

**Valley Highlands Area Agenda – April 15, 2010**  
**7PM, Presbyterian Church Hall, Smith's Falls**

**Call to Order:**

**Oh Canada:**

**Scouter's 5:**

**Regrets:**

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

**Business arising from the minutes:** I would like to introduce Mike Jowett, our Council Commissioner.

**Commissioner's Report:** Council Management Advisory Committee meets next week & has not met since last meeting. I will send out anything urgent after the meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Please!! We need to give our hard working volunteers the recognition they are due. I am asking that you take a careful look at your staff, and put them in for an award as suitable. Hope and I are available to help.

My concerns at the moment are still:

Leaders who have not yet taken WB1.

Prospective members (awaiting VRAD etc.)

How to maintain our numbers and ideas on how we can expand, and

Attendance at Area meetings. It is important to have as full representation as possible as this is how we communicate. If the GC cannot attend, then would it be possible to have a fill-in, either temporary or permanent?

I have a list of Awards due to Volunteers (mostly Long Service Awards).

I am instructing on the SOS (Scouting Outdoor Skills) Challenge May 15 at Apple Hill. Course on Council website under training.

Reminder of "Up!" Council Cub Camp June 4-6 at Apple Hill.

I was up at Whispering Pines on Sunday with the CP Rovers doing some work, and we noticed that there is still a lot of junk, tarps, straw etc, on sites from the winter camp. RVCA requires us to keep the camp as close to wilderness as possible and would not appreciate the mess. They are due to do an inspection soon, so if the sites are not cleared-up soon, the Rovers will collect everything and you may not see it again. Please clean-up soon! Straw should be spread around to promote composting.

Thanks to Merrickville and Drummond for inviting me to attend their Group Committee meetings. Well run and interesting! It was good to renew acquaintances with leaders I already knew and meet those I hadn't.

John Stalker

**Special presentation from Mike Jowett**

**DAC Reports:**

**Registrar: Diana**

**Finance: Jean**  
**Camp: Stan**  
**Recognition: Hope**  
**Program: Alex**  
**Technology: Brad**  
**Popcorn: Brad**  
**Scoutrees: Brian**  
**Youth: Andreas & Matt**  
**Training: Michelle**

Still looking for a Secretary. Anyone interested? Do you know someone who might be interested?

**Break:**

**Group reports:** I suggest that we stick to highlights to ensure we get out of here at a reasonable time. Full reports will accompany the minutes.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:** Any interest in taking on the AC position? I have 1 more year and would like to have someone in place by this time next year to permit a smooth transition!

**Next Meeting: May 20, Presbyterian Church**

**Motion to Adjourn:**