



## Area Forum



Lions Club, Smiths Falls

September 15, 2005

**Present:** Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner, Michelle Niefer, Secretary; Jean Lasenba, Finance; Roger Nuttall, DAC Prog4am; Brian Billings, Scout Trees; Diana Nuttall, Popcorn Coordinator; Jeff Benson, CFE; Jean Trant Lambert, 1st Beckwith; Gary Thompson, 1st Elmsley; Smokey Goving, 2nd Smiths Falls, Alyssa Comstock, DAC Youth; Val Venables, 4th Perth; Dane Sonstenes, 1st Portland; Ken Richardson, Special Projects; John Stocker, Carleton Place; Chris Tyler, Area; Andrew Wise, Drummond, Alan Yates, Merrickville

### Agenda Items:

#### 1. Welcome: Prayer; O'Canada

Minutes: there were none for May, as that was the Honours & Awards Banquet.

#### 2. Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner: [lasenba@sympatico.ca](mailto:lasenba@sympatico.ca)

Introduction of Group Commissioners

Almonte	Bill Lawrence
1st Beckwith/Montague	Jean Trant Lambert
Carleton Place	?
1st Drummond	Andrew Wise
1st Elmsley	Gary Thomson
Merrickville	Alan Yates
Pakenham	?
4th Perth	Arnel Pattemore
Portland	?
2nd Smiths Falls	?

Introduction was made of the **Area Service Team:**

DAC Youth –	Alyssa Comstock
Registrar –	Kim Comstock
Scout Trees –	Brian Billings
Honours & Awards –	Kim Comstock
Finance –	Jean Lasenba
Property/Camp –	Ken Richardson
DAC Program –	Roger Nuttall
Popcorn Coordinator –	Diana Nuttall
Council Field Exec.	Jeff Benson

At the moment, there is no one for DAC Training or DAC Group.

#### 3. DAC Reports:

i: Youth - Alyssa Comstock - [smartkid\\_31@hotmail.com](mailto:smartkid_31@hotmail.com)

ii: Group Support -

iii: Registrar: Kim Comstock – [comstock2#sympatico.ca](mailto:comstock2#sympatico.ca)

iv: Program - Roger Nuttall - [rnd@perth.igs](mailto:rnd@perth.igs)

**Training:** Boat rescue was held in August at Whispering Pines – profit of \$279. to area

Program: ST program will be held twice a year. Have two per section. We will work with the leaders  
 Roger will keep all informed.

iv: Camp Warden – Ken Richardson – [wraith@ca.inter.net](mailto:wraith@ca.inter.net)  
**Camp Expenses June to September 2005**

Photo copies maps	5.75
Photo Copies Usage forms	5.98
Toilet Tissues	5.72
Gas	8.88
Toilet Tissues	6.87
Bungee Cords for marquee	21.50
Mileage Stan	40.00
Paddles	15.00
Food for work party Road work	7.41
Gas for lawn mower	8.87
Gravel (Tackaberry Gravel)	333.91
Fuel for backhoe	40.00
Misc. expenses Pole for tent etc.	11.00
Photo copies	12.65
<b>Total</b>	<b>523.54</b>
Advance form Area	850.00
Expenses	52354
<b>Total</b>	<b>326.46</b>

The remainder will be returned after the work party on the 24<sup>th</sup> as there will be expenses to repair the storage trailer

The camp has been used often this summer with Camp Opemikon using it every Wednesday for 5 weeks and other groups who enjoy camping at its best. New trails have been marked and brushed out and there are more planned. The road was repaired by the additions of 2 loads of gravel and some ditching. Gradon Hull the husband of Debra Hull of Smiths Falls was able to secure the use of a backhoe from Hartington Equipment for no cost and he also drove it for us. This saved us about \$400.00.

Tim Foreman toured the camp with me and was impressed with what we have done especially the trails.

We have acquired a newer mower, which also has a blade. The motor needs some work, which is in the process of being done.  
 Thank you John Stalker.

**Items for the work party on the 24<sup>th</sup>**

- Brush to be cut along road for this we will need brush cutters and if you have a wipper snipper with a blade it would help
- Chapel to be done - Chain saws. Strong backs and at least one 4 wheeler required.
- Storage trailer to be repaired - Remove rotting siding and ceiling burn if burn ban removed, replace back doors and replace with plywood. Stan to have plywood there cut to size. Could use cordless drills to secure these to trailer.
- Brush and mark red trail

Special Thanks go to all who have helped over the summer. Ken Richardson, Roger Nuttall. Kirk Everett Gradon Hull and Chris Tyler have been very helpful and should be recognized for their contribution

vi: **Honours & Awards** - Kim Comstock - [comstock2@sympatico.ca](mailto:comstock2@sympatico.ca)

vii: **Scout Trees** - Brian Billings - [brian\\_billings@carleton.ca](mailto:brian_billings@carleton.ca)

Scoutrees expenses from 2005 are still outstanding and payment is required for seedlings to RVCA. The total on the invoice from RVCA is \$1,560.00 (includes an \$800.00 credit from RVCA for carbon neutral funding). Fundraising donations are still forthcoming from the Lanark County Community Stewardship Council (\$500) and Blair and Son (\$900). I am submitting to Jean LASENBA two (2) cheques tonight for donations from the Municipality of Drummond/North Elmsley (\$700) and Albany International (\$150). The only other expenses incurred for Scoutrees 2005

were for the crests/kits/certificates as ordered through National Office - Jean will look into this and if not paid will ensure that it is paid immediately (this in the amount of \$138.28).

On Wednesday, September 7th, 2005, I visited the plant site with Rudy DYCK, Forester from RVCA. The news to report is bittersweet - while this past year's plant is doing well despite drought conditions, last year's (2004) plant is not doing well and many seedlings are dead. Therefore, the planned plant for this year will be a re-plant/fill-in on this site. RVCA will proceed with the site prep and spot spray on this area and all costs for this work will be covered from the grant money remaining from the carbon neutral funding (\$1000). The cost for the seedling order will \$2,420.00 and I am seeking a motion to proceed with this order...based on fundraising efforts and commitments from existing program sponsors, I am confident that I can raise the money to cover these costs again this year.

**Motion:** To proceed with the order for 2006 for \$2,420.00; Seconded – Diana Nuttall – Discussion; **Vote:** Unanimous

**4. Financial:** Jean Lasenba - [lasenba@sympatico.ca](mailto:lasenba@sympatico.ca)

A full report will be issued once things are straightened out at headquarters.

**Motion:** Signing authority – It is recommended that Kim Comstock having signing authority on the cheques instead of Stan.

Discussion: This will avoid conflict, the other signing authorities are Michelle Niefer and Jean Lasenba.

Vote: Unanimous.

**5. CFE Report to Valley Highlands –** Jeff Benson [jbenson@scouts.ca](mailto:jbenson@scouts.ca)

phone: 453-1859 if you have questions/concerns

**Membership**

Council Membership: #2 in the Country with 95% of 2003/04 figures.  
Area Membership: for 2004/05 = 89% of 2003/04 figures.

2003/04 Membership:			Total = 572
2004/05 Membership:	Youth = 397	Adults = 113	Total = 510
<b>2005/06 Membership:</b>	Youth = 25	Adults = 53	<b>Total = 78</b>

**Retention Incentive Program:**

- April 27 letter and Q & A on Council Web site under Growth Page “Growth News”.
- Currently 8 groups have (before September 1) achieved or exceeded the 70%.

**Scout Shop Caravan:**

- Notice to the Area Commissioners regarding details and setting locations with dates & times.

**School Talks & Open Houses:**

- Over the next two weeks I have school talks confirmed to spread the message of Scouting to approximately 1500 beaver & cub aged youth.
- Plans are currently in the works for school talks for the two weeks after that to another 1000 or so (depending on the size of the schools).
- Anecdotal evidence shows that these talks should result in approximately 10% inquiries about Scouting resulting in about 3% joining. (Of the 2500 youth above this means about 75 youth members to Scouting.)
- Open House (in conjunction with School Talks) can realize as much as 25% recruitment of parents and other adults. It also provides an excellent opportunity to speak to parents the importance of volunteer participation in its many forms.

**6. Group Reports:**

**Almonte:**

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are up and running. We are looking at starting a Venturer Company again (still in the planning stages). When I finish interviews and police checks, we will have 5 Beaver Leaders, 4 Cub Leaders and 2 Scouts Leaders. I am back on as Group Chair (with Area's approval of course), Stella is staying on as Treasurer, and Michaela Koster is going to be our Secretary.

We had our first Group Meeting last night, with Apple Day being done on 01 Oct 05. On the 08 Oct 05, Almonte Scouting and Guiding are putting on a Special "125 Ceremonial Campfire" in Gemmell Park. This event is open to all past and present Scouters, Guiders and youth in the movements. I will forward the brochure I made up so you can forward it on the other Groups in the Area. We are still working on rectifying our registrations from last year as the nominal roll for Area for 2004/2005 didn't show all our leadership team, and we don't think we've paid for everyone yet.

Bill

**Arden:** No report available.

**1<sup>st</sup> Beckwith/Montague:** No report yet. When will the Gateway's take place?

**Carleton Place:** Up and running in all sections; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> now one big mega group with combined colours. New neckerchiefs presented earlier in September.

**1<sup>st</sup> Drummond:** Summer Activities:

July 16, 2005: Hike and Grey Owl presentation at the Alba Wilderness School.

Aug 20, 2005: Hike and Family Challenge at the Baird Trail just outside Lanark Village.

<b>Recruiting and Growth:</b>	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Adults
Members:	5	9	3	5
<b>Upcoming Events:</b>	Oct 1: Apple Day			
	Oct 1&2: Cub Camp			

## 1ST ELMSLEY REPORT,

We had our registration on Tues.Sept.13/05 .Our Group Committee is established and all sections have two registered leaders except Beavers. We took advantage of early registration and have also offered a discount for bingo volunteers. This summer, our Scouts and Ventures were involved in a canoe trip and we also had an August camp at Whispering pines.

**1<sup>st</sup> Merrickville:** "No" report

If interested, check out our e-mail. [www.1stmerrickville.ca](http://www.1stmerrickville.ca)

## 1st PAKENHAM REPORT

### EVENTS TO DATE:

- Oct/04...**Apple Day fundraiser**....7 Cubs attended and 3 Scouts...Good turn out by locals and all enjoyed! **Halloween Party** at Cedar Hill School House...Good and scary and great turn out! **Geoburn Scary Farm Tour**....About 3/4 of the pack attended, had a great time with the kittens and the geese!
- Nov/04...made Elley Duffy our official Bagheera
- Nov-Dec/04 Popcorn Drive....under half of our pack participated yet those that did very well, Congrats to Patrick Garlick for selling over \$1800 worth, Shane Coulliard over \$400 and Malcolm Nolan for close to \$250...
- Dec/04...1st Pakenham Cubs and Scouts put together and attended the Pakenham Santa Claus Parade and won for people's choice theme award for our float (which by the way was a camping and outdoors theme!)
- Dec/04...Cubs went tubing at Mt. Pakenham for a Saturday afternoon...
- Jan/05...Cubs worked on badges, first aid certificate, built bird feeders from wood donated by Steve Nickel/Moira Smith (many Thanks!!) As part of the Pakenham Winter Carnival the Cubs and Scouts were invited to the Stewart Community Centre in Pakenham for a night of skating on the outdoor ice!!! Very cold but fun!!!
- Feb/05...Cubs took a Saturday and went on a tour of the Aviation Museum...excellent time by all...
- Feb/05...Cubs participated in building their own birdfeeders over the course of 2 evenings
- Mar/05... The Cubs were introduced into plastic model building
- Mar/05...Cubs took the March Break and went swimming at the Nick Smith Centre in Arnprior and had a great time...Cubs did a Spring clean up in around the town...
- Apr/05...The whole pack went to Montreal for the day to tour the Biodome...if you have never been this is a great trip for kids of all ages and adults too! We sure tired a bunch of kids out on that trip!!
- Apr/05...Cubs planted their own pot of flowers and were asked to look after them!
- Apr/05...2nd last meeting...most Cubs attended a model rocketry fun night at one of Mervin Downey's fields just outside Pakenham...Everyone loved this event and were astounded at the height the rockets would reach! Us adults liked seeing the kids chase them down!!!

-Apr/05...our last meeting, several badges were awarded to each member for their hard work in First Aid, Handicraft, Athletics, and Handicap Awareness. A couple Cubs deserve honourable mention for their achievements in earning over 10 badges each this year, (Shane Coulliard and Patrick Garlick) and Patrick Garlick earned 2 more awards (Canadian Heritage Trails and Canadian Arts) to get him even closer to achieving seven...To the whole pack I was proud that they all earned the Canadian Family Care award!

-May/05..1st Pakenham was represented at Scout Trees by Mike Cleary and Akela (Steve Garlick)

**FUTURE EVENTS:** Summer camp out..so far not planned but would like to make this happen...

**MAIN EFFORTS** - registration and general public interest and awareness

**ISSUES:** We are looking for more leaders and group committee volunteers for the next year.

**COMMENTS.** At this time I am not sure if we will continue in Pakenham or not...I certainly have enjoyed my experiences with this group. It has not been without frustrations....if we do continue we will likely have to go under the umbrella of another nearby group...at this time I am undecided as to where to take this. If we have a positive turnout with respect to future interest in Pakenham and I can get the necessary volunteers/assistance we may continue...

I would like to thank everyone that has helped keep this program alive in Pakenham. From Head office to the parents I thank you all for your support and I do hope we can continue offering this to Pakenham.

Yours in Scouting, Steve Garlick  
Akela - 1st Pakenham

**4th Perth** – Up and running; concerned that WB II is delayed until January 2006.  
**1st Portland Group Report**

Registration Night: Monday 12 Sep 05. We had applications and registration fees for: 5 Beavers, 4 Cubs, 4 Scouts. Having Scouts in our area is new for this year. Our first night will be 19 Sep and we expect a couple more children to register.

Leaders: At present we have 2 Cub Leaders, 1 Beaver leader, and 1 Scout Leader confirmed. We may be able to get 2 more new leaders this year.

Aim for this year is to start participating in the area activities.

Dane Sonstenes

**Smiths Falls:** Group up and running, but no report available.

**7. Old Business:**

i: **Lombardy Fair Booth** –

Income: Friday	\$ 643.00	
Saturday	1687.88	
Sunday	1601.45	
Monday	1685.77	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5618.10</b>
Expenses: Garden Market	\$1583.87	
Propane	40.00	
Mileage/phone/misc	65.00	
National Grocery	330.17	
Lombardy Fair Board	719.80	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2738.85</b>

**PROFIT** **\$2879.25**

The Booth was once again organized by “Stan and Jean Lasenba”. This year as in other years the response for volunteers was very positive as the Scouters of our Area always are willing to assist when the camp is involved. Each volunteer worked approximately a 4 hour shift and with the names left at the gate they entered the grounds free of charge. This year the weather was excellent and as a result we had our best year ever. A special thanks to all who helped. The breakfast continues to be a very popular item with about 74 served on Saturday and 80 on Sunday. In future years, the same format and food items should be continued as they once again were well received by the public.

The area must somehow insure that all groups participate as it is their best interest to do so. Once again, Portland and Arden were absent.

Once again Thank You to all who helped and to their spouses for allowing them to spend their long weekend at another Scout activity.

Stan Lasenba

ii: **Camp Impeeza** – Camp Chief – Stan Lasenba

\$5. charged per youth/adult

Thanks to Charles Courtland, Jeff Crigger, Ken Richardson, Chris Tyler, Roger Nuttall and Michelle Niefer for helping out at the Camp.

Expenses came to \$218. Surplus: \$81. which was turned over to area for future events

iii: **Web Site:** Drop in and visit our web site, Andrew has put a lot of effort into it.

The official web address for the Valley Highlands Area website is:

<http://www.voyageur.scouts.ca/valhigh/>

YIS, Andrew M. Wise

## 8. New Business:

i: **Popcorn - Diana Nuttall** [rnd@perth.igs](mailto:rnd@perth.igs)

Every registered youth should have received a flyer.

They have a new variety out this year.

Each Group – please have a contact and send their name/phone#/email address to Diana

Updated information is on the Scout web page.

4 different methods for selling: 1. Each individual get an order.

2. Blitz of your area

3. Show/sell – advance order and sell

4. Show/deliver – sell from order form; have popcorn in car and deliver on payment.

Information to be sent out September 28<sup>th</sup>;

Official start October 14<sup>th</sup>

Tally sheets to Diana November 5<sup>th</sup>

Popcorn pickup November 23<sup>rd</sup>

For each item ordered, put on a separate line; when the page is full, individuals name in entered into a draw.

Sales of \$2000. +, youth will have a 12% put into a Scholarship fund for further education.

Daryl Bartraw – kick off barbecue at Hdq. Phone Jennifer of times in Ottawa and Kingston.

**Recommend to groups:** Photocopy sheets before handing them in.

Prize for the largest amount sold will go to the group.

ii: **Beaver sleep over:** Kelly Fontaine is the contact

Dates: November 11-12; November 12-13 and November 19-20. Pick your date and reserve early.

iii: **Camp Work Party:** Notice sent out to all. This is scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup>.

iv: **Child restraints:** New policy issued regarding this. Check the Scout web site for detailed information.

Any youth 8 yrs/80 lb./4'8" must be in a special car seat. If they are older or bigger they can use a seat belt.

v: **Greenwing Camp: CANCELLED** for this year.

**JOTA – will run OCTOBER 14 – 16<sup>TH</sup> AT Whispering Pines.**

vi: If interested, **Wilderness First Aid** available at Hdq October 22<sup>nd</sup> & Nov 5<sup>th</sup>.

vii: **KUB KAR RALLY – date change to April 8<sup>th</sup>**

viii: There are some Veteran's crest still available. Arden and Pakenham are two groups that still do not have them, so this will be done soon. If any extras are needed, contact Stan.

viii: **Venturer Company:** Will encompass the youth from the whole area – Smiths Falls has 1 youth, Almonte 4 and Carleton Place have a few.

**Motion:** For the Area to sponsor the Venturer Company. The Company will be accountable to the Area Commissioner.

Seconded: Roger Nuttall

Discussion: all

Vote: All in favour.

x: If interested Smokey (Warren Goving) is trying to put together a **Senior Cub Camp**. This has been very successful in other areas. Smokey is interested in planning this camp, but needs the input of Pack Leaders and parents. If interested, contact Smokey or Roger Nuttall for more information. Smokey will even come out to your group and do a sales pitch.

x: **Financial statements** from all groups are to be handed into Jean for audit and sent on to Headquarters.

xi: **Camping/Outdoor Activity Guide:** For 2004-2005 are to be turned into Area; so that all can be boxed together and taken to Headquarters.

xii: **Telephone directory:** Each Group Commissioner/Registrar is asked to send a complete list of names/position/phone numbers/addresses of their members to Michelle, so that the directory can be updated and list sent out to the membership in Valley Highlands.

Adjourned: 9:30 p.m.

Next area Forum: **October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Lions Club, Smiths Falls**

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept by: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.  
Stan Lasenba Date

