please make sure they all have.

Spring Registration Reconciliation – Please ensure that you have set dates/times with your Groups to check through their bulk submissions prior to the Spring Registration deadline of July 1st.

DAC Reports:

i: Youth - Andreas Beelich dreas94@hotmail.com

^ no report at this time

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ii: Program - Alex Beelich alex.beelich@nlfincanial.ca

[Summary of activities in May 2012](#)

May 4th/5th we hosted the annual Nocturnal adventure affectionately known as NITEVENT

This year we had 53 youth participants around the horseshoe on Saturday morning along with their leaders and advisors. Thanks to Chris Tyler for organizing and overseeing the event. Thanks are also extended to Roger Nuttall, Ken Richardson and Diana Nuttall for helping to ensure the event came off as planned. These are also the people who stayed up well past the time when everyone else was grabbing a couple hours of sleep and tallied the result. This year's winner of the coveted award is "Beckwith" and the runner up is "Merrickville team 2"

After the closing of Nitevent we proceeded to Scout Trees and the site where Valley Highlands has been planting trees for the past 20 years. It was great to see 168 youth and adults in attendance at the planting fields. Following the planting a BBQ and award ceremony was held and hosted by the Drummond North Elmsley Municipality. Thanks to Brian Billings of Valley Highlands for all his hard work and dedication.

Next week end May 27th to 29th we will be hosting the annual all section spring camp at Whispering Pines. A number of groups have forwarded their planned attendance numbers but we are still awaiting the other groups. We need the numbers to ensure we have sufficient supplies on hand. The individual cost for the youth to attend is \$20.00 for Beavers and \$25.00 for Cubs and Scouts. A great deal since we will be supplying all meals for the weekend beginning with breakfast on Saturday.

Finally Algonquin 2012 is only a few weeks away. Please ensure each camper has paid their fee and begun the packing process. Algonquin 2012 – July 1st – 7th, 2012

Scouting- A youth organization for the benefit of our youth.

iii: Training – Michelle Niefer mniefer@sympatico.ca

^ Pins and woggles have been handed out to Scouters that have taken WB 1 by e-learning. For those whom I have not touched base, check with your Group Commissioner as I gave them the pins to pass on. If you are still missing one after checking, let me know and I will check into it.

^ There are plenty of courses on the calendar. The following link will take you directly to the Training calendar., <http://www.voyageur.scouts.ca:8080/c-calendar.asp>

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IV Honours & Awards – Roger Nuttall rsnuttall@storm.ca

^ several awards are currently being awarded/distributed. Once this has been completed with notification of date. We will put the names into the minutes.

^ Chris Tyler was awarded the Bar to the Medal of Merit.

^ Diana Nuttall received the Medal of Merit.

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v: Registrar – Christine Hepton

- ⤴ Spring registration is here. If you have members that wish to take advantage of the reduced fee and are ready to send the forms into Council, Chrissy will check them over and/or you can get any Area team member to sign off for you,

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vi: Camp Warden – Stan Lasenba – lasenba@sympatico.ca

- ⤴ The grass has been cut, stoves in old trailer checked and are now in working condition.
- ⤴ New filters installed in riding lawn mower. New grill for the Lombardy Fair booth has been bought and the kit to convert it to propane has been ordered by dealer and should arrive any day. This kit part of the purchase price. This bill has been paid as it was approved by the Area at a previous meeting.
- ⤴ The lease which is the same as the last one at \$1500.00 per year has been sent to Provincial for approval and it is expected back next week.

Expenses: Mr gas 5.06; Bob's Mobile Filters 16.89 = Total 21.95

vii: Fundraising - Brian Billings – brian_billings@carleton.ca

Scout Trees: Brian Billings: brian_billings@carleton.ca

viii : Quarter Master: Diana Nuttall: dcn@storm.ca

- ⤴ There are only two groups that have submitted their list of Equipment they have in storage
- ⤴ Please complete these. If for some reason you need proof of said for Insurance purpose, i.e. in case of fire/theft/ etc, we would be able to back you up.
- ⤴ As well, if your group were to fold (many have in the past), they said equipment could be utilized with another group. If the said group were to start up again, funds would be made available to get the equipment.

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

- ⤴ Motion put forth to pay the following bills: Joan Smith, 2nd by Andreas Beelich.
- ⤴ Gas for lawn mower; \$ 5.06
 - ⤴ Filters for mower: \$ 16.89
 - ⤴ Grill for booth at Lombardy: \$ 1469.00
 - ⤴ Crests for camp: \$ 545.79
 - ⤴ Rideau Conservation Area lease: \$ 1500.00
 - ⤴ Nite Vent: \$ 85.70

Vote: Unanimous. Carried

- ⤴ For future, it is recommended that any money being submitted for an event/registration by a parent, esp a large cheque, be in cash/money order/certified cheque. There have been some that have bounced and therefore both parties have to pay a fee.

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GROUP REPORTS:

2nd Almonte:

Section Reports: Beavers

1. Some Beavers participated in Scoutrees fundraising and planting.
2. Last meeting for this season is 15 May. They will be having a pizza party.

Scouts

1. Participated in Nitevent – great time, good experience reported
2. Participated in Scoutrees fundraising and planting
3. Scouter Alex turned in \$140.00 and statement for the Troop.
4. Have been doing most of their meetings at Scouter Bill's house, Bill will do up Outdoor activity forms for this. They have regular campfires and have built towers in the yard.

1st Beckwith:

Carleton Place: No report

1st Drummond:

BEAVERS – attended tree planting, had a visit by a paramedic, picked up garbage along Code Road near Drummond Landfill site, are planning a craft night to make flags & other decorations for spring camp, then will build our boats for our boat races June 6

CUBS – we also attended tree planting, launched our rockets, picked up garbage along Code Road near Drummond Landfill site, are planning a campfire for our purple star, received our 2x4's to make our boats, will be attending spring camp, will race our boats June 6

SCOUTS – attended nite vent & tree planting, launched our rockets, picked up garbage along Code Road near Drummond Landfill site, are planning to erect our gateway for spring camp, received our 2x4's to build our boats, will be attending spring camp, will be racing our boats June 6, 1 member will receive the Chief Scout award June 8

GROUP – planning on asking permission to talk to the school about the scouting program & the benefits of early registration

1st Elmsley:

1. **EVENTS TO DATE:** **Beavers:** April 2nd – Easter basket craft & egg hunt; April 16th – Good turn @ Rideau Ferry Country Home – youth raked driveway and yard. April 23rd – Paper Mache piggy bank craft & games; April 30th – Pitch-in clean-up on Long Lake Road @ Whispering Pines; May 4th – Fundraiser: Sold Scoutrees @ Rideau Ferry Store
May 5th – Participated in planting of Scoutrees @ Drummond North Elmsley site
May 7th – Mothers Day theme; May 14th – Fishing night @ Last Duel Park

Cubs & Scouts: April 2 – Easter egg compass hunt @ Port Elmsley hall
April 16 - Good turn @ Rideau Ferry Country Home – youth raked driveway and yard.
April 21 – Visit to Blacksmith shop and Foley Mountain Conservation Area.
April 23 – Regular meeting night – games; April 30th – Pitch-in clean-up on Long Lake Road @ Whispering Pines Camp; May 4 – Attended Nitevent; May 5th – Participated in planting of Scoutrees @ Drummond North Elmsley site; May 7 – Outdoor games night – baseball and scavenger ; May 14th – Historic site visit and fishing @ Last Duel Park

2. **FUTURE EVENTS:** All section swim night @ Rideau Ferry Yacht Club; Lusk cave day outing – All section bussed to Lac Philippe; End of year trip – All sections
3. **MAIN EFFORTS:** Spring registration – End of year wrap-up
4. **ISSUES:** Need PRC Forms – 1: Signed forms – 2: Letterhead letters of intent – both forms are needed. Eight sets of forms required.
5. **COMMENTS:** Need PRC forms for potential new leaders – have had new volunteers come forth!

1st Merrickville: No report submitted

4th Perth: We have continued with several group activities to make our youth aware of the complete Scouting program. These have included a visit to the Agricultural Museum in Ottawa, a visit to a dairy farm, and a tour of the Police and Fire Departments.

A highlight was a return visit by Little Ray's Reptile Zoo which we also used as a recruitment tool. We would recommend this program to other groups and the location is 5305 Bank Street, Ottawa K1X 1H2, telephone 613-822-8924 or web site at www.raysreptiles.com

We also had a booth at the Maple Fest on April 28th and a barbecue at Independent Grocers on May 12th. Now we look forward to a year end event and then to planning for next year.

Arnel W. Pattermore, Group Commissioner

2nd Smiths Falls:

Reference: Group Committee Meeting held _3rd Tuesday of each month_____

1. EVENTS TO DATE: (since the last meeting)
Beavers held a mothers day tea for their mom's and grandmothers, Cubs painted 48 flower pots and planted pansies in to give to the women at Willowdale for mother's day. Scouts held a survival camp Having the scouts carry everything needed in their packs to camp.
2. FUTURE EVENTS: (within the next month)
Spring camp and family camp in June
3. MAIN EFFORTS: (the groups focus this period)
Trying to get more beaver leaders for next year. We need at least 3.

Joan Smith, Group Commissioner

Old Business: Please, Please – if your **PRC** is about to expire please do it now. As well, go on line and do E-learning to complete your **WB 1 in the section you are working in, OADA and Youth Awareness training**. If not done by September 1st, **you cannot be able to register**.

New Business:

- ⤴ **MOOT:** Just a reminder to all that anyone 18 years old as of August 8, 2013 is eligible to attend the World Rover Moot in Low Quebec. We have 1800 signed up already and it is a great chance to attend a World Scouting event without going far. We expect 5000 youth from 100+ countries. We can also use any adult scouters as offers of service with the International Service Team. Locals are great because they can help explain things to the visitors.

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John Stalker; 613-451-0554

- ⤴ **Applying Scouting Skills:** We have proposed two dates for Scouters, especially new ones
- ⤴ . August 25th or September 8th. **Your input for this is important. Let us know, and we will arrange this.**
- ⤴ **Congratulations to Drummond** – for over 100% in their membership numbers and maintaining %70 of their membership
- ⤴ **.Area Commissioner:** Another Scouting year is drawing to a close and with that, changes. As you are aware, Mike Jowett, Council Commissioner gave me a one year term, which ends August 31st. I'm please to announce that we have a new Area Commissioner – Alex Beelich. You all know him well, with him holding the position of Deputy Area Commissioner for Program for the past few years.

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept: _____

Minutes Signed by: _____
Michelle Niefer, Area Commissioner