

Valley Highlands District - Voyageur Region - Scouts Canada

Thursday, April 18, 2002 7:00 p.m.

St. Paul's United Church, Franktown

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Present: Wayne Harris - President; Michelle Niefer - District Commissioner; Jean Lasenba - Treasurer; Diana Nuttall - Registrar/Group Support; Terry Luneburg- 2nd Carleton Place; Ed Anderson - 4th Perth; Annette Thompson - 1st Montague; Kim Comstock, Barry Trafford - 2nd Smiths Falls; Bill Lawrence - 2nd Almonte; Gary Thomson - 1st Elmsley; Neil Looby - 6th Rideau Lakes; Sharon Thompson - ADC, Beavers; Allan Yates - 1st Merrickville; Peter Joynt - 1st Lombardy; Brian Patacairek - 1st Pakenham; Stephen Mayne, Ray Burrill - 1st Beckwith; Jeff Gilbert - Regional Rep; Frank Larabie - Vice President; Roger Nuttall - ADC, Scouts; Chris Tyler - District; Stan Lasenba - Property Manager.

Regrets: 1st Arden; 1st Drummond; 3rd Carleton Place; Ron Ayling - ADC - Cubs; Bill Bradley - ADC, Venturers/Rovers; Jon Wiersma - Council Field Executive; Doug Hall - Deputy Regional Commissioner.

Absent: 1st Portland; 1st Lanark Highlands; Fraser Thomson - Youth Rep.;

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm, after Kim Comstock volunteered to act as the secretary for the meeting. Wayne Harris welcomed everyone to the April Valley Highlands District (VHD) Board Meeting and thanked Kim for filling in. Michelle Niefer led us in O Canada, and Wayne Harris did a reading entitled A Great Lesson.

The minutes of the February 21, 2002 & April 4, 2002 VHD Board Meetings were accepted on a motion by Terry Lunenburg /Barry Trafford, with the correction that 1st Lombardy should have been listed as a regret.

Items to be added / deleted from agenda: None

Correspondence: - Card of thanks from Lanark County Food Bank.

Business arising from Minutes: - None.

Group Reports:

All Groups present gave a verbal report; reports received in writing are attached.

Motion to accept Group Reports: Annette Thompson/Stan Lasenba - carried.

Section Reports: Beavers, Cubs; Scouts; Venturers/Rovers; reports attached.

Motion from Beaver section deferred until later in the meeting.

Motion to accept Section Reports: Chris Tyler/Jeff Gilbert - carried.

Committee Reports:

Camp, Honours & Awards, Hobby Show, Heritage, Registration, Scoutrees and Popcorn verbal reports given, reports received in writing are attached.

Motion to accept Committee Reports: Bill Lawrence / Roger Nuttall - carried.

Commissioner's Report: Attached.

Regional Report: Attached.

President's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Report distributed. Report has been attached.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: Terry Lunenburg / Neil Looby - carried

New Business: - Beaver Bussing

MOTION: 07-18-01/02 Moved by Sharon Thomson / Brian Patacairk that District cover the cost of bussing to the Regional Beaveree and drivers (if necessary) up to the amount of \$300.00 with funding coming from the Beaver Burr, Beaveree and 1st Vice Presidents budgets. - Carried.

-Prizes for Scoutrees

MOTION: 07-19-01/02 Moved by Roger Nuttall / Bill Lawrence that we take from the table the motion "That Valley Highlands District no longer pay for awards for Trees for Canada and that any cost incurred for awards be paid at the Group Committee level". - Carried.

MOTION: 07-20-01/02 Moved by Michelle Niefer / Roger Nuttall that Valley Highlands District no longer pay for awards for Trees for Canada and that any cost incurred for awards be paid at the Group Committee level. - Defeated (10 against, 6 for).

MOTION: 07-21-01/02 Moved by Jeff Gilbert / Brian Patacairck that money be budgeted for Scoutrees in the amount of \$730.00 to cover prizes, hot dogs and drinks. - Carried.

- Release of money to 1st Lanark Highlands.

MOTION: 07-22-01/02 Moved by Sharon Thomson / Terry Lunenburg that the monies held in trust for 1st Lanark Scout Group be turned over to 1st Lanark Highlands Scout Group who are registering youth, from the Village of Lanark, into the Scouting program - Carried.

- Proposal for Valley Highlands District Properties & Assets.

MOTION: 07-23-01\02 Moved by Michelle Niefer / Barry Trafford that Whispering Pines Scout Camp, Lombardy Fair Food Booth, Drummond/North Elmsley Tree Planting Site, the Tatlock property, the cook trailer and the marquee be placed under the umbrella of the Property Manager's portfolio. – Carried

- Proposal for Valley Highlands District Funds.

MOTION: 07-24-01\02 Moved by Roger Nuttall / Peter Joynt that the finances of Valley Highlands District - Scouts Canada be dealt with in the following manner:

1. Place in trust with Voyageur Region the remaining General Account funds that would be adequate for three (3) years of operation, with Voyageur Region reimbursing Valley Highlands Area as needed.
2. Place in trust with Voyageur Region the investment account funds that would be adequate for five (5) years of operation and upgrading of the existing Scout property within Valley Highlands District, with Voyageur Region reimbursing Valley Highlands Area as needed.
3. The Lombardy Fair Food Booth continue to be operated with the assistance of Scouters from all Scout Groups within Valley Highlands Area.
4. The Lombardy Fair Food Booth profits be used for the upkeep of the aforementioned properties and assets of Valley Highlands Area. - Carried.

Next Meeting: May 16, 2002 at 7:00 pm St. Paul's United Church,
Franktown.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Sharon Thomson. Meeting adjourned at
10:03 pm.

Wayne Harris - President
Acting Secretary

Kim Comstock -

Reports from the April meeting of Valley Highlands District

GROUP REPORTS

2ND Carleton Place - All meetings are currently going well. Our regular Group Committee meeting held on April 11th was a combination meeting and Dessert party as a special "good-bye" to Scouter Dave. He was presented with a plaque for his faithful and devoted service to Scouting and to 2nd CP. Guests present were Diana and Roger Nuttall, Michelle Nieffer and Bill Lawrence. Also present were the 5 Venturers. On Wednesday April 17th at the regular Scout/Venturer meeting the Town Clerk Duncan Rogers presented a gift from the Town for his years of Service to Scouting in Carleton Place. Scouter Dave was also presented "Thank You" gifts from the Scout and Venturer Sections. He will be sorely missed here at 2nd. We are still in need of a Group Chair and 2 Scouters.

1st Elmsley - Our Beavers and Cubs participated in the Hobby Show in March. The young scouters were all thrilled to receive prize ribbons. Thank you Terry and committee. We had a good turn out for the 18 wheeler and kub kar races. Last Saturday, 1st Elmsley had its annual fund-raising Ham and Bean supper. We served over 145 people. We are planning ahead for year-end camps and trips.

2nd Almonte - In the past two months all Sections have been busy. The Cubs and Scouts attended the District Kar and 18 Wheeler Rallies, and Beavers were planning on attending the District Buggy Rally. Camps were slow for the lower Sections, but the Venturers participated in Camp Slush at Petawawa in March, and went to Sarnia 12 - 14 April, for a Work Weekend at the site of the Great Lakes Jamboree in July. The Venturers will be working the Jamboree in July for a week and a half as Offers of Service. We have one Venturer running the air rifle range, one doing a BMX course, and two on Camp Security. All are looking forward to the adventure. They have volunteered to help with the Camporee in May to get them some practice running activities. The Cubs and Scouts will be going to a Scout Camp in Quebec May 17-19, Cubs will be attending Camp Impeesa, and the Beavers are having a Family Camp in June in Lanark. The Group will be holding their Annual Wrap-up BBQ and Going Up Ceremonies after the Scoutrees planting on 4 May. The Venturers will be camping that weekend at Camp Kawchapeekin, and the Senior Scouts will be staying on Saturday night as a Linking activity. The Venturers are also planning a Bike Camp in June, which entails cycling from Almonte to Camp Kawchapeekin (50 kms). Cubs and Beavers will be shutting down their regular meetings effective the week of 6 May. The Scouts are planning on attending NiteVent, the Camporee, and are planning on a Canoe trip for June. All Sections will be participating in Pitch-in Week, and we are canvassing the town on 27 April for Scoutrees. We held a Senator's Tickets & Jersey raffle in March and raised

\$600.00 towards the Cub and Scout May Camp. We have lost our Lone Rover to the Military, so we are back to 4 active Sections.

SECTION REPORTS

Beavers Sharon Thomson - ADC Beavers sethomson@sympatico.ca

The Beaver Buggy Rally is Sunday April 21, 2002 at the Lombardy Fair Grounds with registration starting at 12:30 pm.

The Beaveree is May 11, 2002 for those who have already registered.

A motion was put forward that District cover the cost of bussing and drivers(if necessary) up to \$300.00.

Cubs Ron Ayling - ADC Cubs ayling@magma.ca

The Kub Kar Rally was held Saturday 13 April at the Lombardy Agricultural Fair grounds, and hosted by 2nd Smith Falls - with some 28 parents and leaders of the Pack assisting. It was a wonderfully chaotic event with everyone having a good time. All Packs were represented, with a total of 138 Cubs and 15 Beavers. The winning Pack was 3rd Carleton Place 'B' closely followed by 2nd Almonte. Prizes were presented for design and for the top three fastest Kub Kars. At the time of writing this, preliminary accounting indicated a small profit over expenses.

Plans are well under way for Camp Impeeza at the end of May, which is being organized by the three Carleton Place Cub Packs. The theme will be *Cubs of the Round Table* - and will include a Hunt-for-the-Holy-Grail, a medieval 'war' and a monks' breakfast.

The next District Cub Leaders meeting will be held at St. Mary's school library, Carleton Place, April 25th at 7.30 pm.

Scouts Roger Nuttall - ADC Scouts rnd@perth.igs.net

Fifty Scouts took part in the 18-Wheeler Rally. There were some very interesting designs and many close races. Thanks to Barry Trafford and Upper Canada Auto Supply of Smiths Falls we were able to give out six trophies for speed and design.

The Nitevent for Scouts is on May 10-11, near Portland. The Camporee is on May 24-26 at Whispering Pines Camp. We need ideas for and people to help plan , the Camporee.

The Basic Canoe Course, starting Thur. May 2, at Smiths Falls Curling Club, is filling up fast with Leaders from our District and other Districts in our Region.

Venturers / Rovers Bill Bradley - ADC Ventures/Rovers wlbcca@falls.igs.net

I hope that spring has sprung for all of you.

As I am up to my arms deep in work this month will be short.

1. Trees for Canada I will be in my usual spot with hot dogs and drinks at the Perth site. I can use help if interested please contact me or Arnel.
2. Be sure to take up the challenge and plant trees.
3. The balance of the month is a quick recap on the Venture/Rover part of the 18 Wheelers.

I was quite surprised that you took the challenge here. 16 people came out with 13 trucks, we had a very good time.

The winner was Shawn Trafford truck owner with James Blair driver. Second was Jonathon Lester with a cast of 4 others helping him on from 2nd Carleton Place. Third was Neil Looby from 6th Rideau Lakes Rovers, who along with 3 others made a mad dash from Kingston's Verrt weekend to be there and forth was truck owner Tim Sanders 1st Drummond Centre with driver Annette Thompson 1st Montague who was disqualified from the scout site for being over weight.

Thanks to Barry, Michelle and Ken for your help (you know who you are) and thanks again for taking up the challenge. Keep it up remember we have 2 more to go before the end of June.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Registrar's Report - Diana Nuttall rnd@perth.igs.net

Total Registered 746

Popcorn - Terry Luneburg loonybug@magma.ca

SPRING POPCORN CAMPAIGN REPORT MARCH 4 - 25, 2002 "THANKS" to those who

participated in this campaign. unfortunately we were down considerably from last Spring's

campaign. Following is a comparison chart:

	SPRING 2001	FALL 2001	SPRING 2002
No. Groups	8	8	5 + 2 Ind.
No. Units Sold	634	882	367
Total Sales	\$ 8744.00	\$ 13754.00	\$ 5370.00
District 10%	\$ 529.40	\$ 852.83	\$ 329.07
Distr. Scout Bucks	24.39		7.88
Group 50%	\$ 2641.97	\$ 4258.60	\$ 1648.85
Group Scout Bucks	\$ 1055.54	\$ 1697.98	\$ 658.40

This report is my last act as Chair of the District Popcorn Campaign. I will be stepping down from Scouting at the end of this Season. I hope that future Campaigns will continue as there is great funds available to Scouting in this fundraiser.

Hobby Show - Terry Luneburg looneybug@magma.ca

MARCH 22/23, 2002 HOST: 2ND CARLETON PLACE Although the total entries were the same - last year 174 to 175 - the Beaver and Cub Sections were down. All other Sections were on a par. Our "THANKS" go

to the following Judges who gave up their time after 9:00 P.M. Friday night to go thru the 175 exhibits. They were: George MacMillan - R.R.6 Tennyson Rd. A professional Wood-Carver. Duncan Rogers - Carleton Place Town Hall Town Clerk - who went up thru the ranks of Scouting. Peter Elliott - 112 Winding Lane - Pretty's Island. Past Mgr. Friends of Experimental Farm Past President of the Ottawa Tulip Festival. Following is a breakdown of the Exhibits:

	NO. EXHIBITS	SECTIONS	TOTAL	INDIVIDUAL	GROUP	LEADERS
Beavers	5	7	2	4	5	-
Cubs	3	2	6	-	-	-
Scouts	3	1	7	1	-	-
Venturers/Rovers	2	5	1	1	-	-
Sparks	3	6	5	5	-	-
Brownies	1	12	2	-	-	-
Guides	2	3		1	-	-
Pathfinders/Rangers	2	9	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	21	45	24	11	5	-

The overall winner of each Section:

SECTION	NAME	EXHIBIT
Beavers	2nd Carleton Place Group	Beaver Pond
Cubs	Kirk Delint	Communications Tower
Scouts	Stephen Koster	Dried Flower Picture
Venturers/Rovers	2nd Almonte Jonathan Lester	Curio Cabinet
Sparks	2nd Carleton Place	Recycled Mtl.
Brownies	3rd & 21st Carleton Place Group	Wall-hanging Brownies around the world
Guides	Kayla Quinn 1st Carleton Place	Crochet
Pathfinders/Rangers	Sonya Koster 1st Almonte	Papier-Mache Jewelery - Art Rock/Mineral Collection

Admission: Going to Lanark Food Bank Consisted of: Donations - \$17.50 Food Items - 120 (122 lbs)
 "THANKS" again to Al Spriggs and members of the Mississippi Valley Associated Railroaders for their 3 Displays of Model Railroading in the Lower Hall. A grateful "THANKS" goes to Glen Lang for his donated time and talent in creating the 8 Plaques for the overall winners of each Section. They were professionally done, and well received. At this time I would like to make 2 recommendations should the event continue next year. 1. With increasing costs and exhibit numbers that the Budget be increased to \$150.00. 2. To establish a committee of Two or more. One could look after Advertising - notifying all local papers two weeks in advance of the event. Posters and Sandwich Signs (of which there are 4) made up and placed in strategic places within the District. The other member could look after Registration - notifying all Sections of Scouts and Guides of the upcoming event, requesting participation or not. Three weeks prior to event setting up and designating registration numbers and tags to those participating along with the rules and regulations of the event. Then making sure that the Sections have their package at least ten days in advance of the event. I will endeavour to assist this committee anyway I can. The Financial Reports are included in Districts File Copy with one copy to the District Treasurer.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Michelle Niefer - DC mniefer@sympatico.ca

We are in the final months of the Scouting year and I would like to remind you of a few important items. **Chief Scout & Queen Venturer Award:** Will be taking place on June 1st in Ottawa. I have copies of applicants for one Queen

Venturer Award and four Chief Scout Awards. If there are more deserving of this award, please see to it that their applications are submitted to headquarters and one to myself.

Awards: There are several awards that can be given out, and if you know of anyone you think is deserving, write up a paragraph on them and submit these to Wayne Harris, which will be forwarded on to Region. They will assess them and help to decide on what award that individual should get. This applies to both youth and adults.

7 Challenge Award for cubs is available in our district. If you have a cub that has completed the requirements for all seven challenge awards in the program, please forward their names to me and we will have a certificate made up for them and presented at a time of your choosing.

Camping & Outdoor Activity Application: These forms must be filled in and given to your Group Chair prior to the event, with a copy sent to me. With the closing of the scout year fast approaching many activities are planned, so I should be seeing more forms in than I have received. The original copies along with permissions slips and agenda will be collected at our June meeting, filed and forwarded onto Region for indefinite storage.

Commissioner's Award: All groups including group committees have forms to submit for this. When submitting them be sure to attach more detailed information such as what district events your group attended; copies of your short and long term agenda plus one month's copies of your meeting notes, etc. As this is information you already have on file, it shouldn't take long to make copies of them.

PRCs: Now is the time to renew your Police Records Check and registration if returning in the FALL. With doing the PRCs now, we will avoid the rush and they will all be done so that the leaders are in place to start in September. If a leader **does not have one done**, they will now be allowed to work with the youth until it is and approved.

Venturer Survival Activity Weekend Challenge: This is an event that is being put on for the older youth, which will take place June 22 and 23rd. This will be a great weekend and challenge for the youth. Anyone available to give a hand to run this event will be gladly accepted. For more information call Chris Tyler, Sharon Thomson or Roger Nuttall.

REGIONAL REPORT: District Commissioner and Stan Lasenba

TRAINING - Please note: the registrations for the WB 1 - Basic Objectives at Camp Opemikon (May 10 -12) are slow to arrive which may cause the course to be canceled. Don't forget the registration deadline is two (2) weeks before the course. Please check the Regional Web Page for the most current info and training schedule at <http://www.voyageur.scouts.ca> then, click onto the training link. Stu Majka, DRC Adult Development stumajka@smpservices.com

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2002 - "Good Turn"

The international event takes place in Toronto from July 18 to 22. It is anticipated that over 500,000 attendees will journey to Toronto to participate in the event. Scouts Canada is offering service to this event through community projects, on site assistance and with a pre-event "Good Turn". Your assistance and that of our youth is sought in this project. In this way Voyageur Region will contribute to what will truly be "a once in a lifetime experience" for thousands of youth from around the world. Here's what is needed.

SLEEPING BAGS WANTED

New and/or experienced - Must be clean, laundered or dry-cleaned. All sleeping bags will be donated to local charities at conclusion of event. Please drop off or arrange for delivery of your donations to the regional office by 30 June. Call your Council Field Executive to discuss when a regional team member may be visiting your District and would be able to pickup a bundle of sleeping bags.

SCOUTREES: The kits are delivered, trees have been purchased, the youth are gathering pledges. The digging and planting are but a few weeks away. Yet many of our members are not

clear on just what happens to the funds that are raised during this annual event. Twenty per cent of the funds raised is forwarded to senior Councils. National receives 15%, which is used to pay the expenses for the Scoutree kits and badges. The balance of the funds is placed in the Brotherhood Fund. This fund is used to assist with projects in developing countries. Venturers from our own region have travelled to countries and assisted with projects such as building a community and health centre. The Brotherhood fund supports such projects. Province receives 5% and zero stays at the Regional Council. Thus I encourage you to promote this activity and the worthwhile projects it supports for our fellow world citizens.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please visit the Voyageur Region web site at <http://www.voyageur.scouts.ca> for details on these events and others.

April 27 2nd Annual OPE work weekend	May 11 Regional Beaveree
June 01 Chief Scout's/Queen's Venturer Ceremony	June 23 Opemikon's Open House
June 29 Camp OPE Summer programs begin	July 1 Canada Day
July 22-23 Dragon Boat Races	August Central Canada Exhibition

Scoutrees May 4th, 2002

You have two choices of sites at which to plant.

The Drummond Site

[Take Highway 7 west from Carleton Place. Go past Innisville and at Drummond Centre turn left at Rick's Marine on Drummond Concession Seven, then turn right on Code Road. You will find the planting site on the left one or two kilometers along. Contact Jeff Gilbert at \(613\) 257-1069 or \[jeffgilbert@sympatico.ca\]\(mailto:jeffgilbert@sympatico.ca\)](#)

The OMYA (Perth) Site

[Take Highway 7 west from Perth past the stop lights at the Glen Tay Rd. About one kilometer to the OMYA plant on the left side of the highway. Contact Arnel Pattemore at \(613\) 283-1225 or \[arnel@falls.igs.net\]\(mailto:arnel@falls.igs.net\)](#)

Great Greenwing Adventure Ecocamp Event for kids 13 to 17 years

Please pass this opportunity of a lifetime onto kids you think would want to participate in an all expenses paid ecoadventure of a lifetime this summer!! Deadline to enter is June 15, 2002.

The "Adventure" is a weeklong, all-expenses-paid event for 10 lucky teenagers (ages 13-17) from across Canada. You'll be part of an outdoor experience you'll never forget! Taking place August 10-16, the world famous Oak Hammock Marsh Conservation Centre near Winnipeg, Manitoba is "Home Base".

Enter now! <http://www.ducks.ca/greenwing/adventur.html>

Some of the cool things you'll do include bird banding, airboat rides, canoe trips, survival skills, archery, stargazing, and much more. You'll learn about the cutting-edge technology used for radio telemetry, GIS and satellite imagery. Mix the learning in with BBQ's, campfires, swimming, and the fun of hanging with other kids that have the same interests as you, and you've got the recipe for a great week!

The action packed week wraps up with a monster cat-fishing expedition on the Red River and the "Iron Muskrat Relay", where your new skills will be put to use. Go to this website and enter today!!

<http://www.ducks.ca/greenwing/adventur.html>

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