



Area Forum



April 19, 2007

Lion's Club, Smiths Falls

Present: Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner, Michelle Niefer, Secretary; Jean Lasenba, Finance; Roger Nuttall, DAC Program; Kelly Banks, CFE; Brian Billings, Scout Trees; Val Venables, 4th Perth, Bill Lawrence, 2nd Almonte, Paul Kehoe, 1st Drummond; Chris Tyler, Area; Jean Lambert, 1st Beckwith.

Regrets: Elizabeth Docker, CP., Ken Richardson.

Agenda Items: O'Canada
Prayer
Introductions

Minutes: Were read and corrections made. Gen's e-mail address is stargate_gal@hotmail.com
Roger has 4 paddles not two
John Stalker has 8 paddles, 4 throw bags
2nd Orleans camp use is 20 x 3 = 60; 132 is for VH same weekend
Stan also has 1 hoisting Scout flag.
Invoice for Rideau Valley Conservation should be \$550.01
Minutes amended. Motion to Accept: Chris Tyler. All in favour. Accepted.

Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner: Lasenba@sympatico.ca

Council Report

- Updated budget for Ope presented and passed
- CJ pre-camp update: They now have more volunteers so that the sessions will be more hands-on \$15.00 per person; Webb address - www.voyageur.scouts.ca/cj07*
- Where's Wally campaign started
- New Program Climate Change Challenge
- New guidelines for Youth Fund
- Discussion on Strategic direction for the council started

Commissioner's Report

- Meeting with Ron Lyon and went to check the trailer for Lombardy Fair. It will be excellent for our needs.
- Klaus Van Der Meer has agreed to do some landscaping around the trailer.
- Scouting will do a Scouts Own on Sunday Morning
- All people in scout uniform free entry on Sunday
- Contacted the BP Guild in Ottawa and Kingston

DAC Reports:

i: Youth - Gen Stalker stargate_gal@hotmail.com

- There are 4 scholarships for youth – 3 around and 1 from Ope.
- All senior youth encouraged to take WB I
- RSVP – May 4-6th
- Rovent – Oct 13th.

ii: Fundraising -

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

Kub Kars

We had 56 Cubs from across the Area take part in the Kub Kar Rally at the Smiths Falls County Mall on the afternoon of March 24, 2007. The following packs were present; 2nd Almonte (9), 1st Beckwith (8), Carleton Place (7), 1st Drummond (5), 1st Merrickville (10), 4th Perth (4) and 2nd Smiths Falls (13)

The winners were; Best Design - Alex Keeling, Carleton Place, 1st Speed - Rily Thompson, 1st Drummond, 2nd Speed - Dryden Lloyd, 4th Perth and 3rd Speed - Ryan Villeneuve, Carleton Place.

18 Wheelers

There were 25 Scouts that took part in the 18-Wheeler Rally held in the morning of March 24, 2007 at the County Mall in Smiths Falls. The following Troops took part; 1st Almonte (8), 1st Elmsley (5) Carleton Place (4) and 2nd Smiths Falls (8).

The winners were; Best Design - Andrew Campbell, 2nd Smiths Falls, 1st Speed - Josh McLaren, 2nd Smiths Falls, 2nd Speed - Skyler Stewart, 2nd Smiths Falls, 3rd Speed - Mathew Chapeski, 2nd Smiths Falls and the Troop Trophy was won by the 2nd Smiths Falls Troop.

Rocket Kars

The Rocket Kars demonstration was held on the grass behind the County Mall in Smiths Falls. Venturers from Almonte and Carleton Place put on a fine show by sending their Rocket Kars up the track and off into the air using small rocket engines.

Finances

Due to a large turnout of youth and relatively low costs, by using the mall at no cost, we had a profit of \$53.59 after paying for the Buttons for all participants and the Medallions for the winners.

Comments

As one of the organizers for this event, I was very pleased with the fun the youth seemed to have and this seemed to be shared by the parents and Leaders as well. The willingness of the Leaders to help wherever they were needed made things run better than I expected. They youth where very well behaved and focused on the races. I would like to thank the youth and Leaders for making it a fun day for all of us.

Nitevent 2007 / Camporee 2007

We had 7 Scout Leaders, representing 6 of the 7 Area Scouts Troops present at our Nitevent and Camporee planning meeting, held at my place on April 13, 2007. Chris Tyler, Ken Richardson and Diana Nuttall and myself rounded out the planning team. With such a good turnout and great ideas from all it was easy to put together the plans for both the Nitevent and the Camporee.

Nitevent:

Date - May 4/5, 2007. Place - Whispering Pines. Cost - \$2.00 per Scout (to cover the cost of hot chocolate, participation buttons and other supplies.).

Times - Registration (by PL) 7:00 to 8:45 PM,

Patrols leave field area for first activity with a Leader from that activity - 8:45 to 9:15.

Start activities - 9:30.

Camporee:

Date - May 25 - 27, 2007. Place - Whispering Pines. Cost - \$2.00 per Scout

Due to the small number of Troops expected to be available for the Camporee, it was decided to have different a type of camp this year and introduce the Scouts to the Red Trail and have them help make a new trail, the Orange Trail that will run from the Red Trail, through a picnic area overlooking a large beaver pond, and on to a cottage road. By following this cottage road north you come to the west end off the Red Trail, which will lead you back to the Camp Road. A map showing the trails, including the proposed Orange Trail has been sent out to the Troop Scouters and the Group Commissioners.

Beaverree:

There is a planning meeting scheduled for 7:00 PM Friday April 27, at my place. I hope to have one Beaver Leader from each Colony present to plan the May 12, Beaverree.

Camp Impeeza

For those who cannot make it to the Council Camp (Rumble in the Jungle) - Camp Impeeza will take place as planned, however the program will be suited for smaller numbers.

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

- going up soon to do water testing.
- New lease was signed (5 yr), has been sent onto National office (Corporate Board) to sign.
- New 5-year plan is near completion.
- Once dry weather is here, plan is to go in and grade the road.
- Looking for a new-used trailer for the camp.

v: Honours & Awards -

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

Just a reminder that Valley Highlands will be planting on two (2) separate dates this year and support is needed for both plant dates.

The first plant date (Saturday, May 5th) will take place on the Brooks' Farm Property - Art BROOKS, 1296 Tennyson Road (R.R. # 6) Perth, ON (Lot 20, Conc. 5 - Drummond). The actual plant site is located beyond Mr. BROOKS' house down Concession 5B (a narrow road) - hopefully the weather holds and drying winds/heat will allow for parking in the road allowance area.... direction for parking will be provided on the day of the plant. At the BROOKS' farm, we will be planting 4,000 trees in total - a mixture of White Pine, Red Pine, White Spruce, and White Cedar.

The second plant date (Saturday, May 12th) will take place on the Drummond/North Elmsley Landfill Site - same area as previous years. Councillors for D/NE and other sponsors will attend the plant site at about 1000h and we will line-up for a photo-op. At the D/NE Landfill site, we will be planting 1,000 Tamarack seedlings.

I would appreciate most effort for the May 5th plant date but also need youth support for the May 12th plant...please advise if you can assist with the May 12th plant by e-mailing me at brian_billings@carleton.ca.

Both plants will get underway at 0900h with the aim of finishing by noon. Tim Horton's in Perth is donating Timbits and water for the youth and hot dogs will be provided by Area. All youth participating in the Scoutrees Plants will receive a crest commemorating the 100th year of Scouting in Canada.

If any groups would like to have some pledge kits, I still have a few envelopes available. Please contact me at the address below or at home during evening hours at (613) 256-7282. I will also be carrying my cell phone on the plant days and can be reached at (613) 794-1975 if you have any questions/problems/need directions.

15% of funds go to Brotherhood of Scouting, while the rest remains within your group.

vii : Financial: Jean Lasenba - lasenba@sympatico.ca

- No current report received from Headquarters

viii: Kelly Banks, Council Field Executive (CFE) kbanks@scouts.ca

- Friend fest – Council found 205 new members
- Carleton and Odawa have 100% of membership. Valley Highlands needs 20 more to achieve 100%
- Where's Wally campaign has helped to find those who do not have completed PRCs, interviews, etc.
- School flyer is available to go out to schools. Scouting plans to send these home through the schools with appropriate contact names for each area. Kelly and Jeff Benson are working on these.
- Pre-registration – Packages are being sent out for 2007-08. Registration to start after May 15th.
- School talks – Kelly will come out if you want her to. Just give a call or e-mail and she will get back to you.

GROUP REPORTS:

2nd Almonte:

Ref: Group Committee Meeting 15 Apr 07

1. EVENTS TO DATE:
 - a. Cubs, Scouts and Venturers participated in the Kub Kar / 18 Wheeler Rallies (and rocket cars). The Venturers helped Scouter's Kirby and Brian with the Pit Stop this year.
 - b. Beavers have been doing community events like visiting the Library, Post Office and Fire hall.
 - c. Cubs have been doing badge work, with 3 senior Cubs finishing up the 7 awards so they can get their knives.
 - d. Scouts have gone to the indoor rock climbing wall in Arnprior, and bowling at the Merivale Lanes in Ottawa.
 - e. The Venturers went Go Carting in Gatineau and had a blast.

2. FUTURE EVENTS:
 - a. Cubs, Scouts and Venturers are canvassing for Scoutrees on 28 Apr 07. After the canvassing, we are having a BBQ and all Sections will be doing their Going up Ceremonies. So far Scouts are planning on planting on 5 May.
 - b. Scouts are doing a Standard First Aid and CPR course over two weekends in preparation for CJ07. (Apr 22 / 29)
 - c. We have been asked to do a BBQ for the Senior Games in Almonte on 9 Jun, so proceeds from the BBQ are going to WJ and CJ costs.
 - c. Venturers are doing a Standard First Aid Course on 28/29 Jun in preparation for CJ07.
 - d. We have started planning for a 100th Anniversary afternoon BBQ and Campfire in the Fall (29 Sep). This will co-inside with our Apple Day canvassing.

3. MAIN EFFORTS:
 - a. Scouts and Venturer's are fundraising for CJ07.
 - b. Once early registration packages are received, they will be sent via mail to the parents in hopes of getting a good number of registrations in prior to the summer shutdown.
 - c. I am writing up 4 submissions for the Centennial Medal, I hope to have them finished this weekend.

4. ISSUES:
 - a. We are looking for Cub Leaders for next Season as 2 Leaders are moving up to Scouts, 1 is not returning and 1 isn't sure yet. It looks like all other Sections will be OK.
 - b. We received an email from Doug Hall regarding the training for first year leaders. It's taken us 4 years to get Scouts Canada to recognize one of our leaders, now they say he can't return next season unless he is trained to Woodbadge I. He has been an assistant Leader in Beavers and Cubs, and this year helped with Scouts. Next year he will be a full time Scout Leader so we hope to have him WB I Troop before 31 Aug. We have discussed this training issue a number of times at our Group Committee meetings, and we support the idea of getting training, but we don't support the mandatory requirements that Scouts Canada has put in place. Unless Scouts Canada can show the program being delivered by the untrained leader isn't to their standards, how can they take his registration money one year and then deny him the opportunity to continue in the program. We assume the people in Ottawa who are making these decisions are paid employees of Scouts Canada, who "Scout" by day, then go home for their own families at night, and weekends. The bottom line Volunteers do their day job all day, then spend the evenings delivering program to other peoples kids, then take them out on weekends for camps, Area events and Group events. The Volunteer also gives up his/her summer family vacation time to take the kids to Jamborees. How can someone that does all this be denied the chance to continue just because he/she didn't have the "extra" weekend to attend training. The last time Kirby tried to take canoe training and his PRC had expired, he couldn't be registered for the course until he had a new one. How will a Leader get training in the new season when they won't accept his registration without being trained?
 - c. Where is the planting being done on 5 May? Due to the CJ pre-camp, our Group can't help on 12 May planting. Two Scouters will be at the Dorchester International Brotherhood Camp in London that weekend, and six of our other Scouters will be at the Pre-camp (two of them are Cub Leaders too).

- d. We have 8 Scouters and 19 Youth going to WJ/CJ. When will the Area Crests be distributed? (2 Scouters to WJ, 2 Scouters/5 Venturers, 4 Scouters/14 Scouts to CJ)

5. COMMENTS.

- a. I am still trying to get a Necker and shoulder flash from each Group so I can have the display ready for the Almonte and Lombardy Fairs.
- b. We still have some popcorn left if anyone is look for it. We lowered our prices and found it sold a lot quicker. A slightly lower profit, but still a profit.
- c. Due to sports starting up, Beavers will be done on 15 May, Cubs – 7 May, and Scouts – 8 May. The Venturers aren't sure yet.

Yours in Scouting,

Bill Lawrence, Group Commissioner

1st Beckwith R

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

1. EVENTS TO DATE:

- a. Beavers is running smooth. Nothing major to report.
- b. Cubs: Still have 11 kids, 7 went to the cub car rally in Smiths Falls, and seemed to have a good time.
- c. Scout report - Attended Camp Opemikon for a training weekend and had a lot of fun with the Scouts. Registration for both CJ07 and the pre-camp have been paid. Waiting for receipts from office.

2. FUTURE EVENTS:

- a. Cubs: 1: Spring Camp, Mothers Day weekend at the group campsite, Murphy's Point.
2: We have had some incidence of Bullying, so... I have been talking to a lady via Open Doors, and we are going to try to come up with something for the kids by the end of April, including a code of conduct, which may be a good thing in the future years.

b. Scouts: Preparing for CJ pre-camp, night vent, completing some more badge work and elements to complete both the Voyageur and Pathfinder awards for Scout section.

Also have a call in to the Reeve to give a talk to the Scouts concerning politics.

Yours in Scouting, Jean Trant-Lambert
Group Commissioner

Carleton Place

Reference: Group Committee Meeting held Wednesday, March 28, 2007

1. EVENTS TO DATE:

- a. 2nd Annual Carleton Place Wheels Rally: Our rally was a big success. Carleton Place Ford sponsored the event and brought "Little Bigfoot," their gas-powered car, for the youth to play on. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts raced. Venturers demonstrated their rockets. Town Councillor Wendy LeBlanc attended as a judge.
- b. Cub Sleepover at Old Fort Henry: After several months of fundraising the two packs spent a night at Old Fort Henry training to be recruits. All had a good time, and all attendees were promoted to the rank of Private.
- c. Flier Delivery for our Corporate Sponsor, Carleton Heritage Inn: To help repay Carleton Heritage Inn for their generous contributions of meeting rooms and support (see #2b) all sections delivered their new take-out menus to homes in Carleton Place.

2. FUTURE EVENTS:

- a. Centennial Tree Planting in Centennial Park in Carleton Place (Late April/Early May, exact date TBA)
- b. Carleton Heritage Inn will be featuring a burger on its summer menu to commemorate Scouting's 100th anniversary. A portion of the proceeds from the burger will be donated to local Scouting programs.
- c. A Press Release Party to launch the burger at the Carleton Heritage Inn will take place within the next month.

- d. Scoutrees: All our sections are promoting the May 5th and 12th Scoutree plantings. Group Committee decided to make it a major fundraiser and each youth has received a pledge envelope and a challenge to collect as many pledges as possible.
- e. Clean-up-the-Town: Next week the Beavers will be cleaning up part of the TransCanada Trail. Other sections will be cleaning up other areas in town.
- f. We are still planning a Sunrise Service on August 1st in Carleton Place. More details will follow as they become available.

3. MAIN EFFORTS:

- a. Centennial Events: See #2
- b. Spring Camps: All sections are making plans for their annual spring camps.

4. ISSUES:

- a. Are there any plans in place for the Beaveree? Due to the many Centennial spring events and the fact that it's on the Mother's Day weekend, it has been suggested by one of our leaders that the Beaveree be postponed until the fall. The Scouting calendar will not be so busy, and we will have more time to plan a great event (with a Centennial theme, perhaps).

5. COMMENTS:

- a. Bradley Simpson has an updated list of leaders and their email addresses. He will forward them to Michele Niefer this week.

Yours in Scouting, Elizabeth Docker
Group Commissioner, Carleton Place Scouting

1st Drummond:

- Group will not be attending Camp Impeeza, but will be going to "Rumble in the Jungle".
- 12th of May – barbecue / boat races / etc at Stewart Park in Perth
- June 6th host bike rodeo at the school
- June 22-24 closing camp / wrap up at Whispering Pines
- Group – Bingo having difficulty with bingo paper work (hope it will soon be sorted out).
- Possible movie night at Port Elmsley
- Asked if group has a specific camp area and who maintains it. If another group uses it, they should clean it up and keep it clean, otherwise home group looks after it.
- Need new Group Commissioner and Beaver Leader for Drummond.
- Caribou Award – ask that Stan hand it out.

1st Elmsley: No report

1st Merrickville: No report

4th Perth:

The 4th Perth Group Committee met on April 12th, 2007.

Our Cubs have been working on badges, especially knots and compass, and have developed a new opening making use of their den curtain. They also toured Charterhouse School on the Internet and are planning a sleepover and camp as well as having a guest teaching first aid. One of their Cubs placed second at the Area Kub Kar Rally.

Our Scouts continue working on badges and anticipate some candidates for the Chief Scout's Award within a year or so. They will hold a sleepover on April 20th and 21st and will have a special trip to Ottawa. They are working on pioneer projects and other adventures.

The Group will hold a barbeque at Hendrik's Independent Grocer on Friday, May 11th.

The big event will be a Perth Scouting Reunion on Saturday, May 26th. Plans are underway to have a very special afternoon of memories, fun, activities, and friendship. Everyone who has ever had any connection with Scouting in Perth will be invited. More details will come next month.

Scouting in Perth remains active and innovative.

Arnel W. Pattermore, Group Commissioner

1st Portland: No report

2nd Smiths Falls: No report

Venturers REPORT

Reference: Group Committee Meeting held _April 19, 2007

1. EVENTS TO DATE: (since the last meeting)
 - a. VH Wheels event – Rocket cars with Almonte Venturers
 - b. CP wheels event – Rocket Cars
 - c. Company Meeting April 9th for RSVP, CJ Pre-camp, WW canoeing weekends, and July Canoe trip planning
 - d. Joint Council meeting @ HQ April 3
 - e. JC Laser quest Lockdown event April 14/15

2. FUTURE EVENTS: (within the next month)
 - a. RSVP Camp May 4-6
 - b. CJ Pre-Camp May 11-13
 - c. Canoeing pre-training Planned for May 19, 20, or 21 on Clyde river rapids

Yours in Scouting, John Stalker

Old Business:

- For those going to CJ07 – Valley Highlands area will provide each youth and adult with 5 crests each. If wishing to purchase others, the cost is \$1.25 for Area Crest and \$1.50 for Whispering Pines crest.
- Let Jean Lasenba know ASAP if you are going and how many.

- Button machine is in. If you have an event book the machine and you can make your buttons. It has been used for Nitevent and was successful.

New Business:

Adjourned: 9:15 p.m.

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

Minutes Signed by: _____
Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner