



Area Forum Thursday



February 15-07

Lion's Club, Smiths Falls

Present: Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner, Jean Lasenba, Finance; Roger Nuttall, DAC Program; Dianna Nuttall, Fundraising; Ken Richardson, APM; Larry Palmer 1st Perth, Val Venables 1st Perth; Joan Smith 2nd Smiths Falls; John Stalker, CP, Elizabeth Docker; CP., and Bill & Stella Lawrence, Almonte.

Regrets: Michelle Niefer, Chris Tyler and Debra Hull.

Agenda Items:

- i. **O'Canada**
- ii. **Prayer: B.P. story by Stan**
- iii. **Minutes:** Errors/submissions: Roger's e-mail is wrong - should be rsnuttall@storm.ca
Diana and Kim are not registered
Lanark Cub Kar track is being stored at 1st Merrickville
Motioned by Roger; Sec by Val to accept the minutes with changes – all in favour.
- iv. **Introductions:** John Stalker showed a film on the 100th anniversary for Scouts.

Business arising from minutes:

- Roger attended the Commissioner training Form at Camp Ope. Stan could not make it due to illness
- Derek Bradley from Smiths Falls will be a trainer for Rovers in Vancouver. (John to send report).

Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner: Lasenba@sympatico.ca

The past month much time has been spent on the memorabilia display at the Heritage House Museum in Smiths Falls. This display is open to the public and will last for 3 months. Arrangements can be made for groups to visit in the evenings. I also attended the Chocolate Festival meeting and was well received with much support for our 100th anniversary. They would be prepared for Scouting to have a booth, take part in their music or any other idea we may have. Ron Lyons and I plan to attend the next Lombardy Fair Board meeting to put forward some ideas for the memorabilia display and also other activities. There will be many Sunrise Services on August 1st 2007 and maybe we should look at doing a large one for the Area. Any Interest. I have also visited Carlton Place, Portland and spent some time at the Scout winter camp and also at the Cub Challenge. I was unable to attend the Training at ope last weekend due to sickness but Roger filled in for me. Groups that are doing something special for Scout/Guide week or for the 100th anniversary, please keep me informed so I can pass on what you are doing to others.

- Council report – Friend fest 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.
- June 6h Annual Golf Tournament at Maderly Golf Course

DAC Reports:

- i: Youth - Alyssa Comstock - smartkid_31@hotmail.com
- ii: Fundraising - Diana Nuttall - rnd@perth.igs

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

- Training: Part I – March 2-3, Westminster Church
- Training for Those Who Help Others – April 20-21-22nd

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

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

- Roger received the Centennial Commemorative Medal.

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

Financial: Jean Lasenba - lasenba@sympatico.ca

• There are still two groups who have not handed in their financial reports – 1st Elmsley & 1st Beckwith .
Financial Statement

Opening balance	16,902.39
2007 Crests	410.31
Balance	16492.08

Note 1 There is a note from council that the interest from our funds is \$2,585.38 and was allocated in September.

Note 2 Due to some missing receipts this report will be updated as soon as Council receives the receipts. As a result changes to the bottom line may occur.

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GROUP REPORTS:

1st Almonte: No report available.

1st Beckwith REPORT

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

1. **EVENTS TO DATE:**

All sections continuing to provide a well-rounded program for the youth.

2. **FUTURE EVENTS:**

Will be holding a Pot Luck dinner for the youth and their parents on Feb 22nd.

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. The Group Administrator will most likely not be returning as well. Also the Beavers will be in need of two leaders next year as of the current two, one is defiantly leaving and the other is considering it.
Have not received any Bingo cheques since the fall.

5. **COMMENTS.**

Apparently there was a lack of communication regarding Camp Zero. The scouting leaders were to receive a phone call the Friday night of the camp asking if they were attending. According to them they had not received any information regarding if the camp was actually a go or not.

Yours in Scouting,

Jean Trant-Lambert, Group Commissioner

Carleton Place: No report .

1st Drummond: No report.

1st Elmsley: No report

The **4th Perth** Group Committee met on February 8th, 2007.

Past Activities: The Cub Pack continues to focus on compass work and knots. Akela is in the process of creating a web page for the Pack. Cubs will be involved and will use this as the Pack Specialty Badge.

The Scout Troop attended winter camp, which was cut short because of the cold weather. They are working on knots and pioneering projects as well as earning several badges.

Upcoming Events: The Scout Troop has invited a member of the Kiwanis Club to their meeting and will interview him regarding activities and history of the club. They also look forward to another winter camping experience.

Both the Cubs and Scouts will participate in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl-a-Thon on February 24th. Then in the afternoon they will have their annual race day at the hall. This year the Scouts have made pick-up trucks and all look forward to a great afternoon. It is obvious that we are reaching out to the community. It is hoped that we can visit the town council to recognize community involvement and also to have the Scout flag flown at the town hall.

Plans are well underway for a super reunion on Saturday, May 26th. We will be inviting all who have in the past been associated with Scouting in Perth and look forward to a great day of fun and memories.

We are considering a camp to tie in with the August 1st celebration of Scouting Centennial.

Summary: Our group continues to be very active and to relate to Strategic Directions as outlined by Scouts Canada.

Arnel W. Pattemore, Group Commissioner

1st Portland no report available

2nd Smiths Falls

1. **EVENTS TO DATE:** (since the last meeting)
 - a. Beavers made 95 Valentines and sent them to the Smiths Falls Hospital
 - b Scout Flag is flying in front of Town Hall for the month of February.
 - c. Beavers and Cubs went by train to Ottawa then to the War Museum then to Wave Pool and back to church for sleep over and to church on Sunday
 - d. Scouts preparing for winter camping
2. **FUTURE EVENTS:** (within the next month)
 - a.150 have signed up for the banquet
 - b. Hockey night with the Bears. Youth and leaders will be on the ice with the flags and a scout will drop the puck with the Mayor
 - c. Beavers plan on attending Beaver Burr. Getting loop track from Merrickville and bringing a button machine for youth to make their own buttons
 - d. Church parade planned for Scout Guide week
3. **MAIN EFFORTS:** (the groups focus this period)
being in the outdoors, youth in both Cubs and Scouts are working hard on badge work.
4. **ISSUES:** (items you need assistance with or questions you need answered)
5. **COMMENTS.** (general comment on your program and area program)
would like to see some sharing sessions or Old Wolf sessions in the near future for all sections maybe even group committees

Yours in Scouting,

Joan Smith, Group Commissioner

New Business:

* 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.

- **Nite Vent has been Changed to May 4th**
- **Pre CJ has been changed to May 11-13**
- Almonte will still have their display on at the Civitan Hall, the dinner and Scouts Own looks like it may be cancelled due to lack of interest. Bill has asked that every group give him a group necker so they can be put on display and also used for the Lombardy fair display in August. Stan will take up a C J display of badges and neckers. Heritage artifacts also came from Belleville and Ottawa.
- Val showed the 100th years of Scouting Coin that was shown on the back of the February Leaders magazine that can be purchased \$11.95 plus tax.
- Perth's new web site <http://ca.geocities.com/perthcubs>. Check it out.
- Beaveree is being held at Drummond School Mad Scientist will be there.
- Crest for participants going to C J and the World Jamboree: Ken motioned we give 5 Valley Highlands crests to each member going to C J and WJ. Second by Bill Lawrence.
All in favor - Motion carried

Next Meeting: March 15th will be the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Smiths Falls as we cannot have the Lions Hall

Motion to adjourn Ken Richardson 2nd Roger Nuttal all in favor
next meeting March 15th

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

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

Minutes recorded by Joan Smith