



## Area Forum



June 15, 2006

Lion's Club, Smiths Falls

**Present:** Michelle Niefer, Secretary; Jean Lasenba, Finance; Roger Nuttall, DAC Program; Dianna Nuttall, Fundraising; Chris Tyler, Area, John Stalker, Area Venturers; Gary Thomson, Elmsley; Jean Trant Lambert, Beckwith; Bill Lawrence, Almonte, Allan Yates, Merrickville, Bob Sargent, Merrickville, Val Venables, Perth.

**Regrets:** Stan Lasenba; Brian Billings;

### Agenda Items:

**Minutes:** Minutes reviewed by all. Motion made to accept: Diana Nuttall; All in favour; carried.

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

- Council - Nominations for the Board of Governors ... Criteria will soon be on the Web
- CJ Precamp committee formed. CJ 2007 precamp will be the 11, 12, 13 May 2007
- Council Cub Camp will be May 11, 12, 13 May 2007
- O Ottawa 67 Vs Kingston Oct 20<sup>th</sup> Camp at Lansdown Park Cost \$11.00 suggest groups sell tickets at \$15.00 as a fundraiser
- E Extension for those leaders who have not taken Woodbadge 1 the extension process will be on the Voyageur Web
- A All Group Registrars to ensure that your Group Commissioner is receiving the information from Council Check names and Email addresses. If this info needs to be corrected contact Paul Totton.

I would like to take this opportunity to Thank everyone in Valley Highlands for their dedication and for ensuring the youth receive a program that is interesting, and meaningful. Your commitment is what makes Scouting work. I would also like to especially thank those who assisted the Area by organizing events and doing all the other things that make an Area work.

I wish each and everyone of you a very pleasant and enjoyable summer and look forward to working with you again during the next Scouting year.

- 100% Growth 2005-06 in Region – letters sent out by John Boyce CC to: 1<sup>st</sup> Drummond; 1<sup>st</sup> Montague; 1<sup>st</sup> Beckwith – Pack; CP; 1<sup>st</sup> Merrickville and 2<sup>nd</sup> Almonte. Congratulations

Stan

### 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)

- **Nitevent:** We received a receipt for \$15.00 for twine for the pioneering activity from the 1<sup>st</sup> Merrickville Group.
- **Camp Impeesa:** I want to thank the 1<sup>st</sup> Merrickville Cub Leaders for organizing fun filled camp for the Area Cubs. Much thought and hard work went into producing this exciting Cub camp.
- **Beaverie:** The postponed Beaverie was held on June 10, 2006 at Whispering Pines. Brad Simpson (Carleton Place), Joan Smith (2<sup>nd</sup> Smiths Falls) and Steven Bernique (1<sup>st</sup> Beckwith) were the driving force that made this event exciting and fun for the Area Beavers. Many thanks.
- **Training: Basic Canoe Course / Boat Rescue Award Course:**  
We had 12 Leaders and 5 Venturers take the Basic Canoe course on June 10 & 11, 2006.

4 of the Leaders and all 5 Venturers were from Valley Highlands. Stewart Ross (of the Nepean Rover Crew) and his training team will be back at Whispering Pines on June 17 & 18, 2006 to present the Canadian Lifesaving Boat Rescue Award course.

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

#### WHISPERING PINES CAMP USAGE

DATE FROM	DATE TO	GROUP	LEADERS	YOUTH	CAMP DAYS
28-Oct	29-Oct	2nd Smiths Falls	3	5	8
12-Nov	13-Nov	20th Carlton	5	15	20
28-Jan		Carlton Place Beavers	13	15	28
4-Feb		Valley Highlands Cubs	15	45	60

- The Marquee is being bored by the Legion (SF); It is being erected on July 1, at 7 a.m.

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

- cancelled due to the inability to get certificates from Headquarters, and lack of interest.

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

Brian sent his regrets in not being able to attend. Below is a media news clip on why.

#### TWO FAMILIES WIN CONSERVATION AWARDS

Eric and Cheryl Ruhs of North Grenville, and Brian and Les Billings of the Perth area shared top honours in the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation's *Annual Conservation Awards* ceremony for 2005. Certificates were recently presented at the Conservation Authority's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at the Baxter Conservation Area in front of about 250 people. This distinction sheds a little light on some of the many, amazing, voluntary environmental actions that people do every day in this watershed.

The Ruhs family have built a new home on the banks of the Rideau in the Municipality of North Grenville. They have gone out of their way to maintain and encourage the natural shoreline buffer on their land. They have resisted the temptation to remove all the cattails and put new lawn right down to the water. They have created a beautiful and functional piece of natural Rideau riverbank.

Brian and his father Les Billings have been organizing, fundraising for and coordinating Scouts Canada tree planting for the past 20 years on properties in the Drummond/North Elmsley Township area. When Les passed away a few years ago, his son Brian stepped up and continued the family tradition of instructing children and teaching youngsters the values of reforestation and natural landscape.

Foundation Chair Mary Bryden said, "We offer our sincere thanks to the Ruhs family for taking such good care of the health of their part of the Rideau watershed. And we are very proud to have worked with Les and Brian Billings in planting tens of thousands of new trees over the years with Scout participation. The benefits of these actions are felt by all residents of the Rideau Valley watershed."

#### **Congratulations Brian – well deserved**

**4. Old Business:** Camp Impeesa: Detailed report sent out by Allan Yates. Thanks Merrickville for a job well done. 72 youth attended. Deficit of \$420.05; bales of straw left (20-30) if anyone can use them, they can have them. Receipts handed to Jean.

Beaverree: deficit of \$69.00. Full report/receipts to follow.

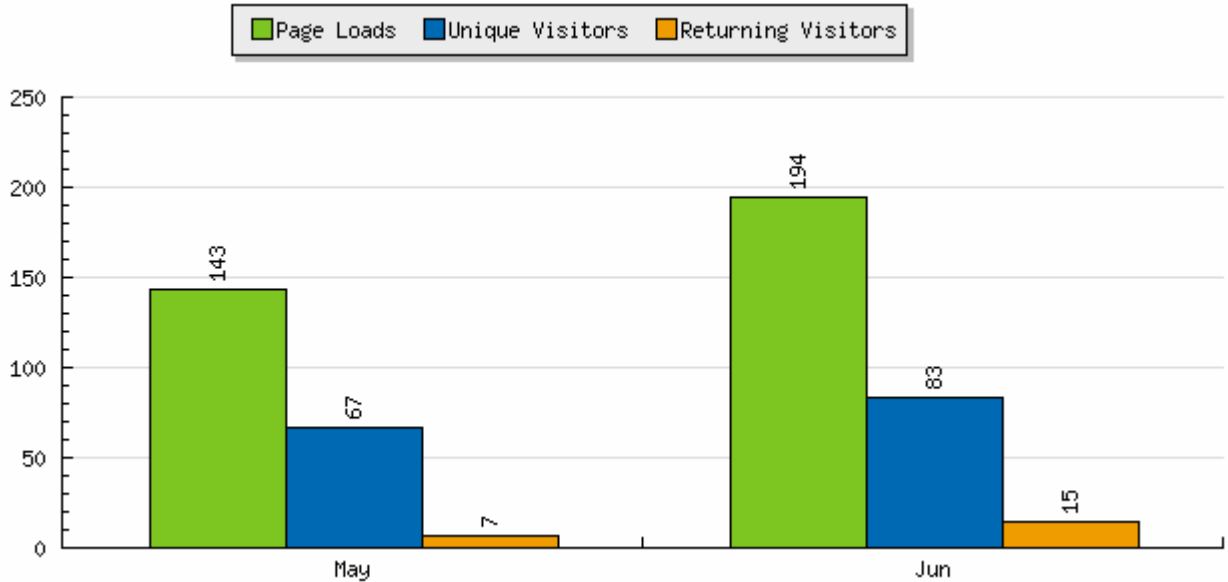
Motion: by Diana Nuttal, seconded by Chris Tyler to write cheques to cover the above amounts. 6 for; 4 abstain paying the amount of deficit.

Camporee: Cancelled

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

- No new changes
- Cheque to Merrickville to cover cost of Camp Impeesa (420.05), Brad Simpson for Beaveree (69.00)
- Cheques from 2<sup>nd</sup> Smiths Falls and 1<sup>st</sup> Beckwith for the Brotherhood fund from Scout Trees. Congratulations to these groups for participating.

**6. Area Webmaster Report**



1. The above graphs shows the visitors and page loads for the months of May and June to date.
2. I have been keeping an eye on where our web visitors are coming from. We are getting hits from the US (New York & Virginia) and from Canada (mainly within the National Capital Region, the Kingston Area and from Toronto). Shortly, after I put the counter on the website we got a hit from France.
3. I am still looking for more pictures for the site. Members can submit there electronic pictures to the webmaster's email address on the site.

**Andrew Wise**

**7. GROUP REPORTS:**

**Area Venturers:**

- 4 new youth signed up, now have 9 youth in company.
- Attended white water events
- 1 meeting left
- Plan canoe trip into Algonquin July 13-16<sup>th</sup>.

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

**1. EVENTS TO DATE:**

- a. Our 5 Venturers and two Scouters took the Basic Canoe Training at Whispering Pines on 10 – 11 Jun 06

**2. FUTURE EVENTS:**

- a. Beavers are having a Family Camp at Whispering Pines 17-18 Jun 06.
- b. Scouts are gearing up for the Great Lakes Jamboree, 8 - 16 July 06
- c. Scouts are heading to Lafleche Arial Park on June 17.

- d. 5 Venturers and 1 Scouter are taking the Boat Rescue Course at Whispering Pines 17 – 18 Jun 06.
  - e. Venturers are heading into Algonquin Park for a 5 day canoe camp 16 – 20 Aug 06.
3. **MAIN EFFORTS:**
- a. We hope to have our full Leadership team early registered with all required paperwork for new Leaders in at the same time.
4. **ISSUES:**
- a. Nil.
5. **COMMENTS:**
- a. Please mark your Group Calendars for the 25 Feb, 2007 – 100 Years of Scouting Celebrations at the Almonte Civitan Hall. It looks like a chicken meal (buffet Style). I would like as many Groups as possible to put on a display of their history. I hope to have about 200+ feet of display area around the room. The Scouts Own, and Banquet will be set up in the middle with the displays running from 10:00am until after the banquet.

Bill Lawrence, Group Commissioner

### **1<sup>st</sup> Beckwith REPORT**

This months Group Committee meeting to be held June 20<sup>th</sup> at Scouter Jean's.

1. **EVENTS TO DATE:**
- a. Joint BBQ held at Scouter Steve's.
  - b. Race night held at Capital City Speedway. Scouter Ken won his level.
  - c. Brave Beavers attended the recent Beaveree.
2. **FUTURE EVENTS:**
- a. Scouts plan summer outings although nothing has been confirmed yet.
  - b. A parent is interested in setting up a web site for 1<sup>st</sup> Beckwith.
  - c. Fundraiser at the upcoming Car Show in C.P.
3. **MAIN EFFORTS:**
- We appear to be off on the right foot with regards to leaders for next year. All sections will have seasoned leaders now so all youth will have a great year with programming and outings geared to their needs.

Jean Trant-Lambert, Group Commissioner

### **Carleton Place:**

- ended season with a Closing ceremony with each section moving up to the next; several awards were presented.
- Elizabeth Docker has agreed to be the new Group Commissioner.
- Web site up and running – Cpscouting.org

### **1<sup>st</sup> Drummond Group Committee Report**

**Reference:** Group Committee Meeting held: 02 June 2006

1. **EVENTS TO DATE:** (since the last meeting)
- a. Beavers: Water Theme Night, Bicycle Rodeo
  - b. Cubs: Camp Impeeza, Water Theme Night, Bicycle Rodeo
  - c. Scouts: Assisting with above activities
2. **FUTURE EVENTS:** (within the next month)
- a. Beavers: Weekend @ Camp Opemikon
  - b. Cubs: Weekend @ Camp Opemikon

- c. Scouts: Weekend @ Camp Opemikon
- 3. **MAIN EFFORTS:** (the groups focus this period)
  - a. Bringing 2005/2006 to a close
  - b. Early Registration for 2006/2007
- 4. **ISSUES:** (items you need assistance with or questions you need answered)
  - a. Currently searching for a new Group Commissioner

**Andrew Wise, Group Commissioner**

### **1ST ELMSLEY GROUP**

We are in the process of finishing up for the year. Beavers have been finished up for awhile now. Two of our Cubs and one parent attended Camp Impessa. The Cubs had a pizza party to end the year. Our Scouts are having a hike at Jones Falls and a bike trip in Ottawa on the bike trails. They are then having a year ending camping trip in Kingston with a visit to Old Fort Henry and a haunted city walk.

Kara-Anne Thomson received her Chief Scout Award in Ottawa.

1st Elmsley held a 1st aide & CPR course last week-end. We had 4 leaders and 3 Scouts achieve this certificate. We are also participating in the early registration, looking ahead to next year.!

Gary Thomson, Group Commissioner

### **1<sup>st</sup> Merrickville Report for Area Meeting June 15, 2006**

#### **Events To Date**

- Cubs had their photograph on the front page of the Perth EMC from their spring Swiss Family Robinson / Pirate camp.
- Beavers swim-up to Cubs.
- Cubs go-up to Scouts.
- Cub Impeesa area camp.
- Scout BBQ and swimming/canoeing at Kilmarnock locks.
- Cub outdoor game night.
- Cub Voyageur canoe outing on the Rideau.
- Cubs canoe games on the Rideau.
- Running Cub meetings through June, utilising the outdoors, has been very successful. Only about three Cubs lost to soccer each week.

#### **Future Events**

- Canoe trip for Scouts on the Rideau.
- One last Cub meeting before school ends.
- Summer camp for Scouts at Murphy's Point provincial park.
- Summer camp for Cubs.

#### **Miscellaneous**

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

#### **Cub Area Camp Impeesa**

- Operation Bootcamp!
- Extremely successful.
- Attended by eight packs with 72 Cubs, including 96th Ottawa and 1st Spencerville.
- Many verbal and written positive comments received on the camp activities and overall organisation.
- Report issued on June 2nd.

**Issues** Need next year's area event schedule distributed as it is input into section/group planning.

