



Area Forum



Thursday
October 20, 2005

Lion's Club, Smiths Falls

Present: Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner, Michelle Niefer, Secretary; Jean Lasenba, Finance; Roger Nuttall, DAC Program; Dianna Nuttall, Fundraising; Ken Richardson, APM; Kim Comstock, Area Registrar, Honours & Awards; Jean Trant-Lambert, Beckwith; Chris Tyler, Area; John Stalker, Scouter; Cyndy Courtland, Scouter; Charles Courtland, Scouter; Larry Palmer, 4th Perth; Bill Lawrence; 2nd Almonte; Andrew Wise, 1st Drummond; Allan Yates, 1st Merrickville; Val Venables, 4th Perth; Joan Smith, 2nd Smiths Falls; Jeff Crigger, 2nd Smiths Falls.

Agenda Items:

Meeting to Order: O'Canada

Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner: Lasenba@sympatico.ca

A few words of Welcome were given as well as a short prayer.

1. Introduction of groups present: 2nd Almonte, 1st Beckwith/Montague; Carleton Place; Drummond; 1st Merrickville, Perth and Smiths Falls.

Regrets: 1st Elmsley.

2. Adoption of Agenda – Five items added to the agenda under New Business. All in favour

3. Minutes read from previous meeting: Adjustment made in the minutes. **1.** pg. 1 Training; profit for area should read \$295.07 and not \$279.00 **2.** pg 4. Merrickville – “Alan would like all to stand up and thank Stan for taking on the position of AC”. **3.** Pg. 6 Camp Impeeza – surplus should be \$81.87 and not \$81.00. **Motion to accept:** Ken Richards. **All in Favour:** unanimous. **Against:** nil.

4. Business arising from previous minutes: Nil

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

- Rental from Whispering Pine (July-August) came to \$420, an increase from last year.
- Groups need to get their financial statements into Jean, so that she in turn can hand everything over to Headquarters. There are still four groups delinquent.
- Jean and Stan have a meeting scheduled with Tim Foreman at Headquarters to go over our account and straighten out past discrepancies.
- **Scouts Canada requires that every group submit a financial report every year. This report must be given to the Area Financial person by Oct 15 of each year.**

- **This report MUST include:**
 - **All bank account number. (if a group has a separate account for CJ etc it must be included. also the section accounts are needed)**
 - **Bank branch address**
 - **Opening and closing balance**

6. DAC Reports:

i: **Youth - Alyssa Comstock - smartkid_31@hotmail.com**

ii: **Program - Roger Nuttall - rnd@perth.igs**

- The Jotta camp for Troops was held October 14 – 16, at Whispering Pines. 40 Scouts attended and the local radio club, including Larry Palmer, brought various radio equipment for the Scouts to use.
- We held a Troop Leaders' Meeting on Friday night and discussed the various Troop events for the rest of the year. As a result, a committee to run the Camp Zero is in place and Chairperson for the Camporee has been selected. We still need a committee for Nitevent.
- After discussion with the Scout Leaders, it was concluded that a one-day event for the 3rd year Cubs would be held April 29 or May 6 at Whispering Pines. The Scout Leaders would put on activities that would encourage Cubs to become Scouts by September. A Cub Leader from each Pack would accompany their youth for the day so the Cubs would have a familiar face to turn to if needed. A hot lunch would be provided.
- I am hoping to arrange a Sharing session for the Beaver Leaders and a Cub Leaders meeting within the next six weeks. I will be contacting the Leaders shortly.

iii: **Camp Warden – Ken Richardson – wraith@ca.inter.net**

Expenses: Gas for lawn mower	10.00	
Tay Valley Township Disposal of fridge	20.00	
Gas	3.13	
Plywood, etc – Rideau Lumber	100.59	
Paint, nails, etc – Rideau Lumber	21.18	
Food for work party – Garden Market	51.37	
Repairs to food trailer	10.49	
Total Expenses		<u>\$216.76</u>

— Remainder of Advance	326.46	
Expenses this month	216.76	
Returned to area		<u>\$109.70</u>

- The Chapel was rebuilt and a podium built. There should be seating for over 100.
- One trailer was cleaned out and back doors, which were rotten, removed and replaced with plywood.
- Many items of no value were removed and taken to the dump.
- The campfire area was changed somewhat by putting in cedar logs as seating and removing some telephone poles, which were used at the Chapel.
- There was general clean up and from reports I received, most people believe that the camp is in the best condition it has been for a long time.

The large shelter, which is used for various Area events, is now being stored at Ken's place. There may be the possibility of obtaining another shelter at a reduced price. We will know more

towards Winter.

iv: Honours & Awards - Kim Comstock - comstock2@sympatico.ca

The plaque which will be engraved with the "Lilly & Thistle Award" is ready, and presented to Chris Tyler, our first recipient of the Award in the area. Congratulations Chris.

v: Registrar: Kim Comstock – comstock2@sympatico.ca

- All groups are urged to get their registrations into the MMS system and then sent into Headquarters with the fees. Be sure to keep a photocopy of your records.
- All groups are urged to get the list of their leaders into Kim or Diana Nuttall for the Area Directory. We need their name; position; address; phone number for home; work; e-mail address.

vi: Scout Trees - Brian Billings - brian_billings@carleton.ca

No update at this time.

7. New Business

i: Stacking Chairs: There is a large number of chairs (20-30) stored in the trailer. Discussion was had as to whether they are really needed at camp, especially since Whispering Pines is designated as a Wilderness Camp. It was also brought up, that these chairs are sometimes used during training sessions.

Motion: That the chairs be kept to use at Whispering Pines.

Seconded: Allan Yates.

Discussion held. All in Favour: 17. **Against** 1. **Abstain:** 1. Motion passed.

ii: Council Report:

- Registration: Numbers for the year 2004-2005 are not balancing out to what was paid in fees. Each group is asked to check their number of youth and leaders registered and what they paid, and give the numbers to Stan.
- Friendfest: will be taking place again this year. Information will be mailed out to the groups.

iii. Fundraising - Diana Nuttall - rnd@perth.igs

Popcorn Campaign

- The Campaign officially launches next Friday Oct. 28, '05 although many groups have started earlier than that. All Tally sheets and **ORIGINAL** order forms must be returned to me by Saturday Nov. 5, '05.
- There are only five groups participating in this year's campaign, so our area cannot qualify for the steak bar-b-que, although the participating groups can still qualify.
- Please let me know how many people you have registered as of Oct. 15 so I can work out who gets the popper prize.
- I have copies of the final version of tally sheets for the participating groups.

iv: Guidelines: For groups meeting with groups. This is to assist the Group Commissioners. Attached to minutes.

v: Directory: So far, Beckwith and Merrickville have responded. In order to get the directory for the area out in a reasonable timeframe, we need the Group Commissioners to forward this information ASAP. Please send all information to Diana Nuttall.

vi: Venturers:

As I hope all of you are aware, Valley Highlands Area has agreed to become the sponsor for a Venturer Company covering any youth in VH who wish to become Venturers. I will be acting as the contact Venturer Advisor, at least for the 1st year. I am looking for another Advisor to fill the requirement for 2 leaders. This person would preferably be female, as it appears that a large part of our Company will be female.

This company will not be registering any youth, as many youth have expressed their wish to hold onto their current group affiliations and colors, but will be an umbrella organization to cover the administration and organization of activities as the youth decide. Formal meetings will be infrequent, as planning will mostly be done

at activities and over the Internet, due to the large area being covered. This will mean that the advisors will not be unduly taxed as only 1 activity will take place most months, in addition to helping with area activities for junior sections.

I am interested in finding knowledgeable people with in-depth knowledge and skills in activities such as canoeing, climbing, hiking, biking, orienteering, winter camping, snow shoeing/cross country skiing and anything else, which might excite and challenge the Venturers. I would then call on these people only when the Venturers decide to do an activity requiring their skill sets.

Would all group Commissioners and/or scout leaders with youth who may be interested in Venturers please send me the names of the youth, as well as their phone numbers and e-mail addresses, so that I may contact them to ascertain their level of interest. I would like to have a preliminary meeting at the JOTA camp at Whispering pines. In addition, would all adult member with skills to offer please get back to me so that I may create a list of resources.

Please distribute this e-mail to anyone not on the list.

I may be reached at 613-229-2725 or by e-mail at john.stalker@catsa.gc.ca at almost any time, and if I do not answer, please leave a message and I will get right back to you.

Thank you very much for your cooperation. I hope that together we can put together a challenging atmosphere to keep older youth involved in Scouting.

- Contact info for Venturers as above.
- Funding: if each group that have youth joining, it would appreciate \$ being contributed to running program
- ROVENT – while attending, I've registered for WB1 Venturers
- Topographical maps – I have some of South Eastern Ontario if anyone wants to borrow.

vii: **BINGO:** Stan and Stella will be meeting to set up guidelines.

- Any group interested in maintaining or getting slots should contact Stan.
- Groups will be contacted when a date has been set.
- Those working bring should arrive at 2:30 p.m. – until 6 p.m.

viii: **Notes'N'News:** Chris Tyler asked if anyone was interested in having the Notes'N'News set up again for this year. All were in favour. Thanks Chris. He will send them to Michelle, who in turn will send them out to everyone.

8. Group Reports:

Arden: No report.

2nd Almonte:

We currently have 12 Beavers/ 5 Ldrs, 15 Cubs/ 3 Ldrs, 12 Scouts/ 3 Ldrs/ 1 Asst. Ldr, 5 Venturers/2 Ldrs, and 1 Scout from Drummond meeting with our Scouts. we have 3 members on our Group Committee for a total of 61 members. We are working on registrations.

We participated in Apple Day on 1 Oct 05, with 42 participants. On 8 Oct, 2nd Almonte Scouting and Almonte Guiding had a special "125 Ceremonial Campfire" to recognize the closing of 125 days of celebrations for the 125th Birthday of the Town of Almonte. The campfire was well attended with Scouter Stan Lasenba in as Campfire Chief. A special necker was made for the occasion. The campfire was held in Gemmell Park in the center of town, and the Mayor, who participated in a skit with the leaders, invited us to do this type of thing more often.

All Sections are planning outdoor activities this weekend before the snow flies, with the Beavers heading to Saunders farm, Cubs going to Whispering Pines, Scouts going to a winter camp location in Maberly, and Venturers helping the Cubs. All Sections are planning on participating in the Almonte Remembrance Day parade, and are getting ready for Light up the Night and the Santa Claus Parade, which will soon be here.

Scouter Bill Lawrence
Group Commissioner

1st Beckwith:

Registration is pending the PRC's from the leaders. MMS is completely updated. Our registrar will submit everything she has with Scouts Canada next week. Still a few updated PRC's outstanding.

Beavers: At present 10 Beavers 2 Leaders.

Investiture this week-6 Beavers, 1 Leader. Are working on another leader with the possible addition of another Beaver. Almost all attended Apple Day. Coming up a Hallowe'en party and a possible get together with some of the C.P. Beavers. A very active group with lots of advance planning and great times.

Cubs: At present 7 Cubs, 1 Leader.

Still trying to find another leader but so far not successful. Meeting at same time in same place as Scouts so coverage is there. 4 cubs and leader attended JOTA the cubs had a great time, and seemed to fit in quite well with all of the scouts.

Scouts: Joint group with 1st Montague. Seems to be getting the wrinkles ironed out and the group is starting to jell well.

5 Scouts, 1 Leader for Beckwith. 5 Scouts 3 Leaders for Montague.

Jean Trant-Lambert, Gr. Commissioner

- The 1st Beckwith Cubs along with the 1st Beckwith and 1st Montague Scouts attended the JOTA camp at Whispering Pines. October 14, 15, 16, 2005. Ray attended with 4 Cubs, Allen had 5 Scouts and Annette had 5 Scouts.
- We enjoyed an eventful weekend with rotation of events throughout the day and of course JOTA. The first year Scouts really enjoyed the JOTA, as it was a new experience for them talking to people at the Space Station, Ottawa, Kingston, Britain and so many more interesting places.
- Once again, Roger, Ken and Chris put themselves out to bring us a great camp. Thank you.
- A meeting with the Leaders was held to discuss Winter camp and 1st Beckwith/1st Montague will be in charge of planning a First Aid game with 5 stations.
- The Senior Scouts are putting an Environmental Plan together for Beckwith Township and Allen will be calling to set up a meeting to get things rolling.

Troop Scouter Annette Thompson

Carleton Place Scouting

- Our group committee is currently staffed by four individuals: Fundraiser/Secretary: Patricia Simpson; Administrator: Jenny Williams; Registrar: Anne Pruner, Quartermaster: John Stalker.
- We have a potential candidate for **treasurer** pending reference checks. We are actively seeking a group commissioner. (to be filled in the next 3 months)
- John Stalker held Gateway for 3 of our new leaders.
- Current Registrations: 114 members total: 2 Venturers, 16 Scouts, 35 Cubs, 35 Beavers. Sections are near full or at capacity unless we recruit more leaders. We have a potential of 4 Beavers, 2 cubs, and 1 Beaver Leader.
- We have a potential candidate for **treasurer** pending reference checks. We are actively seeking a group commissioner. (to be filled in the next 3 months)
- Fundraising: Apple Day netted approx. \$1400, Calendars/Cards/Chocolate netted approx \$500; Scouts - IGA Appreciation Night: \$253.96.
- Activities: All Sections Camp, theme of Dr. Seuss attended by 83 youth, parents and leaders. The rain held off and we all had a great time. (Held at Whispering Pines, Sept 16-18)
- Beavers: Sleepover at the Railway Museum in Smiths Falls on Saturday Oct. 15. Scouts: Dr. Seuss Camp, Investiture Camp Oct 1-2, JOTA Oct 14-16.
- Upcoming activities: Cubs planning a cabin camp in November.
Senior Scouts planning a lightweight overnight hike/camp in early Nov.
All Sections: Remembrance Day Activities: Nov. 6 we will attend Church at St. James Anglican Church. On Nov. 1 we will attend the parade and service at the cenotaph in CP.
All Sections: Christmas Parade/ Light up the Night November 26th
Cubs: Decorate Trees at the CP Hospital 1st week of December.

Boats: we have a 12' sailboat with sails but no mast or rigging....free to a good home.

1st Drummond

Reference: Group Committee Meeting held 23 Sept 2005

EVENTS:(since the last meeting)

- a. Beavers: Apple Day – 1st Oct in Lanark Village

b. Cubs: Apple Day – 1st Oct in Lanark Village, Camp Out – 1st & 2nd Oct at Whispering Pines.

FUTURE EVENTS: (within the next month)

- a. Beavers: 26 Oct – Investiture.
- b. Cubs: 26 Oct – Investiture.

MAIN EFFORTS: (the groups focus this period)

- Beavers have been concentrating on get new members up to speed with their promise and motto as well as doing crafts with a seasonal theme.
- Cubs have been concentrating on getting their new members to complete the tender pad requirements. They have also been exploring ecology through a series of activities and games designed to make our members more aware of people's impact on the environment.
- Our Scout has team up with the Almonte Troop and is participating actively in their program.

Yours in Scouting, Andrew Wise, Group Commissioner

1ST ELMSLEY

- One representative from 1st Elmsley attended the Whispering Pines Camp workday. It is good to see the chapel seating done.
- On Sept.27th we hosted a gateways and would like to thank Roger & Dianna for their time and expertise.
- On Sat. Oct 1st, we had our Apple Day drive. We had a 50% turn-out and raised almost \$300. Our group is participating in the popcorn campaign.
- On Monday night, we had our Investiture ceremony. 3 Cubs, 3 Scouts, and 1 Venture were invested. Of these 7 youth, 2 were new to Scouting while the other 5 moved up. That's good for our Retention!
- Jeff Benson from Council came to North Elmsley Public School to conduct school talks for us. He volunteered to come on two consecutive days, so as to be able to chat to both kindergarten classes and Grades 1 to 6. I would like Thank Jeff for the interesting and educational display he presented. We are looking forward to getting our Beavers section going and adding to our numbers.

Thanks

Gary Thomson, Group Commissioner

4th Perth:

2nd Smiths Falls:

- 23 Beavers with 3 leaders, 2 activity leaders (Kim & a Keeo). Still looking for two more leaders. 24 cubs with 6 leaders. 7 scouts with 3 leaders
- All section participated in Apple Day. Best year so far.
- Cubs went to Cub camp after Apple Day and Scouts went to Brotherhood camp.
- Beavers made apple pies and apple crisp to take home for Thanksgiving; they are in the process of making an apple cookbook.
- September & October have been fire safety and we went to fire hall last week.
- Tonight they had their investiture and made scarecrows.
- Cubs have been doing badge work; planning to go to Saunders Farm with the Scouts & 1st Elmsley Group on Monday night. They filled a bus.
- Going to Camp Oskenonton in Westport Nov 18-20 and hosting a cub fear factor night.
- Scouts will be making canoe paddles this year. Planning to camp once a month all year. Youth seem very excited.

2nd Smiths Falls Scouting Group would like to host an Area Bears Hockey night to start off Scout/Guide week.

Tickets for the Bears game would be \$2.00 off each ticket. We believe the tickets would be \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for youth under 12. Tickets will be sold in advance.

This is not a fundraiser. It is just to promote Scouting and the Smiths Falls Bears Hockey team.

We are looking for permission to make this an Area Event. Game night is February 17th.

1st Merrickville **Events To Date**

- Registration at 66 kids and 15 section leaders. 23 Beavers, 32 Cubs, 11 Scouts. 8% increase over last year.
- Retention at 58% overall. Beavers 54%, Cubs 63%, Scouts 25%.
- MMS updated.
- School talks went over very well; was what pushed many kids over the edge into wanting to join.
- The PowerPoint slide show we did at the end of last year has been a great marketing tool both to kids and sponsors.
- Cub fall camp at Whispering Pines. 28 Cub in attendance, 90% of pack. Did hike (new white trail), orienteering, crate stacking, pellet rifle shooting, archery, first aid badge, shelter building. Learn the camp game, capture the flag, tinfoil cooking, stalking game, find communication modules (CDs) in the dark. Campfire with 2nd Smiths Falls. Detailed 27 page plan on the website.
- Beavers: Visited Alpaca farm.
- Cubs: Pioneering chariots, night hike with Nigel's Navy game, compass work.
- Scout participated in area JOTA camp at Whispering Pines. JOTA went well; astronaut talk was cool. My Cubs want Chris' cargo net swing at their next Cub camp.
- Leaders participated in laying of a wreath for Year of the Veteran with the Legion.
- Winning six (most badges earned) from last year went on a flight in a Cessna 172 at Smiths Falls. Flew over Whispering Pines and their homes in Merrickville.
- Aerial photographs taken of Whispering Pines.
- Apple Day for all, with Soapbox Derby for Cubs.
- Created Master At Arms Pack specialty badge. Cubs call it their "weaponry" badge. Cub must demonstrate proficiency (i.e. specific target grouping) in either archery, pellet rifle, or slingshot.

Future Events: * cub radio control airplane flying with Ottawa Radio Control Club.

Remembrance day.

Toronto Hobby Show on November 5/6 has free admittance for kids in Scout uniform.

Main Efforts * Website <http://www.1stmerrickville.ca>. Lots of pictures, documents, event information, etc. Getting historical photographs and documents from old Scouters. Hobbies & Wheels date change again -> April 29th/30th.

Issues : None.

Comments: check it out <http://thedump.scoutscan.com>

Allan Yates, Gr. Commissioner

4th Perth

We had a very successful Apple Day on Thanksgiving weekend and again appreciated the support from Perth and community.

Our Beavers and Cubs are meeting together but still doing some things individually. The Scout Troop is alive and well and attended Brotherhood Camp in September. We are welcoming two new Scout Counselors.

Our youth attended a meeting of the Royal Canadian Legion in October to deliver the Year of the Veteran crests. We really want to focus on our involvement with the community.

Arnel Pattemore, Group Commissioner

1st Portland

We had applications and registration fees for: 10 Beavers, 4 Cubs, and 4 Scouts. Having Scouts in our area is new for this year.

Leaders: At present we have 1 Cub Leader, 1 Beaver leader, and 1 Scout Leader confirmed. We have 1 helper for the Beavers. The Scouts and Cubs use the same area to ensure two leaders are present.

The Cubs and Scouts have made survival kits and small games.
They have made kites and have the children working on various badges.

Beavers have been learning Friends of the Forest practicing the Motto, Law, and Promise.
We have begun a Space program using the Beavers Jumpstart program as a base for the program. This program will go for about three meetings with crafts, colouring and lessons about meteorites, planets, spacecraft, etc....
We made Apple Baskets for Apple Day with the results of that still being assessed.

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts took pumpkins home to carve and decorate in preparation for the Halloween Party.
We will be having our Halloween party next week with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.
1st Portland will be going as a group to the maze craze at West Winds Ranch as part of the Halloween festivities.

We have been making crafts from the older crafts and Scouters books so that they are made from simple not pre-made material. We have built racecars and Beaver Hangars.

Dane Sonstenes

9. Hobbies & Wheels – date change again; Now set for April 29, 2006.

10. Presentation: Bill Lawrence presented Stan with a framed “Thank you with neckerchief” for being campfire chief for their Almonte’s anniversary on October 8th. There was a large crowd and everyone had a good time.

11. Gateway: Anyone needs Gateway, contact Roger Nuttall or Stan.

Next area Meeting: November 17th at 7 p.m.

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept on: _____

Minutes Signed by: _____ on _____.
Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner Date

