



Area Forum



February 16, 2006

Lion's Club, Smiths Falls

Present: Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner; Jean Lasenba, Finance; Roger Nuttall, DAC Program; Dianna Nuttall, Fundraising; Ken Richardson, APM; John Stalker, Area Venturer Advisor and CP Rep; Jean Trant Lambert, 1st Beckwith; Gary Thomson, 1st Elmsley; Allan Yates, 1st Merrickville, Valerie Venables, 4th Perth and Joan Smith, 2nd Smiths falls.

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. with O'Canada and Prayer

Minutes reviewed and date corrected. Motion to accept as amended by Joan Smith, seconded by John Stalker. Approved.

Agenda Items:

Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner: Lasenba@sympatico.ca

No meeting this week. Phone conference next week with further report to be circulated.

DAC Reports:

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

ii: **Fundraising - Diana Nuttall** - rnd@perth.igs

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

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

Carleton Place Beavers had a one-day winter hike at the camp

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

Honours and Awards to be held at Whispering Pines on June 10, 2006. A fun day for all registered adults and their families. The Area will provide hot dogs and hamburgers, the attendees to supply salads and deserts. More to come

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

Financial: Jean Lasenba - lasenba@sympatico.ca

\$99.40 was deducted by Region to pay for a “going away” gift for Guy Latour. Gift was approved at meeting of Commissioners without a Dollar value.

MOTION: Maximum limit Area Executive can authorize for any gift is \$10.00 without Area Forum Meeting approval except for gifts within the Area.

Moved by Allan Yates.

Seconded by John Stalker.

Approved

Training: Stan Lasenba

- There will be a Basic presented at St. James Church in Carleton Place. Further information will be coming.
- There is an All Area Basic at Camp Opemikon on week-end of Apr. 20th
- Information concerning a First Aid Re-certification to come from John Stalker.

Hobbies & Wheels:

Detailed planning for this year's event is underway. Below are the current key details for this year's event as well as a few questions. If there is a Scouter's Club, then discussion can happen at that time as well. Please take the time to reply; I look forward to all input. The details below are subject to change.

The pack/troop trophies from last year, Beckwith has them both, should be brought to the next area meeting.

Key Changes

All registration on Saturday morning. Gathering activities while data is entered in the computer.

- If a colony/pack/troop/group is paying for all their kids, then as long as we know that in advance, the kids will be admitted at no charge, and the group/section will be billed for the number of kids registered.
- Both days a little shorter in length.
- Would like some new fun activities for the cars so we don't have the same ones each year (e.g. <http://www.1stmerrickville.ca/events/wheels/2006/index.htm>) but the construction material costs are not currently in the budget.
- No hobby trophies for Beavers, just participation ribbons.
- A parent handout for the groups will be produced to reduce effort of groups in getting accurate information to parents.
- Venturer self-propelled uphill cars. No confirmation that they are interested in this.
- Will attempt to get more media publicity.

Date & Location

Saturday April 29th & Sunday April 30th
Merrickville Community Center

Schedule * Cub & Scout racing on Saturday, Beavers on Sunday.

- Saturday: Registration 9am-10am, finish 3:30pm
- Sunday 12pm - 3pm
- Alternate racing between 1/2 Cubs, 1/2 Cubs, and Scouts.

Cost: * Fee will be \$10/kid for Cubs/Scouts and \$5/Beaver.

- This includes the custom crest, trophies, building rental, etc.
- Estimated attendance is 30 Beavers, 65 Cubs, and 15 Scouts. Area enrollment is down, so projected attendance is down.

Fundraising: * One option to reduce the entry fee is to have some type of fundraising or sponsorship.

- One method I have heard to be successful in another area is as follows. Car dealerships are targeted, and the manager presented with a letter and a Kub Kar kit as a "gift". If they decide to participate, there would be a \$50 entry fee. A race of the cars would be held at a certain point during the day and certificates presented. I can write the letter, create the certificates, etc, but leaders/adults from the area would need to visit their car dealerships/etc and do the sales spiel.

Activities: * Hoping to have a model railroad display, a display of large Meccano models, and a fancy 18-wheeler tractor from Tack's Toys.

- Gathering activity TBD. Ideas for Cubs & Scouts?
- Kar/Truck racing naturally.
- Pioneering rock climbing wall construction (outside) by the Scouts when they are not racing.
- Broomstick catapult construction outside for 1/2 of Cubs while they are not racing. Catapult war while the Scouts are racing.
- Fun events for Kub Kars (hopefully some new ones).
- Need ideas for a few Beaver activities other than the standard fun events.

Past Details: * Full details on previous years can be found at <http://www.1stmerrickville.ca/events/wheels>

Questions

- Are the leaders/adults from other groups (especially Smiths Falls/Carleton Place/Perth) willing to obtain the entries from car dealers/etc?
- Criteria for fastest pack/troop. Currently fastest average speed. This can be seen to favour small packs/troops. Should different criteria be used? i.e. average of fastest top three? Troop must have at least three entries to be eligible?
- Need ideas for a few Beaver activities other than the standard fun events.
- Any other comments are welcome.

NOTE: Allan will revisit the budget and try to get the costs down

GROUP REPORTS:

2nd Almonte REPORT

Reference: Group Committee Meeting held 15 January 2006

1. EVENTS TO DATE:
 - a. All Sections participated in Light up the Night and Santa Claus Parade
 - b. Beavers had a Sleepover/skating party at the Almonte Civitan Hall
 - c. Venturer's had a winter camp at Scouter Al Wellman's farm
 - d. Cubs participated in the Cub Winter Challenge
2. FUTURE EVENTS: a. BP Dinner 19 February 06
3. MAIN EFFORTS:
 - a. Working out Group subsidies for Great Lakes Jamboree 2006 (July 06), and CJ/WJ 07
 - b. Finalizing 2004/2005 Section Financial Reports
4. ISSUES: a. Will Area be providing any trading badges for CJ/WJ 07 participants or will Groups have to purchase them?
5. COMMENTS.
 - a. With all new Leaders in the Beaver program, they have planned an active season.
 - b. Venturer's are working on building snowshoes and finishing a cedar strip canoe that was donated to the Group partially complete.

Yours in Scouting,

Bill Lawrence, Group Commissioner

1st Beckwith

Reference: Group Committee Meeting held: *Last Tuesday of month at Beckwith school.*

1. EVENTS TO DATE: (since the last meeting)
 - a. Beavers busy with visits/Area events and welcoming 2 possibly 3 new youth.
 - b. Scouts working on badges and attending Area events.
2. FUTURE EVENTS: (within the next month)
 - a. Winter activities for all sections.
 - b. Pot Luck dinner on the 23rd for all sections. One of the Beaver leaders will be receiving the Award of the Caribou for his outstanding efforts last year. Another received his earlier in the year.
3. MAIN EFFORTS: (the groups focus this period)
Beavers to continue with their excellent program, Cubs to keep their head above water and Scouts continue to work on badges etc.

4. ISSUES: (items you need assistance with or questions you need answered)
Bingo continues to be an ongoing issue with Beckwith and the lack of parental help. Cubs are also in danger of not continuing next year unless new leaders are found.
5. COMMENTS. (general comment on your program and area program)
For the most part things seem to be going fairly smoothly while still trying to get everyone on the same page regarding finances and the dreaded paperwork.

Yours in Scouting,

JeanTrant-Lambert, Group Commissioner

1st Drummond Group Committee Report

Reference: Group Committee Meeting held: 27 January 2006

1. EVENTS TO DATE: (since the last meeting)
 - a. Beavers: Beach Party, Beaver Burr.
 - b. Cubs: Beach Party, Cub Winter Challenge
 - c. Scouts: Game Pest (Carleton Place), Museum of Science & Technology, Beach Party.
2. FUTURE EVENTS: (within the next month)
 - a. Beavers: Bring a Friend Month, Scout and Guide Week, Winter Olympics.
 - b. Cubs: Bring a Friend Month, Scout and Guide Week, Winter Olympics.
 - c. Scouts: B.P. Dinner in Almonte, Winter Camp.
3. MAIN EFFORTS: (the groups focus this period)
 - a. The Group's main efforts this period has been in the areas of program development, linking between the sections and "Bring a Friend" month.
 - b. At our next meeting, Feb 22nd, we are going to be running our own Winter Olympics complete with a medal presentation ceremony and events such as luge, Skeleton, skiing and curling.
4. ISSUES: (items you need assistance with or questions you need answered)
 - a. One of our youth members has a life-threatening allergy to dairy products. We are currently doing research to educate our selves on what this means and what we have to do to prevent an accidental poisoning. Does Scouts Canada have resources available to leaders who are looking for information on this?

Yours in Scouting,

Andrew Wise, Group Commissioner

1st Elmsley:

Everything is going smooth at 1st Elmsley. Our Scouts went to winter camp at Ken's. The cubs went on a Winter hike and the ventures went skiing. We are participating in our Church parade this Sunday and having our Family banquet on Monday night. At our banquet ,we have 1 Scout leader and 1 Cub leader receiving their Wood Badge 1 woggles.

We also have 1 new Beaver and 1 new Cub leader to invest.

Thanks

Gary Thomson, Group Commissioner

1st Merrickville

Events To Date

- Scouts participated area in the area camp Zero. Only -2C overnight, so sleeping outside was pretty easy. Largest troop in attendance. Scouts had fun. I think it would be advantageous if the activities could be a

bit more challenging and exciting. We had fire lighting, first aid scenarios, and a tree identification walk. The Bubblegum tree (yellow birch) was a hit! The Scouts appeared to spend hours pulling little twigs off the tree and chewing them. Some Scouts from other troops appeared to have trouble with basic compass and navigation skills. A lot of heavy camping equipment brought in by many troops, including hay bales by ATV; not what I would call a Scout setup.

- Cubs participated in area Winter Challenge. Cubs had a great time. Wet conditions were unfortunate, but beyond control. Whispering Pines was a great location; much better than a backyard of a church in a town. Major improvement over the last time this event was run.
- Over a two-week period, Cubs built Canadian Cub balsa/tissue rubber powered airplanes.
- Cubs did St. George the Dragon (galloping with a lance to pop balloons on a dragon), skating, and a Smarties based memory game.
- Cub winter camp at Rock Dunder Scout camp. Beautiful camp and log cabins. Cubs had a riot. Lots of climbing and sliding. Highly recommended location for both packs and troops.
- Cubs held a United Nations night based on an article in the Leader magazine.
- Beavers: Skating, visit to local nursing home, What I Want to Be When I Grow Up, Valentine Christmas Ball.

Future Events

- Scouts to hold second winter camp. Will be linking camp where senior Cubs are invited to participate for the day and overnight if they desire. Cubs and Scouts are providing their own food for cooking over the fire. Orienteering, pioneering, snow shoeing, cross-country skiing, star gazing, and shelter building on the agenda.
- Scouts to work on modeler badge.
- Beavers: Pancake day, Games, World Day of Water, Wilderness Survival.
- Beaver sleepover at the Brockville Museum.
- Annual banquet with slide show and demonstrations by the kids. Pioneering structures by the Scouts. History of B-P play from the Leader magazine by the Cubs.
- Annual church parade and activity day (Olympic theme) in conjunction with the local Guide organization.

Miscellaneous

- Website <http://www.1stmerrickville.ca>. Lots of pictures, documents, event information, etc.
- *Merrickville Remembers* (list of Merrickville residents who died in the wars) is being cross-referenced against the old registration lists. Of the 12 men who gave their life in World War II, five of them were Scouts (42%).
- Winter event idea for next year. This is done by Area 9 in Manitoba. Combine the Cub Winter Challenge and Scout Camp Zero into a Klondike Derby for both. Have the Scouts do the full event including camping outdoors; and have the Cubs come for the day and do a subset of the activities. This would spread the effort of activity organization over a large number of leaders and kids.
- Routing campsite number signs for Whispering Pines. Rough cut cedar from Ken Richardson.
- Hobbies & Wheels.
 - Smiths Falls has indicated they will not be participating this year.
 - No interest has been expressed in getting automobile dealers to compete as a method of generating revenue to reduce the cost.
 - Several people have expressed concern over the \$10 fee versus the fee of \$5 in previous years.
 - Recommend that the \$500 budget be re-instated to allow the \$5 fee to be maintained to encourage participation. These funds are put towards the capital cost of the event, and are thus re-used from year to year.

4th Perth Group Committee met on February 2nd, 2006

EVENTS TO DATE: Beavers have been sharing their crafts with the Cubs.

Cubs are working on preparation for investiture

We have one new Beaver and three new Cubs, now all registered in Ottawa

Scouts enjoyed the winter camp and have been active in many pursuits

FUTURE EVENTS

Plans are underway in all Sections for sleepovers

Scouts may go to Nepean Wave Pool

All sections will attend church on Sunday morning, February 19th

MAIN EFFORTS

Planning for the Super Wheels Day on the afternoon of Saturday, February 25th where all former Scouting members are invited to dust off their Beaver Buggies, Kub Kars and Eighteen Wheelers and join current members in fun and challenge. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in the races. We will also be presenting awards and a thank you note to our Sponsor.

ISSUES

Concern was expressed about a requirement for Part One training within the first year, something that may not be in the spirit of Strategic Direction Number 2, Scouts Canada.

COMMENTS

4th Perth is reaching out to the community and strengthening its ties with our Sponsor. We have received welcome support from area businesses and look to a busy schedule of activities.

Arnel W. Pattemore, Group Commissioner

2nd Smiths Falls – no report received

Area Venturers

Now up to 6 Venturers.

4 invested at the Cub Winter Challenge, which all enjoyed.

Next activity - Bowling.

All Venturers looking forward to reverse Kub Kar race at (Hobbies and) Wheels.

Not certain if we are going to Camp Slush. (If you have any good selling points I could use them as I have never been there!)

RSVP camp and Whitewater training looks to be popular.

That's it, That's all!

John Stalker

New Business:

Area Necker: Agreement that the Area Staff should have an Area Necker; sky blue with the Area crest

Camp crests contest. Open to all registered members in the Area. Design for crest approx 3inches square. Closing date to be decided later

Recording Secretary: Diane Nuttall

Group reports – submit by e-mail

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

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

Adjourned: 9:03 p.m

Next meeting: March 16, 2006 – Lions' Hall in Smiths Falls