



## Area Forum



November 17, 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; John Stalker, Area Venturer Advisor & Carleton Place Proxy; Allan Yates, Merrickville; Andrew Wise, Drummond; Jean Trant-Lambert, Beckwith; Gary Thomson, Elmsley; Joan Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Smiths Falls; Bill Lawrence, Almonte, Val Venables, Perth, and Larry Palmer, 4<sup>th</sup> Perth.

#### Agenda Items:

- i: Meeting opened with singing of O'Canada, followed by short prayer
- ii: Items added: Bingo decision.

**Stan Lasenba**, Area Commissioner: [Lasenba@sympatico.ca](mailto:Lasenba@sympatico.ca)

#### Council Report.

- PRCs – restrictions have relaxed on DUI that are over 7 yrs old
- Group Chairs can sign off on PRCs. More info to follow.
- Audit for Council will be presented at the annual General Mtg on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Doug Hall names new Council Commissioner commencing July 2, 2006.
- John Boyce attending the Provincial meeting in Toronto
- Council sold over \$200,000. worth of popcorn.

#### DAC Reports:

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

ii: Fundraising - Diana Nuttall - [rnd@perth.igs](mailto:rnd@perth.igs)

- 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.

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

- **Reminder for Troops:** The Camp Zero Day Hike will be at Ken Richardson's on December 3, 2005. Troops planning on attending the Camp Zero winter camp should come prepared to cut the poles for their lean-tos and the firewood they need for the camp. Bring your lunch and dress for the weather.

iv: Camp Warden – Ken Richardson – lane was graded this week; needs more gravel. Otherwise nothing new to report.

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

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

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

- Has received 2 complete reports from two groups. Need all bank accounts (all sections within each group with opening-closing balances) submitted to Jean by **December 10<sup>th</sup>**. These have to be forwarded on to Council.
- Jean-Stan met with Tim Foreman to go over the books for the last two years. Advance made to Diana in error from our account (instead of council) has been returned.
- All requests for money must go through Jean/Stan and then forwarded to Tim.
- Monthly reports are still not being given out, but this is to change.
- National does the accounting for Council (we pay a portion of the fee).
- When registering, send in your cheque along with the names.
- If money is owing from last year, please send in your money even if not invoiced.
- July 20, 2005, balance is \$18,010.45.

### **Group Reports:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Almonte:** Stella and I are working with Lynn Levitan from Scouts Canada Regional office to work out the registration discrepancies from last season and to finish up required paperwork for new Leaders this year. Stella and I are working on the interviews and reference checks. We currently have 4 Beaver Leaders attending next weeks Gateway, I haven't heard back from the Cubs yet.

I forwarded our Scouter Nominal Roll to Michelle and Diana the other day, and will update the Email addresses as soon as we get them.

All Sections have short term plans done up to take them into the New Year. Scouts and Venturers are starting to plan for the Great Lakes Jamboree (GLJ06) next July near London, On., and CJ07 at Camp Tamaracouta in Que. The Venturers are looking at working as Staff at the GLJ and attending the Dorchester International Brotherhood Camp (DIBC) near London next Mothers Day. Stella and I are planning on going to the World Jamboree in England in '07. All Sections had Youth at the Remembrance Day parade in Almonte, where we carried our Colors and had a Cub lay a wreath on behalf of Almonte Scouting. After the parade, the kids gave the special Year of the Veteran crests to the Veterans at the Almonte Legion. All Sections are planning on participating at Light up the Night and the Santa Claus Parade, the first weekend in Dec.

I am starting to plan a Scout Display / Scouts Own / BP Banquet Day in Almonte for February 2007. This is planned as a gathering of all Scouting personel, not just from Almonte. More to follow as the logistics are worked out.

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Scouter Bill Lawrence

### **1<sup>st</sup> Beckwith / Montague Scouts**

We are doing a short winter camp locally. November 19-20, 2005. We will also be doing the first part of the Environmental Project for the Beckwith Township Park. The Senior Scouts will be walking with some adults to hand out candy in the upcoming Christmas parade.

Scouter Annette Thompson

All sections will be attending the Night Parade on November 26th, 2005

As part of the remembrance day activities Cubs and scouts had an opportunity to view pictures of Bosnia courtesy of Ray Johnston who spent the year there in '03-'04.

There will be a Christmas caroling evening at the Legion with all sections and some members of the Legion. At this time the Year of the Veteran crests will be handed out. Thanks to Barb Brydges for organizing this.

Beavers are still as busy as ever with the addition of one Beaver and a leader.

Jean Trant-Lambert

**Carleton Place:** No report received.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Drummond :

Reference: Group Committee Meeting held 05 Nov 2005

1. EVENTS TO DATE: (since the last meeting)  
**Beavers:** a. Investiture and Spaghetti Dinner b. Remembrance Day @ Lanark Legion  
c. Junior Rescuer Training  
**Cubs:** a. Investiture and Spaghetti Dinner b. Remembrance Day @ Lanark Legion  
d. Junior Rescuer Training d. Eco-Thinking: Building a Bird Feeder.  
**Scouts:** a. Visited Saunders Farm. b. Starting some map and compass work.
2. FUTURE EVENTS: (within the next month)  
**Beavers:** a. White Tail Sleep Over @ Museum of Science and Technology  
b. Planning a visit to a retirement home in the area. c. Christmas Party.  
**Cubs:** a. Custom design individual t-shirts. b. New theme will be on Astronomy and the night sky. c. Christmas Party.  
**Scouts:** a. Visit to Game Pest. b. Pre-winter camp – Nov 26 & 27. c. Christmas

Yours in Scouting,

Andrew Wise, Group Commissioner

## 1ST ELMSLEY

Our numbers have grown due to a school chat by Jeff Benson in October. We added 1 beaver, 3 Cubs, 1 scout and 1 leader, so beavers is up and going. THANKS JEFF.  
All our sections participated in a joint Halloween party. We had a veteran come in for a Remembrance Day chap. Our group is participating in the Popcorn fundraiser.  
We are planning to be in the Smiths Falls parade..  
We are looking forward to Christmas Tree sales and Caroling at the Local Nursing Home.  
Finally 1st Elmsley is content with the bingo meeting that was held.

**Gary Thomson.**

## 1st Merrickville

### **Events To Date:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> year Cubs did radio control aeroplane flying with the Ottawa Remote Control Club
- Remembrance Day parade and ceremony: 14 Beavers, 23 Cubs, 8 Scouts.

### **Future Events**

- Scout overnight hike in Limerick Forest.
- Scout Camp zero hike.
- Cub mountain climbing at Blue Mountain on Charleston Lake.
- Scout outing to Diefnbunker.
- Scouts building float for Christmas parade.
- Beavers: Pirates, The Old West, Sign Language, Fire Station visit, Kwanzaa

### **Miscellaneous**

- Website <http://www.1stmerrickville.ca>. Lots of pictures, documents, event information, etc.
- Historical photographs received from previous Scouters. To be put on website.
- Archived records going back to 1935 retrieved from Scout HQ. Partial transcription available on website including historical retention rates and registration fees.
- Hobbies & Wheels: Would like to discuss program at Scouters Club.
- Merrickville now part of Carleton Place bingo.

**Issues :** None.

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Arnel Patemore, Group Commissioner

**Portland:** No report received

**Smiths Falls:** No report received

#### **Old Business:**

**Bingo:** It was put forth by John Stalker that Carleton Place would like to “renew discussions re the bingo slots”.

- Questions were put forth: What information was sent out to the groups and to whom? Who was allowed to vote? How were the spots allocated? How were the decisions made? Was notification sent to the groups holding slots that they may lose spots?
- Discussion took place on how to handle the issue. Divide by # in groups. Consensus taken to go by numbers.
- John Stalker very forcefully vocal, that Carleton Place has unanimously decided that “their group was screwed” and they want the “status quo kept for Carleton Place”.
- Carleton Place would like the issue “re-visited”. Based on the number of youth/adults they have, and the number of slots they have had in previous years, they have based their 2005-06 program on that funding. With losing the spots they had, their program is going to take the hit. In their group, the adults do not pay for registration, and this money also covered that portion. Unlike other groups, they do not provide funding to youth to attend camps (they pay the additional fee).
- Heated discussion held.
- John Stalker put forth a formal request that they review the # of slots; allocate them per the number of youth and adults registered in each group.
- It was also noted, that Carleton Place was represented at the meeting (Bingo) and that both representatives seemed to be in agreement with the arrangement. They both had to leave early.

**Motion:** Move to review allocation of Bingo slots based on the number of youth and adults registered in each section.

Seconded: Diana Nuttall

**Discussion:** \* It was strongly suggested that all groups properly register their youth and adults, along with payment.

- A meeting will be held in January 2006 with numbers gotten from Headquarters at that time and at the January meeting, numbers be used to allocate the slots. Members were warned, that they may lose further slots by doing this. It was well understood by all.

**Vote:** For: 6,      Against 7      Abstain 2.



