



Area Forum  
Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 2006



## Lion's Hall, Smiths Falls

**Present:** Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner, Michelle Niefer, Secretary; Jean Lasenba, Finance; Roger Nuttall, DAC Program; Dianna Nuttall, Fundraising; Ken Richardson, APM; Brian Billings, Scout Trees; Jean Trant Lambert, Beckwith; John Stalker, Carleton Place/Venturers; Allan Yates, Merrickville; Chris Tyler; Andrew Wise, Drummond; Larry Palmer, Perth; and Joan Smith, Smiths Falls.

**Regrets:** Danes Sonstenes, Portland

### Agenda Items:

**Minutes:** Motion to accept the April 20<sup>th</sup> minutes as distributed. Motion by Chris Tyler; Seconded: Ken Richardson, All in Favour: - Carried.

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

Council report \* Other than the Board of Governors, Council is the next in line for decision-making.

- Spirituality crest – new, which will go along with Religion in Life emblem. This is more for those individuals who do not have a specific religion. Criteria will be much the same as the other religions.
- Code of Conduct will be coming out for Youth.
- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coin/Stamp to be made. Mint presently turned down the coin, but the stamp may still be a go.
- CJ07 – They are looking for an additional 1-2 people to sit on the Committee at the Council level. Presently there is talk of Pre-CJ Camp.
- Training – new package out for training for new members on Council or Area Commissioners. A package will be coming out at a later date for Group Commissioners
- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary strip is being designed from 2007. It will be much the same as in 1967. All members will be able to wear this crest. If members still have the crest from 1967, this will be worn in addition to it and just above it.
- Chief Scout /Queen Venturer crests are now available for adults who have earned these in previous years and can be worn on their uniform.
- OOS for Chief Scout to help out in organizing crowds etc. If you wish to assist contact Gerry Mason at [Grey.Brother@Rogers.com](mailto:Grey.Brother@Rogers.com).
- Popcorn Awards – The move by groups is to go back to the Scout Bucks; most items that were received to give out were broken, therefore the switch back,
- Parent Consent forms – some feel that they need new for each event. As long as the initial consent form is signed, if groups wish to use one for each event, it is up to them to decide.
- Council Camp (Scouts) – only 100 registered; # way down. Why?
- Basic and Advanced Training – naming of each course is going back to the original – WBI and WBII

### 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)

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

- **Hobbies and Wheels** – see Allan Yates' report
- **Nitevent:** We had 39 Scouts (and Sr. Cubs) take part in the Nitevent on May 12 & 13. Patrols from Carleton Place earned 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place while 1<sup>st</sup> Merrickville took third place. It didn't rain after midnight and the youth seemed to

enjoy the various activities presented by the Leaders. I would like to thank the Leaders and the V. H. Ventures for all their help. Nitevent wouldn't have happen without their efforts.

- **Beaveree:** The Beaveree was postponed to June 10, because of threatened bad weather on May 13.
- **Camporee:** The Camporee, to be held on June 2 – 4, will be a Patrol Challenge this year. While the layout of Whispering Pines complicates the camping arrangements for a Patrol challenge camp, I believe we have worked out a plan that will test the Scouts on their Camping and Scouting skills while maintaining the appropriate safety considerations.

**iv: Camp Warden – Ken Richardson – [wraith@ca.inter.net](mailto:wraith@ca.inter.net)**

- May 13-15 - Night vent went off even though it was wet. Merrickville Cubs were also on site.
- May 19-21 – not in use as far as I can tell
- June 2-4 – Scout Camporee
- June 9-11 Carleton Place Cubs / Canoe Course / Family potluck c/s Honours & Awards
- June 17-18 – Almonte Beavers
- **I ask that all users fill out the Camp Registration sheet in the trailer.**
- One cheque submitted for 96 Ottawa Group.
- Bills submitted - \$67.00 for supplies
- **Crest** for Whispering Pines has been decided on, and the award went to Laura Yates of Merrickville. Congratulations Laura. She has won \$25.00.

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

- due to lack of names put forth for awards as well the inability to have the years of service brought up to date (death in family of Lyn Levitan who is the one that prepares these), the award part of the barbecue will be cancelled.
- The barbecue however, will take place at Whispering Pines for families – potluck and fun day.

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

On May 6th, 2006, approximately 111 youth, parents, leaders, and visitors were in attendance for Scoutrees at the Drummond/North Elmsley Landfill Site. Despite cold, damp conditions, planters managed to fill in an area previously planted w/ White Cedar with approximately 3,500 trees were planted (Tamarack and Norway Spruce).

At 100h, D/NE Councillors and Stan BLAIR from Blair and Son attended the site for a photo and the Reeve, Aubry CHURCHILL presented a cheque for \$700 to Scouts Canada for an off-set to the cost of the seedlings. Only the Perth Courier attended the plant site and took some pictures. I took some pictures and also included a brief write-up for a press release...the Perth Courier, EMC, and Lanark Era ran stories on the plant (these are the only local papers that I am aware of that did). Thanks to Andrew Wise for also updating the Area website with the plant-day pics.

Fundraising efforts have covered all plant costs again this year...thanks to our corporate sponsors - Centennial Truss (Lanark), Albany International (Perth), Blair and Son (Perth), Community Stewardship Council of Lanark County, and the Municipality of Drummond/North Elmsley. Tim Hortons (Perth) provided Timbits, water and coffee for the youth, leaders, and parents and Area provided hotdogs and pop (thanks Stan and Jean).

The only items outstanding from the event are for those groups who raised funds with Scoutrees in to remit the 15% to myself or Jean for furtherance to National for the Brotherhood Fund. The remaining 85% stays with your Group...those groups that I have record of receiving kits are: Beckwith, Carleton Place, and Smiths Falls.

Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with the Scoutrees event:

- Michelle for registering the planters.
- Valerie for dispensing trees.
- Ken/Joan for kitchen and serving up lunch.
- Bill Lawrence for coming prepared with the tent for the kitchen.

Brian E. L. Billings  
Scoutrees Coordinator

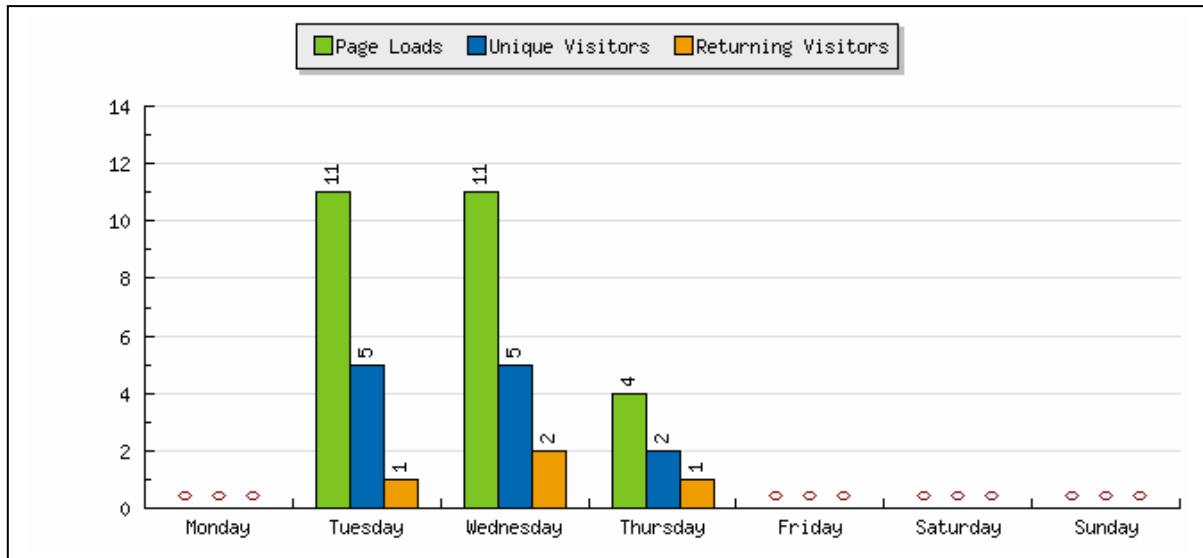
**Financial:** Jean Lasenba - [lasenba@sympatico.ca](mailto:lasenba@sympatico.ca)

- checks have been received from Drummond/Elmsley Township for \$700. and another \$500. from Lanark County Stewardship for Scout trees.
- Food costs of \$146.19 to Garden Market was paid from Scout trees. Left over drinks will be sold at the Lombardy Fair Booth.
- \$35. for rental of a camp site.

- \$21.25 made to Diana Nuttall to cover costs uncured for Nite Vent.

### Area Webmaster Report

1. Brian Billings supplied several pictures from the Scoutrees Plant on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006. They have been added to the photo gallery.
2. A photo gallery sub-menu has been added to the main menu, so users can jump directly to pictures from individual events.
3. A visit counter has been added to the front page. It will enable to us to see statistics for the website such as the following: Stats for May 15<sup>th</sup> to May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006.



Yours in Scouting,

**Andrew Wise, Web Master**

### GROUP REPORTS:

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Almonte REPORT

1. EVENTS TO DATE:
  - a. All sections participated in our Annual Group Wrap-up 2 May 06.
  - b. Cubs and Scouts planted trees at the Drummond Site on 6 May 06
  - c. Cubs and Scouts participated in the Area Hobbies and Wheels event 29 Apr 06
2. FUTURE EVENTS:
  - a. Beavers are doing a Family Sleep Over at a Leaders House 3 Jun 06.
  - b. Scouts are gearing up for the Great Lakes Jamboree in July 06
3. MAIN EFFORTS:
  - a. We are working on building a trailer to transport our canoes and gear
  - b. Registration forms and a letter to Parents have been sent all Parents about early registration.
4. ISSUES:
  - a. We have been approached about becoming the Group Committee for Pakenham. We have discussed it at Group level, but want to talk to Beckwith to see how it went this past year with their doubling up and get Area's opinion.
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

**Beckwith:**

1. **EVENTS TO DATE:**
  - a. Vessy Bulb fundraiser.
  - b. 6 Beavers, 2 Cubs attended the Scoutrees
  - c. Scouts and 4 cubs and 1 Beaver attended the joint camp May 12-14.
2. **FUTURE EVENTS:**
  - a. Wrap up BBQ with all sections at Steve Berniques.
  - b. Race night at Capital City Speedway.
3. **MAIN EFFORTS:**

Maintain programming with everything that is pulling members away.  
Looking towards next year.
4. **ISSUES:**

Ongoing issue with regards to accident at NiteVent.

Yours in Scouting,

Jean Trant-Lambert, Group Commissioner

**Carleton Place:**

Year end meeting and awards ceremony May 29.

Scouts/Venturers performed their Conservation project cleaning up the RR tracks in CP from North of KFC to south of Beckwith street. 8-10 bags of garbage and 1 bag of recyclables collected.

We have 3 Chief Scout Award earners. - Matthew Courtland, Amanda Burn and Nick Rouble.

Cubs have several 7 Award winners.

Hobbies and wheels attended by 1 cub, and 5 Scouts/Venturers. Rocket Kars went over very well with all observers.

Competition with other Venturer companies in area planned for next year. 2 event; race up track and distance (with small wings permitted?). Overall the event went extremely well. All the youth had a great time! Hopefully we can use this to get better attendance next year.

NightVent was attended by 11 cubs and 6 Scouts. Divided into 3 patrols, they came away with 1st and 2nd places. 1st place team consisted of 2 Scouts and 3 Cubs.

A good time was had by all despite the wet weather.

Scouts and Venturers are doing a 4 day canoe trip in Algonquin July 12-15.

**Venturers:**

Venturers ran a "Burning Arrow" event at NightVent which was a big success. Many thanks to Roger for setting it up. We are getting a reputation for playing with fire thanks to Hobby's & Wheels and NightVent.

The WW1 practice session was attended by 8 Scouts/Venturers and 1 Scout leader. John Instructed.

RSVP camp attended by 5 Venturers and 4 Scouts. All had a great time with events, chocolate fondue and the dance.

We have 4 Venturers, 4 Scouts and 1 leader attending WW1, 1 Venturer and 1 advisor attending WW2, and 1 advisor attending WW3 ( Orca certification).

**1<sup>st</sup> Drummond Group Committee Report** Reference: Group Committee Meeting held: Friday, April 28, 2006.

1. **EVENTS TO DATE:** (since the last meeting)
  - a. Beavers: Visit to Perth OPP, Hobbies and Wheels, Visit by Little Ray's Reptiles, Regular Meetings, Scoutrees, Hike at Whispering Pines with Roger Nuttall, Crafts for Mother's Day and Learning about a formal campfire format.
  - b. Cubs: Building Kub Kars, Hobbies and Wheels, Scoutrees, work on Astronomy badge.
  - c. Scouts: Building of Scout Trucks, Hobbies and Wheels, Scoutrees, Games Night, Kart Racing.
2. **FUTURE EVENTS:** (within the next month)
  - a. Beavers: Last Meeting for 2005/2006 and swim-up, Bicycle Rodeo as part of early recruitment for 2006/2007, Camp at Opemikon for weekend of June 23, 24, 25 2006.

- b. Cubs: Last meeting for 2005/2006 and go up to scouts, Camp Impeeza, Camp at Opemikon for weekend of June 23, 24, 25 2006.
  - c. Scouts: Last meeting for 2005/2006, Camp at Opemikon for weekend of June 23, 24, 25 2006.
3. **MAIN EFFORTS:** (the groups focus this period)
- a. Program year-end for 2005/2006, early registration for 2006/2007.
  - b. Inventory check for group equipment.

Yours in Scouting,

Andrew Wise, Group Commissioner

### **1<sup>st</sup> Elmsley**

Beavers have completed their year .A couple of our Cubs will be attending the Cub Camp. They will be joining with 1st Merrickville pack.Thank you 1st Merrickville for the offer . Our Scouts are planning some year end trips and the 1st Elmsley Ventures are going to the Venture camp at OPE.

Gary Thomson

### **1st Merrickville Report for Area Meeting May 18, 2006**

#### **Events To Date**

- Hobbies & Wheels was a lot of fun for Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts.
- Pitch-in Canada. Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts to clean litter from around the village.
- Cub spring camp at Whispering Pines. Swiss Family Robinson theme, which turned more into pirates. Had slippery pole jousting, sword fighting on straw bales, straw bale maze, night raid on the fort, animal race, crushing stick pirates with a rolling log booby trap, painted pirate flags and pirate t-shirts.
- Scout spring camp at Whispering Pines. Rained most of the weekend. Scouts ran mountain bike races.
- Scouts attended NiteVent and came in third out of seven teams. Flaming arrows was the coolest activity.

#### **Future Events**

- Beavers swim-up to Cubs.
- Cubs go-up to Scouts.
- Beaver astronomy, T-Ball, Alpaca farm.
- Impees area camp for Cubs.
- Voyageur canoe outing for Cubs.
- Canoe trip for Scouts.

#### **Miscellaneous**

- Website <http://www.1stmerrickville.ca>. Lots of pictures, documents, event information, etc.

#### **Hobbies & Wheels**

- Very successfull.
- Attendance down significantly over last year.
- Need to re-evaluate event and it's focus.
- Comments welcome.
- See separate report.

#### **Cub Area Camp Impees**

- Operation Bootcamp!
- All on track.
- Aerial runway already setup at Whispering Pines.
- Setup on Friday.

- Leader package to be emailed out before camp.
- Packs need to remember to bring ration pack lunches (one per Cub); reminder telephone calls will be made.

**Perth:** 4th Perth Group Committee met on May 11th, 2006

Events to Date: All three sections continue to meet with emphasis on the Scouting program including badges and skills.

Future Events: Beavers and Cubs continue to meet together and are anticipating outdoor activities including camping. Scouts are enthusiastic about camping and outdoor activities while also focusing on badge training.

Main Efforts: \* We continue to explore fundraising activities with some success. We will again be adding \$5.00 to the registration fees for next year.

- We are considering plans for special activities to celebrate the Centennial of Scouting.
- A focus will be on retention and recruitment of members. We are working on early registrations and exploring several avenues to promote Scouting in the community.
- We make a point of recognizing achievements and service of our leaders.

With summer coming sections will be completing the year and looking forward to a very vibrant 2006/2007.

Arnel W. Pattemore, Group Commissioner

### **Portland**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Portland Scouts Report**

1st Portland has finished its weekly program as of 15 July. This night was spent Beaver Buggy Racing and 18 wheeler races followed up with prizes and a BBQ. Stan Lasenba visited 1<sup>st</sup> Portland for our races.

The program finished up with Cynthia, Pernie and Joseph Banks running the program. Dane Sonstenes took a leave of absence to focus on his business.

It looks as though the 3 White Tails will move to Cubs next year. Although we had trouble filling Leader positions this year it looks like this is the way ahead:

Munroe Young will be a Beaver Leader

Dane Sonstenes will be taking Cubs with the help of Warren Goving (Smokey)

Cynthia and Pernie Banks will be taking Scouts next year

Here is what was going on this season:

April 24th: Hike to Beaver Pond

April 29th: Tree Planting at Kin Park (The Township of Rideau Lakes bought the trees and we planted them in the town that lets us have the community hall for free)

May 8th: Trip to horse farm

May 15th: Beaver Buggies/ 18 Wheeler races. BBQ. Race cars on display.

If you have any questions please email me or phone me. I will be looking at training as I am Gateway and Woodbadge 1 for Beavers but will be moving to Cubs next season.

Dane Sonstenes

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Smiths Falls Group Report**

Beavers have been very busy. Held their annual Mothers and Grandmothers evening Tea. The beavers worked hard making butter tarts, skor bars, rice krispie squares, blueberry muffins, chocolate chip muffins, tea, coffee and juice. They painted their Mom's a coffee mug and gave moms and grandmothers a carnation that evening. They had 36 Mom's and grandmothers in attendance. They are planning design a T-shirt night for fathers day, a visit to the train museum, going to the Beaveree, bike safety night with the town police and a family year end camp.

Cubs had a fabulous weekend in Kingston a few weeks ago. Left Smiths falls at 8:30 am Saturday morning boarded the Wolfe Island Ferry to go across and back, Subway lunch donated to them, then to Old Fort Henry to spend the night with Pizza- Pizza sending in free supper. Off to the Ambassador Hotel to Swim for a couple of hours then to the Rock Climbing wall for 3 to 4 hours. On the way home they hiked up Foley Mountain in Westport and home by 6:00 pm on Sunday. Thanks to Scouter Deb

for all of her hard planning and dedication for a fabulous weekend. Cubs are getting ready for camp Impeesa and for their year-end camp.

Scouts have been doing a lot of canoe training the whole month of May on the Rideau and are planning a canoe trip weekend. They also went to the hike on the Rideau Trail and had a great time. Scouts are also planning to go to camp.

The group will be holding an early registration night the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of June. Have already received numerous calls for next year.

### **Old Business:**

**Camp Impeeza:** Reminder to all the leaders to bring the “ration pack” for their youth. These will be used when they are away from their campsites – during activities.

Reminder to contact Michelle if you have youth that have completed their 7 Challenge Awards.

### **Beaverree:**

Hello fellow Scouters,

This is an update on the Area Beaverree. Last weekend was our planned date but was postponed due to the weather. We have worked long and hard and not wanting to cancel we have chosen **June 10th 2006**. The entire event will run as per the original schedule.

The Beaverree will be run from 10am to 3pm with the chance for the Beaverrees and Leaders getting a little wet. There will be five different stations including a themed craft, seiging the castle, knight's training, Joining a scouting party for a march and a obstacle course. Tim Horton's has donated snacks and treats for the youth.

If you have any questions please feel free to call or e-mail.

Yours in Scouting,

### **New Business:**

i: Where are the **trophies** for 1. Kub Kar. 2. Camp Impeeza. 3. Scout Camps. 4. Winter Challenge.

If you know of the whereabouts, contact either Stan Lasenba or Michelle Niefer.

ii: **Trainer's Meeting** – June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Legion hall in Smiths Falls at 7:30 p.m. (downstairs) All trainers are recommended to attend.

### **iii: Area Direction: Plan for the Future Service**

- Have a system of Service Scouters to mentor and help other sections with their programs
- This could be a leader from a section servicing 2 or 3 groups
- Amount of people  
3 Scouts  
3 Cubs  
3 Beavers

Example 1 Service Scouter per section      2nd Smiths Falls & 1<sup>st</sup> Elmsley 1<sup>st</sup> Merrickville  
1<sup>st</sup> Portland, 4<sup>th</sup> Perth, 1<sup>st</sup> Drummond  
Carlton Place, 1<sup>st</sup> Beckwith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Almonte

- This would give the section leader doing servicing approximately 2 extra meetings per month

### **Events**

- Gives the youth a chance to meet other youth.
- Programs can be more in depth - Some programs can be done at a larger event that are not feasible at the local level due to expertise or financial considerations
- Gives the Section Scouter a chance to interact with others, ideas for their program and often the chance to develop their own skills
- The Service Scouters would be responsible to recruit Leaders from their section to run Area Events

**Benefits** - More diverse programs

- Less reliance on any one group
- More leaders involved with the planning process (this should lead to more groups attending Area Events)

**Financial** -There should be a sum of money put aside for events. This fund would pay for shortfalls that may occur and also if there was a profit it would be returned to this fund. This would allow the Area to better monitor events and should provide more stability.

- All events should be planned in advance and a budget set and approved by Area

**Reports** - All Area events need a full report including program, financial and recommendations

**Youth**

The older youth must be involved in the Area. Having a youth on all committees planning youth events can do this. Youth Reps should be asked to attend all Area events and to take an active role in the program. These youth to provide feedback to event organizer on the reaction of the youth.

**Financial**

- Area Commissioner to continue to lobby Council management team to have all Area money returned to control of the Area
- All groups must ensure that Scouts Canada guidelines are followed to allow the Area to convince The Council that we can control our own financial affairs. This includes having financial reports with bank account numbers, opening and closing balances to the Area financial officer by 1<sup>st</sup> October each year.
- Area fundraising to be established. The cost of servicing is becoming very expensive and those who are willing to be a Service Scouter need reimbursement of some expenses. Area will require assets to assist in Area Events. (see events)
- Lombardy Fair Booth to continue to be the fundraiser for Whispering Pines. All groups to be encouraged to support this, as the camp is one of the best assets the Area has.

**Training**

- DAC Training - One person to be tasked with this responsibility to ensure that trainers are trained and that the Area is represented at Council Training team
- Area Commissioner to lobby Council for area to be in charge of Wood badge 1 training Training Teams to be organized on an as need basis.
- Gateways to be held as soon as new leaders are enrolled. This can be done on an individual basis. This would require more trainers but would also give new trainers more chances to hone their skills.
- Woodbadge 1 training to be held in late fall.
- Skill training to done in an outdoor setting if possible.
- Use Whispering Pines as often as possible for training events.
- When thinking of training locations, Think Outside the Box

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

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