



Area Forum



**Thursday
January 18, 2007
Lion's Club, Smiths Falls**

Present: Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner, Jean Lasenba, Finance; Roger Nuttall, DAC Program; Ken Richardson, APM; Larry Palmer, Perth, V. Venables, Perth, Paul Kehoe, Drummond, Brian Billings Kelly Banks, Prov Field Exec., Joan Smith, John Stalker, Bob Hickson, DCC Program and Elizabeth Docker, CP

Regrets: Michelle Niefer, Chris Tyler and Jean-Trant Lambert

Agenda Items:

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Prayer

Minutes – Previous minutes read: Errors and Omissions: Should have read PR kits are available.
Motion to accept minutes: Ken Richardson, Seconded Roger Nuttall; all in favour.

Business arriving from minutes:

- Registration refund is being re-examined.
- Senator 50/50 is a go, see Stan for contact name and # to register.
- Tackaberry and the Crest bills both have been paid.

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- Youth rep still needed.
- Council : : Friendfest reduced fee is now \$90. A ballot for every new registration will go in a draw \$400 in Scout bucks will go to the group and \$100 Scout bucks to the youth who brought the friend if your name is drawn.
- New award forms for CCM must be submitted by February 5th to have the award back in time for Scout-Guide week.
- June 6th Annual Golf Tournament at Maderly Golf Course.
- Jean Trant-Lambert has stepped down from the service team due to work commitments.

DAC Reports:

i: Youth -

ii: Fundraising - Diana Nuttall - rnd@perth.igs

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

- Training WB I March 2-4 Westminster Church, Smiths Falls
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iv: Camp Warden – Ken Richardson – wraith@ca.inter.net

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

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

- Brian Visited the site in Late November trees are surviving well.

- Some planting needs to be done on the site 1000-1500 trees the majority of the planting will take place on a private land owners property; the land owner will supply us with 4500 trees to plant on his farm.
- Due to the 2 planting sites we can offer alternate planting dates to any groups needing it – contact Brian for more info.
- * If you are using the scout trees for a fund raiser please let Brian know ASAP the # of kits you will need.

Financial: Jean Lasenba - lasenba@sympatico.ca

- Year End statement arrived January 18, 2007.

* Aug 2005 opening balance \$18644.08

* Aug 2006 closing balance \$18293.19

* Since Sept 06 \$416 3 loads gravel
 \$614.80 Crests
 \$360 Register 3 area members

* Interest was reported as being deposited \$2585.38.

* We ordered 500 crest only 2 are left after given all registered members one complementary crest; motion to order 500 additional crests Joan Smith second John Stalker all in favour motion carried' future crests will be \$1.50 each.

* We gave camp crests Whispering Pines and 2007 flashers one to be given to each registered member the cost was donated through Brian Billings

* There are 4 groups who still haven't handed in the financial statements
 1st Portland; 1st Elmsley; Beckwith; Almonte

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GROUP REPORTS:

Almonte: No report

1st Beckwith REPORT

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

1. EVENTS TO DATE:

Sections are getting into the swing of things after the Christmas break.

2. FUTURE EVENTS:

Beavers: Aside from regular meetings they are planning a trip to the OPP station and are planning on attending the Beaver Burr Feb 17th .

Cubs: Camp at Opemikon Jan 19-21-Winter Camp badge. Plan on attending Snow Challenge Feb 3. They are continuing to work on the green star and hopefully will finish it soon.They are going to work on the award badge for the green star in the near future.

Scouts:Scouts are working on their voyageur award requirements , planning on doing some trips and camps in the upcoming months. Still planning to attend the CJ07 in July 2007.

The youth who are in scouts have been confirmed to do a discover scuba on Jan 28th in Perth. Ray Johnston has arranged this for the youth BUT it is not being run as a scouting event.

3. MAIN EFFORTS:

Continuing with programming for all youth. Fundraising efforts being done by all sections with a major effort put on by the Scouts in hopes to get to CJ or other major camp this year.

4. ISSUES:

Beckwith will need a new Group Commissioner next year as well as a new Cub leader. There will probably be other leader needs as well.

Yours in Scouting,

Jean Trant-Lambert
Group Commissioner
1st Beckwith

Carleton Place: No report

Drummond: No report

1st Merrickville Report for Area Meeting January 18, 2007

Events To Date

- Beavers had a hayride at Big Sky Ranch, made ice cream, had a joke night, did knots, had a Christmas party, and had a lotto fun night.
- Cubs had a family swim at the Perth indoor pool between Christmas and New Years.
- Cubs did an infiltration game through a table maze in the dark and practised first aid (hypothermia, shock, stretchers from materials on hand), made ice cream, and built tennis ball catapults.
- Scouts each giving a folding knife.
- Scouts reviewed components of building a fire, hypothermia, frostbite, dehydrations, and sunstroke, stove & lantern lighting, first aid sling & donut.
- Scouts had an overnight hike in conjunction with the Merrickville Pathfinders in Limerick Forest.
- Scouts designed and constructed a float for the Merrickville Christmas parade; camping theme.

Future Events

- Beavers will be working with noodles and an octopus.
- Cubs will be having a winter camp at the Scout Camp Oskenonton (south of Westport).
- Cubs will be going skating, making a first aid kit, and preparing for the outdoors at their winter camp.
- Annual family banquet and slide show.
- Merrickville legion is trying to start a youth darts club and has asked our older Scouts if they are interested.
- Considering bringing in the Quebec Council's portable climbing wall for the weekend of the Merrickville Canalfest (July 21-22).

Miscellaneous

- Group giving Gateway course to new leaders.
- GST refund cheque received from Revenue Canada.
- Still awaiting council registration subsidisation cheque from September registrations.
- Cave simulator (plywood maze youth crawl through in the dark) will be constructed by spring. This will be available for any group/area/council to borrow for use at any of their events.
- Seven Kevlar canoes are available for any group/area/council to borrow for use at any of their events.

Questions

- Is the Scout Camp Zero occurring? No information received.
- Is the Cub Winter Challenge occurring? No information received.
- Is the Beaver Brrr occurring? No information received.
- When will corrections sent regarding September area minutes be incorporated into the official version?
- Why was the PL camp canceled when only one area leader was ill? Is this not a disservice to the Scouts and troops that had committed to participate? Interestingly, the leader became ill the weekend before, a

reminder notice for the camp was issued on the Thursday, and the cancellation notice issued on the Saturday of the camp.

- When will the Service Scouter list be published, or a report on their visits to date?
- When will the area equipment inventory be published?

4th Perth we are using Scouts Canada Strategic Directions as a guide in our planning. The Group Committee met on January 11th and reports as follows:

PAST ACTIVITIES

- Both the Cub Pack and Scout Troop held Christmas parties at area restaurants where there was the opportunity to show others in the community just how well behaved and energetic our youth and leaders are.
- Now both are back on track and focusing on Scouting activities such as compass, knots and badges.

COMING EVENTS

- Cubs will be working on their Kub Kars (a gift from Santa) while the Scouts are building pick up trucks. These will be raced on the afternoon of February 24th.
- Scouts are ready for winter camp, having already constructed their teepee at the site.
- We are also planning a big reunion of all former Perth Scouting folks for later in the year and details will come later. There will surely be other events to celebrate the Centennial of Scouting too.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Our youth have been out in the community for such things as a clean up at OMYA where we could see the trees that have been planted in past years. We have had good coverage in the local press and appreciate the support of the community.
- Akela is presently developing a website to include lots of information that will be available to members and others.
- Our Scouts are challenged to build model pioneering projects that will later be expanded and seen by many. We have a regular Group newsletter and have recognized the support of the parish priest who has recently left Perth.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Our leaders are interested in further training and our youth are challenged to reach new heights.
- Ours is a healthy group that takes pride in its achievements. We want to build on the past for a better future.

Arnel W. Pattemore, Group Commissioner

2nd Smiths Falls

- Beavers and Cubs did a plains Trains and Automobiles sleep over with a train ride to Ottawa then off to the war museum then wave pool and home by bus.
- All sections went Christmas caroling to nursing homes and to the hospital.
- Beavers made special Christmas Crafts
Cubs are working on knife safety and soap carving
Scouts are mastering there knots and winter skills
- Cubs will be doing outdoor winter sports and survival.
- Scouts will be doing archery and camp zero.
- Church Parade will be Feb 18 followed by a pot lock after church service.
- Trying to organize a First Aid course for the leaders
- The Town of Smiths Falls will be flying the Scout flags as well as a display of scouting memorabilia at the Town Hall
- Beaveree date needs to be looked at most groups have already finished for the summer before the date

leaders will be polled at the beaver burr on possible change to May 12 would like a 100th anniversary poster ??????

Old Business:

New Business:

i: Heritage House Museum in Smiths Falls will have a memorabilia display running from Feb -June it will be promoted to Schools any one who feels they may have something of interest to add please call Stan

ii: Date Change: Nite Vent has been Changed to May 4th
Pre CJ has been changed to May 11-13

iii: Council: Bob Hickson - Area programming

- He has receive a lot of praise for our area thanks everyone for the hard work and dedication we run a very strong program and he gets a lot of positive feed back.
- 50/50 with the Senators is a great money maker but it does not follow BP&P so no uniforms please adult or youth.
- Growth - our numbers are down and we need to bring them back up

Kelly Banks her email and phone # is on the field report

- She is available to help or do School talks and they really do work.
- She is there for all your resources if she can't answer your question she will find you an answer.
- Voyageur council has the highest numbers in all of Canada lets all try and keep us there!
- Use your PR kits they really do work.
- Friend Fest is another great way to increase #'s.
- March Membership Symposium to highlight resources available see web site for times and dates.

Recorded by: Debra Hull

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept: _____

Minutes Signed by: _____ on _____
Stan Lassenba, Area Commissioner Date