



Area Forum



September 21, 2006

Lion's Club, Smiths falls

Present: Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner, Jean Lasenba, Finance; Scout trees, Brian Billings; Roger Nuttall, John Stalker, Jean Trant Lambert, 1st Beckwith; Allan Yates, 1st Merrickville; Chris Tyler, Area team: Elizabeth Docker, Carleton Place and Joan Smith, 2nd Smiths Falls, Gary Thompson 1st Elmsley, Larry Palmer 4th Perth, Valerie Venables 4th Perth, Debra Hull 2nd Smiths Falls.

Regrets: Michelle Niefer. Ken Richardson, Dianna Nuttall

Agenda Items: motion to accept the minutes by Chris Tyler all in favour: carried

Our opening prayer was replaced with a song to support our troops
Oh Canada

Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner: Lasenba@sympatico.ca

- welcomed everyone back
- Still putting 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.
- Popcorn co-coordinator needed. Anyone interested – call Stan.
- June 1, 2, & 3 Council Cub Camp. We still need an organizer and volunteers

DAC Reports:

i: Youth -

ii: Fundraising -

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

- Hobbies and Wheels
 - Beaver buggies to be included in Beaver Burr at Conlin Farms
 - March 24 Hobbies and Wheels for all others possible new location at County Fair Mall
- Jota camp theme communication Oct 20-23 cost \$2.50 per scout includes crest to take place at Whispering Pines

Training:

- Part I – place and new date to be announced. But it will be a Friday nite and Saturday
- Gateways – Carleton place Arena Sept 28 7pm
 - -- Port Elmsley hall Oct 3 - 7pmparents and unregistered adults may attend any training
Council would like all dates of training listed on the web site calendar
- those who help others course to be set up in January '07
- all coaches must be approved by area
- need to make an updated list of coaches
 - Scouters council conference in 07

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

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- Poison ivy on Red trail (long) and White trail (gray). Could not be sprayed due to weather
- and the fact that spring is a far better time to spray
- Stan, Ken and Roger to go up and do it in the spring
- crest for camp has been designed and ordered

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

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

- will have done a site visit and order trees by next meeting
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Financial: Jean Lasenba - lasenba@sympatico.ca

- new cheques need to be ordered it is recommended that we go with the duplicating as well as the name on the cheques needs to be changed from Valley Highlands District to Valley Highlands Area
- motioned to change: Larry Palmer second Chris Tyler all in favour carried
- Motion to pay bill of \$48.06 for refreshments. Motion: Allan Yates; Second Roger Nuttall; all in favour: carried
- Final profit amount for Lombardy Fair booth \$2516.52 profit; down a bit from last year, but up from previous two years.
- Purchased 4 throw bags and 8 paddles at auction for \$185.82 motion to accept; John Stalker second Gary Thompson
- Ottawa has given us an account balance is \$19045.64.
- Financial reports are due in.
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GROUP REPORTS:

2nd Almonte REPORT

Ref: Group Committee Meeting 17 Sep 06

1. **EVENTS TO DATE:**

- a. Beavers started their season on 12 Sep 06 with a Meet the Parent night.
- b. Cubs started their season on 18 Sep 06
- c. Scouts started their season on 12 Sep 06 with a Parent/Youth/Leader CJ07 discussion.
- d. Scouter Tom Joron attended a CJ07 Leaders meeting and reported on it at our Group Committee meeting.

2. **FUTURE EVENTS:**

- a. Beavers are having an outdoor meeting at the NLAS Fairgrounds on 26 Sep.
- b. Cubs are riding (bicycles) the Trans Canada Trail from Carleton Place towards Ottawa on 24 Sep, and are planning their first camp on 29-30 Sep. at Lafleche Caves.
- c. Scouts are heading to Arnprior on 26 Sep. to hike in The Pines and do some Geocaching, and then to Lafleche Aerial Park on 30 Sep.
- d. The Venturers are looking for an area that they can use for a month or so to finish the cedar strip canoe that was donated to the Group.
- e. All Sections will be participating in Apple Day on 14 Oct 06.
- f. Scouts and Venturers have been asked to help set up a Haunted House at the Mississippi School just outside Carleton Place for the weekend prior to Halloween.

3. **MAIN EFFORTS:**

- a. This year a lot of our efforts will be getting the Scouts and Venturers ready for CJ07. It looks like 12 Scouts / 4 Leaders, and 5 Venturers / 2 Leaders will be going to CJ07. We have 7 Cubs that the Leaders are looking at moving to Scouts early so they can attend the Jamboree. 2 Scouters are going to WJ07 as IST. Scout Popcorn is being used as a Fundraiser for WJ07.

b. Getting all appropriate paperwork to Scouts Canada for new and returning leaders.

4. ISSUES:

- a. As a Group, we feel the policy of not allowing new Leaders to sign up for a second time if they don't have training doesn't help our Volunteer situation. Not everyone has an extra weekend or so to put towards formal training. That is why we recruit new Leaders prior to experienced ones moving on. Most of the "Formal Training" is taken from the Leader Handbooks, and handouts available through Scouts Canada, which is available to the Volunteers anyway. We feel formal training is a definite advantage, but losing a Leader who has spent a year helping to run a program, doing fundraising and camping simply because he/she couldn't attend training is not the way to go.
- b. We have concerns about the minimum/maximum number of Youth/Leaders required to make up a unit for CJ07. We currently have 5 Venturers thinking of going, but if one opts out, we no longer have the required number to make up a unit, so everyone loses out. If we combine Company's, i.e.: Area and Almonte, now we have too many Leaders who may want to go.

5. COMMENTS.

- a. Please mark your Group Calendars for the 25 Feb, 2007 – 100 Years of Scouting Celebrations at the Almonte Civitan Hall. Tickets for the Banquet should be available at the next Area Meeting. Estimated cost is \$20.00 for an adult meal, still working on a Child's meal. Schedule for the day: Set-up from 7:00 – 10:00am, 10:00am – 3:30pm Scout Display open to the Public (it will stay up until the banquet is over). 4:00pm will be the Scouts Own, with the Banquet following ASAP. I am still waiting to get final confirmation whether or not the Chief Scout of Canada will be attending.

Yours in Scouting,

Bill Lawrence, Group Commissioner

1st Beckwith REPORT

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

1. EVENTS TO DATE: (since the last meeting)
- a. sign up night
- b. all sections a go, new leaders for Beavers and Scouts.
2. FUTURE EVENTS:
- a. Joint camp with Beavers and Cubs Oct 13-15
- b. Beavers outing to Kilmarnock Orchard Sept 23
- c. All sections plan a trip to Bonnecher Caves following Apple Day Sept 30
- d. Scouts plan to attend JOTA. Oct 20-21
3. MAIN EFFORTS:
- To have all sections up and running and all leaders have necessary training.
Beavers learning to have fun and co-operate, Cubs play catch up on all stars, Scouts to push to complete Chief Scout.
4. ISSUES:
- None at the moment. All sections are in good hands and it appears as if this is going to be a great scouting year for Beckwith.
5. COMMENTS.
- It will be nice to work with Carleton Place this year. All ready the door has been opened for more co-operative events.

Yours in Scouting,

Jean Trant-Lambert
Group Commissioner

Carleton Place:

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1st Drummond

1st Merrickville Report for Area Meeting September 21, 2006

Events To Date

- Cub bicycle expedition and geo-caching rained out; will try again in the spring.
- Scouts had a BBQ and swimming at Kilmarnock locks.
- Schools talks done by a leader at one of the local schools (logistics fell through at the other two). Request submitted to Kelly Banks for school talks at the other two local schools. Registration down significantly at the schools where no talk was given.
- Registration night held. Uniforms sold on consignment to new kids; Scout shop will probably not allow this in the future and offer bulk mail order instead.
- Registration to date is 17 Beavers, 20 Cubs, and 16 Scouts, for a total of 53 kids and 12 adults. Pack is 45% female. Retention rate is at 59%. MMS has been updated.
- Scouts sold cheese door to door as a fundraiser for CJ07.

Future Events

- Apple Day Sat Sep 23 & Sun Sep 24.
- Cub Soapbox Derby Sat Sep 23.
- Beavers will be doing ants, a campfire, dark skies, and an exercise night.
- Cubs will be doing campfire songs, knots, CP rail & OPP community police, a night hike, fall camp at Whispering Pines Sep 29-Oct 1, radio control airplane flying for 3rd years Cubs, making Guys for Guy Fawkes night.
- Scouts will be having an evening hike and prepping for their fall camp which will be bicycle themed at Whispering Pines on Oct 13-15.

Miscellaneous

- Group financial statement to be submitted at the area meeting.
- Permission forms from 2005/2006 will be submitted at the area meeting.
- Need to purchase a package of area crests at the area meeting.
- Recommend that a table be published at each area meeting listing all the service Scouters and showing how many times they have visited each group. This would aid in tracking the results of this valuable effort.
- Recommend that the area financial statement for 2005/2006 be published and distributed to the groups.
- Area event reports and financial statements from 2005/2006 still need to be published.
- Website currently down due to computer being fried by a brownout; will be back up in the next week.

Issues

- None.

Old Business

2006 Spring Beaverie - Valley Highlands Area

June 12th 2006 Whispering Pines Scout Camp

This year the Valley Highlands Beavers participated in a Medieval times day of fun. The event was held at Whispering Pines. We had scheduled the event for the beginning of May but we postponed for June due to weather. As a result our attendance dropped from 56 youth and 25 parents/leaders to 30 youth and 20 parents/leaders.

Each Beaver was assigned to a team of 5. Beavers were then directed through a five-rotation program. Tim Horton's in Carleton Place provided the muffins for the morning snack and timbits and donuts for the afternoon. Joan Smith donated hot chocolate, freezes and the wooden swords for the craft.

We had one trip to the hospital with a Beaver who had gastrointestinal problems. We were met at the hospital by his mom. Everyone else had a great time with the Beavers wanting to know when the next event would be!

Yours in Scouting,

The 2006 spring Beaveree team.

Brian, Roger, Joan, Steve and Bradley.

Crafts- 111.00 crests-236.33 total costs-347.33

30 Beavers x 5.00= 150.00

15 Leaders and paying adults x 5.00=75.00

Costs-income= profit/loss

347.33-225.00= 122.33

This loss was caused by the date change from May to June, causing a decrease in attendance and light rain on the rain date caused a further no show.

* Getting groups to commit ahead of time and pay as well was a challenge. *

- **New Business**

- Everyone should have received their popcorn forms if not see Stan
 - you must call Ottawa to order your popcorn Kits
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- Family Fun Nite at Science and Tech museum to kick off popcorn campaign free admission Sept 28 7pm
- Duke of Edinburgh Award - Ages 14-25; see Stan for details
- Lost Child Services request for volunteers, ventures and rovers
- Gary questioned the best way to go about the PRC's. It has been set up in the past that Rideau Lakes OPP sends all PRC directly to Scouts Canada in Ottawa they are then returned to each group most other police services will return the form to the applicant then the group must forward the original to Ottawa
- An updated list of all area owned Gear is going to be composed for all groups knowledge Elizabeth This list should be ready for next meeting
- ☒ John Stalker has researched the Trillium Grant and would like to submit a request for a \$15000 grant to purchase white water canoes, trailer and all necessary supplies motion for John to continue with paperwork by Allan Yates 2nd Roger Nuttall
- ☒ A display kit has been given to each area to help with school talks and displays at registrations this is available to all groups see Stan for more details
- ☒ Allan Yates has been in contact with Ron Lyons and he is willing to help with the display booth at Lombardy Fair
More flyers and posters available for each group.

Motioned to adjourn: 9:20 pm.; Chris Tyler Second Joan Smith

Recorded by: Debra Hull

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

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