



Area Forum



October 19, 2006

Lion's Club, Smiths falls

Present: Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner, Michelle Niefer, Secretary; Jean Lasenba, Finance; Roger Nuttall, DAC Program; Ken Richardson, APM; Chris Tyler, Area; Jean Trant Lambert, 1st Beckwith; Bill Lawrence, 2nd Almonte, Val Venables, Perth, Larry Palmer, 4th Perth, Paul Kehoe, 1st Drummond; Elizabeth Docker, Carleton Place.

Regrets: Brian Billings, Scout Trees; Alan Yates, 1st Merrickville, Gary Thomson, 1st Elmsley

Agenda Items:

1. **Minutes:** Were read. Motion to Accept: Larry Palmer, Second Roger Nuttall; All in favour.

2. **Stan Lasenba**, Area Commissioner: Lasenba@sympatico.ca

- No report from Council at this time.

3. **DAC Reports:**

i: Youth -

ii: **Fundraising – Jenny Williams – canadajennywilliams@hotmail.com**

- popcorn fundraiser begins October 10th until November 10th. Delivery to be November 25/26th. If interested, contact Jenny Williams.

iii: **Program - Roger Nuttall – rsnuttall@storm.ca**

- **JOTA Camp** – I am expecting only about 20 Scouts for the JOTA Camp this weekend. I have been having computer and server problems for the last month or so, hence some of the Troops may not have been able to e-mail me to let me know if they are coming or not. I have now a new computer and a new e-mail address. rsnuttall@storm.ca
- **PL Conference October 28th.**

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

- Camping days for Whispering Pines this year to date is 354 days.
- Received thank you letter from Marilyn Johnson for Camp usage.
- Two loads of gravel were purchased and dispersed on the road entering camp. Tacklberry donated a load, which we have on hand for future use. Many thanks to the individuals from Merrickville and the Venturer Advisor and Company for assisting in the work.
- Camp is booked weekend of 13-15th of October.
- Crests: 500 have been ordered (3" embroidery) for Whispering Pines, cost \$1.25 each.

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

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

Rudy, Dan, and I were out to the Drummond site to review the planting from the Spring. The survival rate is looking pretty good at this point...the Tamarack seem to be thriving and the Norway Spruce planted 2 years ago and last year are also doing well. Despite heavy deer grazing, even some of the cedar seedlings are still hanging on!!! We looked for other planting areas in the buffer zone to the dumps site but as you can see from Rudy's comments below, the Township needs to perform some site prep in other areas before Scouts can plant any more trees on this site.

There is a property owned by a local farmer (88 years old) and he would like Scouts Canada to plant some trees for him - he is buying the trees and the plant site, while natural, is pretty good walking and digging. The site is located on the 5th Line of Drummond at the Tennyson Road - not that far from where we have been planting in Drummond.... just about 2 miles from the Dump Site.

I am proposing that we plant the Brooks' Farm site this year (2007) and then go back to the Drummond site in 2008. After the elections, Rudy and I will approach the D/NE Council and speak to them on the plant site and future planting plans. It is a good partnership that we have with the Municipality so we don't want to lose it! I do think that for the youth and some leaders who have been planting at this site for years that a change of scenery might be welcome - nice to plant a new area and then come back to the dumpsite to see the change that a year makes! Certainly, the fundraising requirements will be significantly reduced this year and I need only raise funds to cover kits, badges, and food for the event.

Assuming that this meets with your approval, can I ask you to raise this for me at the October Area Meeting...I am not going to be able to make it because I will be in London, ON attending a campus security conference. I will provide a further update at November's meeting and by that time will have addressed the Reeve on this planting plan to ensure that our partnership continues with the Municipality while we hiatus for the 2007 plant. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to give me a call before the meeting. I trust that this will also be sufficient to pass along to Michelle for inclusion in the minutes as my October report - I have copied her on this message.

When are you planning the meeting with the Service Team? I just need to know what my duties and expectations are with respect to the Almonte Scout Group...I will await your reply.

YIS,

Brian E. L. Billings

Financial: Jean Lasenba - lasenba@sympatico.ca

- No new correspondence since last month.
- No report from Council on our account.
- Balance remains \$1945.64

4. GROUP REPORTS:

2nd Almonte REPORT

1. EVENTS TO DATE:
 - a. All Sections participated in our Apple Day blitz on 14 Oct 06.
 - b. Cubs had their Fall camp at the Mill of Kintail following Apple Day
 - c. Scouts went on the Haunted Walk tour in Ottawa on 13 Oct 06.
2. FUTURE EVENTS:
 - a. Beavers are planning a trip to Saunders Farm on 24 Oct, and are having their Investiture night on 24 Oct 06.
 - b. All Sections are planning on participating in the Remembrance Day Parade in Almonte.
 - c. Venturers will be setting up a Haunted House room at the Mississippi School just outside Carleton Place for the weekend prior to Halloween.
3. MAIN EFFORTS:
 - a. Trying to get all paperwork to Scouts Canada for Leaders and youth.
4. ISSUES:
 - a. We had a privacy issue come up in regards to having the Area Nominal roll on the web. Care should be taken when publishing anything with personal data on it.
5. COMMENTS.

- a. I don't have much of an update on the Group as our scheduled meeting was postponed from 15 October to 22 Oct 06.
- b. **25 Feb, 2007 – 100 Years of Scouting**
 Celebrations at the Almonte Civitan Hall. Tickets for the Banquet will be available at the next Area Meeting. Cost is \$20.00 for an adult meal, \$10.00 for 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 received confirmation that the Chief Scout of Canada will not be attending. Do we have an Area Chaplin that I can approach to do the Scouts Own on 25 Feb 07?

Yours in Scouting, Bill Lawrence
 Group Commissioner

1st Beckwith REPORT

Reference: Group Committee Meeting held Oct 24th 7:30pm Beckwith School.

1. EVENTS TO DATE: (since the last meeting)
 - a. Successful Apple Day. Maintained about same profit as last year despite lower numbers participating.
 - b. Joint camp with Beavers and Cubs. Despite the cool wet weather all went well.
2. FUTURE EVENTS: (within the next month)
 - a. Helping out with Beckwith Township's annual Halloween party.
 - b. Plans underway for Scouts to hold some fundraising events for ex. Spaghetti dinner.
 - c. All sections are participating in the popcorn drive.
3. MAIN EFFORTS: (the groups focus this period)
 As always the main focus is to have happy youth learning and having fun. As well as to have happy leaders willing to return week after week.
4. ISSUES: (items you need assistance with or questions you need answered)
 None at this time with the exception of more leaders needed for the Beaver program.
5. COMMENTS. (general comment on your program and area program)
 Too all intents and purposes all sections appear to be running smoothly. Each section has qualified leaders and more to the point leaders that are committed to ensuring the youth are learning the things that Baden-Powell set out to teach.

Yours in Scouting, Jean Trant-Lambert
 Group Commissioner

Merrickville

Events To Date

- Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts did their Apple Days. Weather was bad on both the Saturday and Sunday and thus the profit was about half of last year.
- Cubs had their Soapbox Derby after Apple Day.
- Cubs had a fall camp at Whispering Pines. Search and rescue games, fire lighting, pellet rifles, and slingshots were the key activities.

- Cubs did a night hike. Knot chart with stickers being used to encourage Cubs to learn their knots; working well. Custom knot crests ordered to be awarded to those Cubs that learn all seven knots and can demonstrate them to the Pack.
- Scouts had a rather wet fall camp at Whispering Pines, which included a bicycle ride to Murphy's Point provincial park and back. The Merrickville Pathfinders participated as well.
- Registration to date is 19 Beavers, 24 Cubs, and 16 Scouts, for a total of 59 kids and 13 adults. Two new Beaver leaders in the interview process. MMS has been updated.
- Youth retention rate is at 64%, but overall youth+adult retention is at 70% thus qualifying for the council registration fee kickback.

Future Events

- Beavers will be doing fright night (scary costumes), making crosses for Remembrance Day, and marshmallow golf.
- Cubs will have a fire department night and making "Guys" for Guy Fawkes.
- Scouts will be doing an evening hike, investitures, and planning an overnight hike.
- All sections will be participating in the Remembrance Day ceremony.

Miscellaneous

- Looking forward to seeing publication of the list of service Scouters. Hopefully this will include information of their section visits to date.
- Looking forward to seeing the syllabus for the Gateway course.
- Looking forward to seeing the area's equipment inventory.

Issues

- No annual financial statements published by the area for the past several years.
- Many area event reports and financial statements not yet submitted for 2005/2006.

Perth

Past Activities: Our registration was held on September 9th. Unfortunately we have had to suspend our Beaver program due to insufficient registrants.

Apple Day held on October 7th was highly successful and evidence of the good reputation we have in the community.

Our Scouts attended Brotherhood Camp and report a good time. They also did several activities over the summer.

One of our Scouts has volunteered as Scouter in Training with the Cub Pack.

Future Plans: The Cub Pack is working on general information especially with new members as well as exploring some of the badges. They are presently preparing lair curtains for the meeting hall.

The Scout Troop continues to be active and is already making plans for winter camp. They will continue to work on badges.

Some of our Scouts will be attending the Canadian Jamboree in 2007.

Both Sections will participate in the Remembrance Day parade.

Long term plans are in place for an exciting year including ideas for celebrating the centennial of Scouting.

We will be taking part in the Scout Popcorn program.

4th Perth continues to enjoy the support of our sponsor as well as other organizations in the community. We are fortunate in having a full slate of adult volunteers returning as well as two new Scout Counsellors.

Arnel W. Pattemore,
Group Commissioner

5. New Business:

i: **Merrickville Web site** – very well done however several complaints of VH role on their site. It has since been removed.

Discussion: was held; all agreed that it should not have been put on without everyone's consent.

ii: Tim Foreman: for Group Commissioners needing to get on the MMS system, call Tim and he will assist you, as well as Lyn Levatin.

iii: **Special events for 2007**

- Ron Lyons has agreed to chair the committee in conjunction with Lombardy Fair.
- Merrickville's Lion's Club have a 40' trailer that will loan for us to do a display.
- Lombardy Fair Board – will meet in January for discussion of events. Partner with them – give more press.
- Several ideas have already been tossed out for thought. I.e.; if wearing Scouting uniform, they can get into the Fairgrounds free; have something for youth to do (craft); look into making buttons (possible to buy machine for area and for future events).
- Any ideas welcomed.

iv: **Almonte:** February 25th – “100 years of Scouting” banquet. Please refer to Almonte Group report for more information.

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

Minutes Signed by: _____

Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner