

Valley Highlands District - Voyageur Region - Scouts Canada

Thursday, May 16, 2002 7:00 p.m.

St. Paul's United Church, Franktown

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Present: Wayne Harris - President; Michelle Niefer - District Commissioner; Diana Nuttall - Registrar/Group Support; Terry Luneburg, Cyndy Courtland - 2nd Carleton Place; Ed Anderson - 4th Perth; Kim Comstock - 2nd Smiths Falls; Sharon Thompson - ADC, Beavers; Allan Yates - 1st Merrickville; Peter Joynt - 1st Lombardy; Stephen Mayne, Ray Burrill - 1st Beckwith; Bonnie King - 1st Drummond; John Stalker - 3rd Carleton Place; Jeff Gilbert - Regional Rep; Frank Larabie - Vice President; Roger Nuttall - ADC, Scouts; Chris Tyler - District; Bill Bradley - ADC, Venturers/Rovers; Jon Wiersma - Council Field Executive.

Regrets: 2nd Almonte; 1st Arden; Ron Ayling - ADC - Cubs; Jean Lasenba - Treasurer; Stan Lasenba - Property Manager; Doug Hall - Deputy Regional Commissioner.

Absent: 1st Portland; 1st Lanark Highlands; 1st Montague; 1st Pakenham; 6th Rideau Lakes; Fraser Thomson - Youth Rep.;

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm, after Bonnie King volunteered to act as the secretary for the meeting. Wayne Harris welcomed everyone to the May Valley Highlands District (VHD) Board Meeting and thanked Bonnie for filling in. The meeting was opened with O Canada followed by a minute of remembrance for Scouter Jack Rumsey. Jack was a 74 year member of the Scouting movement as a leader.

The minutes of the April 18, 2002 VHD Board Meeting was accepted on a motion by Terry Lunenburg / Kim Comstock. Carried

Items to be added / deleted from agenda: None

Correspondence: - Invitation to Chief Scout Ceremony - June 1, 2002.

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: Chris Tyler/Bill Bradley - carried.

Section Reports: Beavers, Cubs; Scouts; and Venturers/Rovers reports given verbally, reports received in writing are attached.

Motion to accept Section Reports: Ed Anderson/Peter Joynt - carried.

Committee Reports:

Honours & Awards, Registration, and Scoutrees verbal reports given, reports received in writing are attached.

Motion to accept Committee Reports: Ray Burrill / Terry Luneburg - carried.

Commissioner's Report: Attached.

Regional Report: Attached.

President's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: None

New Business: - Service Team 1, Group Scouter training - Oct 18 - 20
- Float for Cub Camp \$100.00, as stated in the budget.
- Groups should get more involved in Popcorn sales and Scoutrees, some money stays with Groups.
- Sharon suggested that school talks for the fall be booked with Principals NOW!
- Roger asked if Group Chairs would like a workshop on fundraising

Thank you Kim for bringing the delicious pies for our coffee break.

Next Meeting: June 20, 2002 at 7:00 pm St. Paul's United Church, Franktown.

Annual Meeting: August 29, 2002 at 7:00 pm St. Paul's United Church, Franktown.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Steve Mayne. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Wayne Harris - President

Bonnie King - Acting Secretary

Reports from the May meeting of Valley Highlands District

GROUP REPORTS

2nd Carleton Place

All Sections meetings are winding down for this Scouting year. Beavers last meeting at the Hall was Monday May 13th due to the next Monday falling on the long week-end. Cubs will be closing on Tuesday May 21st. Sea Scouts and Sea Venturers although continuing with other activities will have their last meeting in the Hall on May 22nd. A note of interest not previously mentioned is that Brock Menzies has completed his

Chief Scout Award, and Jonathan Lester is one away from completing his Queen's Venturer Award. Wednesday May 29th will be a Pot Luck meeting of all sections, Group Committee and Parents. This will take place at Cindy and Charles Courtland's home. Following the meal we will hold moving-up ceremonies as well as a campfire. I will be stepping down from my duties at the conclusion of this meeting. I am handing over the reins of Group Committee to Cindy Courtland who has graciously accepted the position of Group Chair. 3 other members, June Luneburg, Secretary, Linda Fortier, Treasurer and Dr. Roger

Drake member at large will be returning to complete the roster. At this time, I would like to thank all Scouting people past and present for giving me 24 years of pleasure and enjoyment in the Scouting movement. It has been your support that has kept me going over those years. Once again, a big "Thank You".

1st Arden

Things are progressing well, since Michelle's visit. Beavers attended Beaveree, Cubs and Scouts are planning on attending their respective camps. Plans are underway for year end BBQ. We have candidates for the Group Scouter position, they will attend our next Group Committee meeting.

2nd Smiths Falls

Everyone in our Group is saddened by the passing of Scouter Jack Rumsey. All Sections held a moments silence in honour of Scouter Jack.

All Sections are busy planning their year end camps. Plans are nearly complete.

We have had a change of leadership in one of our sections. Two well known and experienced leaders have stepped in to complete the year. I thank them greatly for doing this as I could not run the program myself.

Leaders for September have been set, but we may possibly need a Scout Leader.

1ST Drummond

Our group has been busy with boat races, cub kars, beaver buggies, bottle and rocket launch. The cubs and scouts are planning joint a camping event on May 24-26. All five of our scout have completed Scouts have completed their chief scout award. The scout also attend the night vent and had a great time, I understand they came in first over all.

I would like to apologize for not attending the trees for Canada as all our leader were busy with other thing, we had even sent a notice out asking the parents to attend with the kids. **I feel a big thank you should go out to Derek Buffam of the Garden Market for donation hot dogs and buns for this event.**

We have 14 tentative people lined up as leader and group committee for next year. It has taken all year to come up with these people but is worth all the work.

We are having our closing on May 22 at 6:30 P.M. at the Drummond Centre School if anyone is

interested in attending.

SECTION REPORTS

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

The Nitevent was held near Portland, with 35 Scouts taking part. The Scouts braved the barking of coyotes and cool night to complete 12 - half hour events and got to bed about 4:00 Am. The Scouts for 1st Drummond won the trophy for first place. The Drummond Scouts, all five of them, have earned their Chief Scouts Awards, so it was no surprise that they did well. The Camporee is on May 24-26, at Whispering Pines. The theme is Pioneer Days and the events will cover such things as Voyageur fur transporting, mapping the farm, building a split rail cedar fence and many other activities that the Pioneers did to survive. There is no charge for the Camporee, but I need to know, by May 23, how many youth and adults are coming so we have enough equipment and supplies for the events.

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

First I would like to thank the over 30 scouting personal that attended the service for Jack Rumsey. He will be sadly missed. Old news The rovers attended recent VRRRT and ORC meetings and rumor has it that we elected 2 local rovers to the provincial table. My wife and I would like to thank 2nd Almonte for the invite to their closing outing and move up ceremonies. It is nice to see how it is done at different groups. The hike was nice as well. I got a look at the 2nd Smiths Falls ventures in the local paper last week as they were at Ope during clean up weekend. Good work. Its nice to see companies taking up the challenges put out to them. Great day at Scout trees. Thanks to all who planted and to James and Joan for helping in the food booth. Although I did not make it to the other site I will pass along a thank you for all the help there as well. I am sure the organizers won't mind. New Items I have been asked to put a call out for help for the district cub camp. Ron tells me they need help in all areas but mostly in the cooking department. If you are a senior scout, venture, rover, leader, group or parent and you can help please contact Ron Ayling ADC cubs at ayling@magma.ca Ok for the big one remember I put out 3 challenges at the beginning of 2002 you have all come through with flying colours on 2 of them. Don't forget the third. I have it on good authority that the survival camp is shaping up well. The last I heard there were 4 teams registered and I am now challenging you once more to get a team together and contact Chris or Sharon and register your team. Well that all there is for this month. Goodbye for now and good scouting

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Registered 752

Scoutrees - Jeff Gilbert jeffgilbert@sympatico.ca

2000 trees plant

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

We are well into the last half of the Scouting year and a busy one it is. I would like to remind everyone, that for all of these events I need to have your "Camping & Outdoor Activity Application". Group Chairs, while most of you have been excellent in giving me a copy of your events, I am now requesting the original forms to be turned in at the District Meeting June 20th. These will be handed over to Region for indefinite storage. The groups that do not hand in anything, a statement of "Non-compliant" will be put into the your file along with your group and section leaders names. **Scout Trees:** A big thanks to Jeff Gilbert and Arnel Pettemore for the excellent job of organizing Scout Trees for our district, as well to the youth, leaders and parents who came out to make our event a success and our cooks who provided the nourishment. Jeff and Arnel would like you to turn over your moneys to them as soon as possible, so that they can write up a final report. **Regional Commissioner's Award:** It would be nice to see all groups participate in this, which would include all sections and Group Committee. With keeping records of meetings, programs and events, it would not take very much time to check off the report and clip your notes to it and hand into me. Final deadline will be June 20th at the District meeting, which will give me a few days to get them into Headquarters. **Caribou Award:** It was a pleasure to attend the Regional Annual Meeting at which time this award was given out. Congratulations to **Jim Britton** and **Bill Lawrence** who received this award. Well done. **Chief Scout & Queen Venturer Award:** We have many recipients in our district with the ceremony taking place in Ottawa on June 1, 2002. **Chief Scout** recipients are: **Brock Menzies** 2nd Carleton Place, **Angela Britton**, **Chris Eygenstein** and **Curtis McKay** 3rd Carleton Place, **Jeff Bell**, **Jeremy Garrett**, **Chris Lalonde-Facette**, **Ryan Moore-Gough** and **Tim Saunders** 1st Drummond, **Ian Blair** and **Nick South** 1st Lombardy, **Robert Gray** 1st Merrickville, **Kathleen Hout** and **Cherisse Stanzel** 2nd Smiths Falls. **Queen Venturer** recipient is **Shawn Trafford** 2nd Smiths Falls, for our district as well as being the only recipient in our whole Region. Congratulations to these outstanding youth. Well done **Regional**

Management Board Meeting was held in Ottawa May 15th drew to a close the By-Laws for the region as we know it. As of midnight May 15th, the District structure has officially become an Area structure. This same structure will be uniform across Canada. We are now officially in the transition stage, however, to give the Districts time to change over, we will carry on as is until midnight August 31. With everyone working together, we CAN make this work. This is the challenge that I put out to each and everyone in our area. Working together as a team we will head into tomorrow to make Scouting better for our Youth.

REGIONAL REPORT: Jon Wiersma - Council Field Executive jwiersma@playground.net

GONE HOME - The Region wishes to express their sadness in the passing of Scouter Jack Rumsey on May 10th. Jack had 74 years of dedicated leadership in 2nd Smith Falls, Valley Highlands District and was a Regional Honourary V.P.

COMMISSIONER QUALITY AWARDS - A friendly reminder that applications for this year's Commissioner Quality Awards are due in the regional office by 30 June. Please note a Service Scouter who is familiar with the activities of the section or Group Committee must sign them off. Applications may be found on the regional website, www.voyageur.scouts.ca under region - documents. Your District Commissioner will also have paper copies of the six applications, one for each program section and one for the Group Committee.

CHIEF SCOUT'S & QUEEN'S VENTURER AWARD CEREMONY - Saturday June 1st, 2002, Christ Church Cathedral, 439 Queen Street, Ottawa. Confirmation packages have been mailed to the 84 registered youth and their leaders - information is also available on the web under the event calendar.

BARNYARD STAMPEDE BEAVEREE - The barnyard stampeede was a ye haa time! Thank-you to all the busy beavers who attended. We were happy to host over 700 Beavers and 500 adults. A special thank goes out to the Canadian Agriculture Museum, the committee and the leaders and parents who showed up for a wonderful event on Saturday May 11, 2002

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.

SAILBOATS FOR SALE - Complete with mast, rudders, sails and rigging - Best Offer.

13' Mistral, fiberglass	12' Petrol, aluminum	14' Klipper Passat, wood canvass
13' Sailboat, wooden	13' Sailboat, fiberglass	Also, one Ford 951 Bush Hog - \$400.00.

For information contact OPE Camp Warden Derrick Bowes at (613) 273-5291

SCOUT SHOP INFORMATION & HOURS Ottawa: 1345 Baseline Road / Phone (613) 224-0139 {HOURS: Mon. to Thurs. 9-6, Fri. 9-8, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 11-4} Kingston: MacDonnell & Third / Phone (613) 542-1427 {HOURS: Tues. & Thurs. 4 - 7, Sat. 9-2}

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

June 23 Opemikon's Open House
July 1 Canada Day
August Central Canada Exhibition

NOTE

If anyone who has received this mailing and wishes to be taken off the list please let me know.
As of the Sunday night those reports that are included were received along with one person who requested

only the Board Minutes and not the reports.<mailto:wharris@perth.igs.net>