



Area Forum



August 17, 2006

Lion's Club, Smiths falls

Present: Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner, Jean Lasenba, Finance; Scout trees, Brian Billings; Roger Nuttall, DAC Program; Dianna Nuttall, Fundraising; Ken Richardson, APM; Bill Lawrence, 2nd Almonte, Jean Trant Lambert, 1st Beckwith; Allan Yates, 1st Merrickville; Chris Tyler, Area team: Elizabeth Docker, Carleton Place and Joan Smith, 2nd Smiths Falls.

Regrets: Michelle Niefer.

Agenda Items:

Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner: Lasenba@sympatico.ca

- welcomed everyone back
- Starting to put together a service team. 8-9 people have committed. 2-3 groups per person.
- Brian Billings – Almonte Scouts
- Joan Smith – Portland and Merrickville
- Will announce others next meeting.
- Stan going to Council mtg; report to follow.
- Popcorn co-coordinator needed. Anyone interested – call Stan.
- June 1, 2, & 3 Council Cub Camp.
- CJ Camp mandatory, \$20-25 per person. May 11, 12 & 13.
- Night Vent – May 4th
- Scout Trees May 5th.

DAC Reports:

i: Youth -

ii: Fundraising -

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

- Apple Hill Warden asked Roger to identify trees and set up trail for them. Roger has since sent him some paperwork on it. Stan said he will go with Roger to help out.

Training:

- October 13 & 14 – Part I – place to be announced.
- Gateways – Group who need it – Carleton Place 2, Beckwith ?, Almonte 2 Sept 27th at arena 7 – 9 p.m.
- October 4th – Smiths Falls or Elmsley
- Groups needing help – Portland – group committee problems; Drummond – needs Group commissioner.

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

- grass has been cut; loose hay everywhere.
- 4 large tractor tires left at gate; picked up a lot of garbage.
- Poison ivy on Red trail (long) and White trail (gray).
- Stan says it can be sprayed; Stan, Ken and Roger to go up and do it.
- CP traced tails off the wall in container.

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

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

- Scott Blain from Blair and Son – Memorial Plant site.
- Pine board sign to identify sponsorship – Lanark County Stewardship Council, Drummond North Elmsley, Scouts Canada.
- All funds in Brotherhood fund.
- All cost break-even.
- Order from Rideau Valley, 40 cents per. Hoping for volume discount. \$146.19 for food.

Financial: Jean Lasenba - lasenba@sympatico.ca

- Thanks to all for helping at Lombardy fair.
- Still waiting for one more bill.
- \$2542.26 profit; down a bit from last year, but up from previous two years.
- Special thanks to Jeff Criggar. Jeff will run the canteen next year providing Jean and Joan help out.
- Bill of \$14.15 for gas for camp (Ken) – motion by Chris, seconded by Bill; all in favour to pay.
- Donation for \$1000. Brian Billings in memory of Les Billings.
- Top Honours Award for Brian Billings for his work on trees from Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation.
- Financial reports are due in.
- One page financial reports can be downloaded off web site.
- Transaction record now coming from Council. End of Oct we'll be getting an actual financial statement. We will be able to tell actual financial balance.

GROUP REPORTS:

2nd Almonte REPORT

1. **EVENTS TO DATE:**
 - a. 4 Venturers and one Scouter took the Boat Rescue Course at Whispering Pines on 17 – 18 Jun 06
 - b. Kirby and two Venturers helped out at the Lombardy Fair
 - c. Our Scouts went to the Great Lakes Jamboree in Dorchester in July, along with one leader and a parent volunteer. They had a great time.
2. **FUTURE EVENTS:**
 - a. The Venturers are in Algonquin Park on a five-day canoe trip starting yesterday until Sunday. (16 – 20 Aug 06)
3. **MAIN EFFORTS:**
 - a. Scouts and Venturers are working on registering for CJ07, and two Scouters are registering for WJ07 as International Service Team.
4. **ISSUES:**
 - a. Nil.
5. **COMMENTS:**
 - a. We have 32 pre-registrations in. 12 Leaders and 20 Youth.

Yours in Scouting,

Bill Lawrence
Group Commissioner

Carleton Place:

- 28 youth; 12 leaders. All sections complete.
- Meeting 1st Thursday of September.

1st Drummond has had a quiet summer with few activities since the stop of Regular meetings back in June.

Our early registration campaign was a success with 29 members (Adults and Youth) registered for the 2006/2007 program year. As part of our early Registration campaign we hosted a good old fashioned Bicycle Rodeo. With Invitations going out to 3 schools in our area, it was well attended. Support from the OPP (to do safety inspections) and from The Co-Operators Insurance (they donated prizes for a raffle) made sure the event was a success.

I would also like to mention here, that the vast majority of adults at the event had no idea scouting was open to girls. I think it needs to be made more obvious in advertising. I know we picked up a few new members when they saw girls participating.

We also had an all sections weekend at Ope. Youth and Adults had a great time. We did nature walks, canoeing and a treasure hunt.

Regards,

Andrew Wise, Group Commissioner

1st Merrickville Report for Area Meeting August 17, 2006

Events To Date

- Cub and Scout summer camps cancelled due to leader conflicts.

Future Events

- Yearly section schedules and financial statements in progress.
- School talks.
- Registration night.
- Apple Day.
- Cub Soapbox Derby.
- Cub bicycle expedition and poor man's geocaching.
- Scout kickoff BBQ and canoe fun.

Miscellaneous

- We gratefully acknowledge the support of the Government of Ontario for the following three programs:
 - Rock climbing and rappelling activities at local cliffs for Cubs and Scouts. This will be offered to other groups later this year once leader training is completed.
 - A fleet of canoes (along with paddles & life jackets) will shortly be available to be borrowed by groups.
 - A caving simulator (plywood maze in the dark) will be available for borrowing for group or area/regional events later this year once construction is complete.
- Website <http://www.1stmerrickville.ca>. Lots of pictures, documents, event information, etc.

Issues

- None.

New Business:

- 100th Anniversary – Scouting Banquet, Almonte – starting 10 – 3:30 Civitan Hall, BP week.
- Peter Lyons – interested.

- Suggestion for Lombardy Fair – Stan and Jeff; Trailer across from Scout Booth as a memorabilia booth. Fair Board in agreement. To be closed and locked up each night.
- Option: Lions Club stage that closes up in Merrickville, 60' long; 40' trailer.
- Cavanaugh construction
- Region or National for support – census: everyone in support.
- Activities for Youth?
- Stan to approach Ron to head this up.
- Elizabeth Docker questioned when is Apple Day – October 6th.
- Hobbies & Wheels – Easter weekend – date will change; to be announced next meeting.

Award Presentation:

- 15 year pin to Bill Lawrence – 2nd Almonte, 2004.
- Warrant of Appointment, 2004 – Kirby Koster; tom Joran; Tove Hunding.
- Stan found these in a box when he was going through old records, as well s 2 Cub Commissioner Awards.

Three flyers and posters available for each group.

Grouch motioned to adjourn: 9 p.m.; seconded Chris Tyler

Recorded by: Joan Smith

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

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