



Area Forum



**Thursday
April 20, 2006
Lion's Club, Smiths Falls**

Present: Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner, Michelle Niefer, Secretary; Jean Lasenba, Finance; Roger Nuttall, DAC Program; Ken Richardson, APM; Sharon Dehart, 1st Drummond, Brian Billings, Scout Trees; Jean Trant Lambert, 1st Beckwith; Allan Yates, 1st Merrickville; John Stalker, CP Area, Venturer Advisor.

Regrets: Dan Sorensen, Portland, Bill Lawrence, Almonte and Annette Thompson, Montague.

Agenda Items:

i: Opening: Led in O'Canada by John Stalker; prayer by Stan Lasenba

ii: Minutes: Distributed to all members; Motion to accept by Jean Lasenba, Seconded, Roger Nuttall. All in Favour: Unanimous.

iii: Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner: Lasenba@sympatico.ca
Council report:

- New Council team: Doug Hall, Council Commissioner, Bob Hickson, DCC Program - council events; Andy Wilson, DCC Program – area events; Heather Chilvers, DCC training, and Michelle Niefer, DCC Recognition (Honours & Awards) and Group support.
- Registration fee has increased to \$120. The increase has come from the National level.
- Kelly Banks is the new Council Field Executive. She replaces Guy Latour.
- Rockdunder Camp in Kingston is now sold, however Scouting still has the use of it. Kingston is very pleased with the outcome.
- Popcorn Seminar for all fundraiser representatives scheduled for May 6th at Scout Headquarters.
- Voyageur Web site is up and running, and we now have a link to it.
- Registration packages are now up (handed out at Area Meeting) with the rest to be delivered.
- Marilyn Johnson, Camp Chief of Camp Opemikon has brochures available for those who wish to go. Extra brochures are available, and Marilyn will come out to your group if you ask.
- For those who wish to sign up, they are now taking registration for Staff for CJ07.
- Subsidies – there are new forms will be coming out, which will be made available to all groups.
- Membership applications also have new forms, which all groups should now have. This form replaces two original forms needed for registration.
- Council Scout Camp is slated for May 12-14th.
- Loyalist is having a Geo caching camp in August. Team consists of 4 members as \$200. a team, which includes food.

iv: **Business arising from the minutes:**

Camp Impeeza: * Package has been sent out to all groups (90-110 youth registered).

- Discussion was held over the activity of youth using pellet guns at Camp Impeeza. It created some dissention amount the groups/leaders, however with the policy of Scouts Canada, the event will not take place, both on a safety issue and insurance.
- Merrickville leaders are planning the camp and even with heated remarks regarding the program and with the change in the plans, they plan to go ahead with the camp.

We are all here for the good of the youth, so let all groups participate and the Leaders enthusiasm and help to make this camp a success. Thank you Merrickville for setting up and making this camp happen for our youth.

Beaveree: Brad Simpson has e-mail out all the information to the beaver leaders. The theme this year is Medieval.

Nite Vent: So far, we only have one group registered and they are Merrickville. Where are the other Scouts?

DAC Reports:

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

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

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

Hobbies And Wheels: 1ST Merrickville has Hobbies and Wheels ready to go on April 29 and 30, at the Merrickville Community Center.

Nitevent: Nitevent is scheduled for May 12 at Whispering Pines. I am starting to get worried because only one Troop has let me know what activity and how many Scouts and Leaders they are bringing. I need to know ASP what activity each Troop is bringing and approximately how many Scouts and Leaders will be coming.

Beaveree: Brad Simpson, Steve Bernique, Brian Maley and myself put together a program for the Beaveree this week and Brad is sending out information to all the Colonies. The Beavers should have fun at the Beaveree at Whispering Pines on May 13.

Camp Impeeza: The 1st Merrickville Cub Leaders are organizing this years Cuboree for May 20 –22 at Whispering Pines.

Scout Camporee: June 2-4th of June. The Scouter who was going to organize the Camporee will be out Canada for some time this spring and therefore I will be coordinating this event. I will be calling on the Scout Leaders for ideas and help.

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

- The water supply has been tested and is okay.
- Scout hut doors are fixed and a cover for the gray water made.
- One weekend only is totally open in May, which is the 19-20th. May 5-6h is booked for Merrickville Scouts; 12-14th is Night vent, Merrickville Cubs, Carleton Place, Beckwith and the Beaveree ... so we have a full house. The 26-27th is Camp Impeeza and 96 Ottawa.
- One rental site is booked to the 96th Ottawa (site #14) on the 26-27th. No funds received as of yet.
- Camp # signs are up and the red trail is 75% marked.

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

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

All Scout groups attending Scoutrees on May 6th. I will also speak to the event at the Area Meeting tomorrow night....thanks

After visiting the plant site with Rudy DYCK (RVCA) and Jeff WARD (OMNR) on Wednesday, April 12th, I can now say that we are ready for Scoutrees planting activities on Saturday, May 6th! The plant site has been flagged and marked-out for planting. Plant activities will take place rain or shine and we are looking to get things under way at 0900h sharp. This year, we will be planting Tamarack and Norway Spruce.

Please plan your arrival for 0845h and ensure that your youth are partnered up - one should have a pail (2.5 gallon to 5 gallon with a bail handle for easy carrying) and a round-mouthed shovel (with good edges for easy digging). Youth, leaders, and parents should come dressed for the forecasted weather conditions and rubber boots are recommended as some areas of the plant site are wet. Crests will be issued to the youth on the day of the plant - please see me at the plant site and give me your numbers. For those using Scoutrees as a fundraising initiative, I will need 15% of your funds raised to forward to National Office for the Brotherhood Fund...I will accept this at the plant site or anytime after (please note that I need to have this money in no later than the end of May). If there are still some groups looking to fundraise, I have 20 kits left and will gladly provide same to those requesting same - first-come, first-served.

For those who are unfamiliar with the location of the plant site, we are planting at the Drummond/North Elmsley landfill site on the Code Road - the Code Road is accessed off the Tennyson Side Road to the south and Concession 7 Drummond to the north, approximately 10 kms East of Perth off Highway 7. Signs will be posted from Highway 7 and Concession 7

Drummond to the plant site - a good landmark from this location is the marina that is situate on the NE corner of the intersection of Highway 7 and Concession 7.

I am hopeful that media will attend at 1030h and look to have a group picture of all youth, sponsors, and stakeholders at the plant site. Following the plant, hot dogs and drinks will be served...we should be wrapped up by noon or 1230h. I look forward to seeing everyone out on Saturday May 6th!

If you have any questions and/or require any further information, I can be reached at the undersigned during the day, Monday to Friday or at home in the evenings at (613)256-7282. My cell phone no. is (613)794-1975 and I will have it turned on and with me on May 6th should anyone need to reach me.

Yours in Scouting,

vii: **Training:** 23 participate in Basic Training, 7 from out of town. Total expense per person \$10.

Financial: Jean Lasenba - lasenba@sympatico.ca

- 1000 crests were ordered and they have arrived along with the invoice. The crests will remain at \$1.25 each.

Lombardy Food Booth

- Receipts for bills for \$52.09 was handed in. These were for supplies for fixing up the Lombardy Food Booth, which had been vandalized during the Winter. Stan received a Commercial door (heavy) at no cost; and supplies to fix up other parts that had been damaged, as well as pain. It now just needs a good cleaning.
- Relay for Cancer: is being held at Lombardy Fair Grounds and they have asked once again for the use of our building. Vote was unanimous for letting them use the building. (Like us, they leave things better than when they find it).

GROUP REPORTS:

2nd Almonte REPORT Reference: Group Committee Meeting held 12 Apr 2006

1. **EVENTS TO DATE:**

- a. Beavers participated in the Scout Appreciation night with the Senators
- b. Scouts went to the Wave Pool, did Disco Bowling and visited the site of the new Almonte Hospital and Manor.

2. **FUTURE EVENTS:**

- a. All Sections will be fundraising for Scoutrees on 22 April 06.
- b. Scouts and Cubs are getting ready for Hobbies and Wheels
- c. All Sections will be participating in the Group BBQ/ Wrap up on 2 May, in Gemmill Park. (Family BBQ, Going Up ceremonies, and Campfire
- d. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be planting trees on 6 May
- e. Venturers are planning a go-carting trip

3. **MAIN EFFORTS:**

- a. We are getting the Scouts ready for JAMBO '06
- b. We have purchased two more canoes, so Venturers are concentrating on Canoe training and Camps

4. **ISSUES:**

- a. Group Committee will be closing all Section Bank Accounts effective the end of this season and running Section finances as trust accounts through the Group account. This is being done due to change in Bank policies and to better control Group/Section funds.
- b. Early registration dates for this year, and cost.

5. **COMMENTS.**

- a. 25 Feb, 2007 – mark your calendars: Scouting history display, Scouts Own and BP Banquet at the Almonte Civitan Hall. This event is open to all Scouting families. More info to follow.

Yours in Scouting, Bill Lawrence Group Commissioner

1st Beckwith REPORT

Reference: Group Committee Meeting held last Tuesday of month at Beckwith School.

1. **EVENTS TO DATE:**
 - a. Beavers had a visit from the paramedics complete with ambulance, Easter egg hunt, building Beaver Buggies and learning about bugs.
 - b. Cubs and Scouts continue to maintain their programs.
 - c. All sections participated in our Vessey Bulb fundraiser.

2. **FUTURE EVENTS:**
 - a. Beavers will have a Nascar/race night, attend the Hobbies and Wheels event, participate in the Pitch In at the Beckwith Park on the 22nd and visit the Fire Department. They also plan on attending the upcoming Beaveree as well as have the third years camp over with the Cubs.
 - b. Cubs and Scouts will participate in the Pitch In on the 27th on the 10th Line of Beckwith. The Scouts plan on attending NiteVent as May the 3rd year Cub.
 - c. All groups plan on attending the tree plant on the 6th of May.
 - d. A joint camp at Whispering Pines with the Scouts, Cubs and 3rd year Beavers is planned for May 12-14.

3. **MAIN EFFORTS:**

All groups continue to do what they can to have fun and informative meetings for their youth.

Yours in Scouting,
Jean Trant-Lambert
Group Commissioner

1st Drummond Group Committee Report

Reference: Group Committee Meeting held: 31 March 2006

1. **EVENTS TO DATE:** (since the last meeting)
 - a. Beavers: Bears Night, Spring Night, Bug Night.
 - b. Cubs: Working on Astronomy badge requirements, Building Kub Kars.
 - c. Scouts: Winter Camp, Bowling, Scout Truck Construction.
2. **FUTURE EVENTS:** (within the next month)
 - a. Beavers: Visit to police station, Easter Night, Beaver Buggies, Hobbies and Wheels, Scoutrees.
 - b. Cubs: In-house Kub Kar Races, Hobbies and Wheels, Scoutrees.
 - c. Scouts: In-house Truck Race, Scoutrees, Games night.
3. **MAIN EFFORTS:** (the groups focus this period)
 - a. The Group has been focusing on financial issues and team building. We are concentrating on getting some new adults enrolled as leaders and committee members.

Yours in Scouting,

Andrew Wise
Group Commissioner

1st Merrickville Report

Events To Date

- Scouts built Scout trucks. Now working on forestry.
- Cubs built miniature catapults, went to Ron's archery in Smiths Falls.
- Cubs had a junkyard war, building little robots from a brown bag of parts from Active Surplus in Toronto.
- Beaver sleepover at Brockville museum very successfully. Highly recommended.

- Beavers did World day of water, wilderness survival, and hike.

Future Events

- Hobbies & Wheels.
- Pitch-in Canada. Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts to clean litter from around the village.
- Cub spring camp at Whispering Pines. Swiss Family Robinson theme.
- Scout spring camp at Whispering Pines. Canoeing.
- Scout canoe practice.
- Scout NiteVent at Whispering Pines.
- Beavers swim-up to Cubs.
- Beaver astronomy, T-Ball, Alpaca farm.

Miscellaneous

- Website <http://www.1stmerrickville.ca>. Lots of pictures, documents, event information, etc.
- Producing CD with our yearly slide show and all our photographs. Versions for each of the past three years. To be sold to the parents for \$5.

Hobbies & Wheels

- All on track.

Cub Area Camp Impeeza

- Operation Boot camp!
- Information package distributed to all packs. Akela's contacted by telephone and information package posted to the two packs that hadn't received it.
- Estimated attendance is 90-120 Cubs.
- Considering inviting a few packs from outside Valley Highlands: Oxford Mills, Kemptville, Spencerville.

Allan Yates, Group commissioner

4th Perth: The Group Committee met on April 6th.

Events to Date:

- Beavers and Cubs continue to meet together with activities including crafts and games. The Pack is doing many Cub activities and investiture has been completed
- Scouts are working on badges, held an outdoor meeting at the Conlon Farm in which they managed to confuse a compass course due to interference with the compass from an unknown source, had a "Chinese" night including a competition using chopsticks, and are now working on knots and knotting.
- Our Wheels Day was so successful that this will again be considered next year as a replacement for the family dinner.

Future Events:

- Cubs are hoping for a sleepover in preparation for camp.
- Scouts are planning for Brotherhood Camp and will also include other camping experiences. A mention of camp and they immediately ask "When?" Individuals will be encouraged to attend Scoutrees and also Hobbies and Wheels with the Group Committee picking up cost of registration.
- We will be holding a barbecue at Hendrik's Independent on Saturday, May 27th.

Main Efforts:

- We are starting to think about next year and making plans ot celebrated the Centennial of Scouting. We continue to receive excellent support from the community and sponsor.

Issues:

- Some concern was expressed about approaches being made to local businesses without informing the Group. This could have a negative effect on our local support. The feeling was that the Group Commissioner should be made aware of any Area plans.

Arnel W. Pattemore, Group Commissioner

Old Business:

Area Webmaster Report

1. Nothing new has been added to the website since the last Area Meeting. I would still like to collect some pictures from other Members/Groups for the site. That way more pictures would be available for visitors to view.
2. Pictures can be submitted to the email address on the website.

Yours in Scouting,

Andrew Wise

Group Commissioner

Direction for the Area to go

Discussion was held as to where we would like to see the area go and how to do it.

- Support quality program – at all levels with challenging events
- fresh blood – we need to recruit new leaders to bring with them fresh ideas
- training – we need to set up more training to give what the leaders are asking for.
- Service team – like we had when we were districts. Again, it is to find the people to do them.
- Job description 0- of what the positions entail, which will make it easier to recruit.
- Scouter’s Club.
- Concentrate on the Scout section; get it up and running smoothly with events/leaders, and then turn to another section.

New Business:

7 Challenge Award for Cubs: I have names from a couple of groups for the award this year: Almonte & Merrickville. Are there any more youth from other groups who should receive this award also. Please let Michelle Niefer know ASAP.

Adjourned: 9:35

Next Meeting: **May 18th @ 7 p.m.**

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

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