



## Area Forum

September 20, 2008

Lion's Club, Smiths Falls



**Present:** Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner, Michelle Niefer, Secretary; Jean Lasenba, Finance; Gen Stalker, DAC Youth; Roger Nuttall, DAC Program; Ken Richardson, APM; John Stalker, Venturers; Brian Billings, Scout trees; Bill Lawrence, 2<sup>nd</sup> Almonte, Sharon Thomson, Gr. Comm Elmsley; Gary Thompson, Elmsley; Elizabeth Docker, Gr. Comm, Carleton Place; Allen Sinfield, Gr. Comm. Beckwith; Larry Palmer, 4<sup>th</sup> Perth; Bradley Simpson, Website; Christ Tyler, Joan Smith, Gr. Comm. Smiths Falls and Lorilee Harper, Sec. Smiths Falls.

### Agenda Items:

- O'Canada – led by Michelle
- Prayer – led by Stan

**Minutes:** Reviewed: Motion to accept: Ken Richardson; seconded – Larry Palmer; All in favour

**Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner:** [Lasenba@sympatico.ca](mailto:Lasenba@sympatico.ca)

- Plaque presented to new Group Commissioners: Sharon Thomson – 1<sup>st</sup> Elmsley; Allen Sinfield – 1<sup>st</sup> Beckwith.

**Kelly Banks – Field Executive:** [kbanks@scouts.ca](mailto:kbanks@scouts.ca)

- report attached

### DAC Reports:

i: **Youth - Gen Stalker** [stargate\\_gal@hotmail.com](mailto:stargate_gal@hotmail.com)

- 1 new venturer for a total of 11 in Carleton Place
- 5 Ventuers in Almonte

ii: **DAC Training - Hope Gray**

iii: **Program - Roger Nuttall** – [rsnuttal@storm.ca](mailto:rsnuttal@storm.ca)

- A Patrol Leaders' Conference is being planned for Oct. 12 -14, at Whispering Pines. Farther information will be to the Troops when available.
- We are hoping to organize a Sixers and Seconders' Conference for October 13, at Whispering Pines. More information will be sent to the Packs when available.
- The JOTA Camp will be held at Whispering Pines October 19 -21, 2007. Scout Leaders are having a planning meeting tonight (Sept. 21) to plan the program.
- The planning for a fall Beaveree is underway. Details will be sent to the Colonies when available.
- I would like to encourage all Leaders to attend the Leaders Conference in Smiths Falls on October 27, 2007. It is an opportunities to meet other Leaders from all across our Region and attend workshops on a wide range of topics. You will be glad you went!

iv: **Camp Warden – Ken Richardson** – [wraith@ca.inter.net](mailto:wraith@ca.inter.net)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kanata has the camp booked for Sept 28-30<sup>th</sup> = \$150.
- Whispering pines crests – sold 24 = \$36.

v: **Honours & Awards - John Stalker** – [stalker.john@fin.gc.ca](mailto:stalker.john@fin.gc.ca)

- newly elected.

vi: **Financial: Jean Lasenba** - [lasenba@sympatico.ca](mailto:lasenba@sympatico.ca)

- Lombardy display went well; revenue \$390.73
- We have been invited back for next year.
- \$50. share for advertisement for registration paid.
- \$587.43 to be paid; Motion made by Larry Palmer; seconded: John Stalker; All in favour.
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vii: **Scout Trees - Brian Billings** - [brian\\_billings@carleton.ca](mailto:brian_billings@carleton.ca)

I conducted a site visit to the D/NE area planted in May 2007 on August 20<sup>th</sup> w/ Dan COOPER (RVCA) and Jeff WARD (OMNR). Survival rate for trees planted this past Spring is good - average survival rate is estimated at 75%. We viewed some other areas planted in previous years and they are doing well but there are some pocket areas in former plant sites that will need refilling.

In consultation with D/NE, we have identified two (2) new areas that can be planted with trees - one area is just N of the area planted in May and the other area is the land immediately surrounding the present dumpsite. As D/NE plans to expand the dumpsite in the next 10-15 years, there is a desire to create a buffer zone around the dump to shelter/hide the waste disposal area. In order to begin establishment of this buffer zone area sooner than later, D/NE has asked that Valley Highlands Scouts plant this area in May 2008. The area will take approximately 3,500 trees to fill. D/NE will take care of all site tending (i.e.: bush hogging, scribing, (and band spraying, if required).

The tree order is already placed with RVCA and we are applying for funding under the OMNR Tree Ontario Fund, which if approved will reduce the cost per seedling by \$0.10. We should know by mid-October if the application has been approved but at this point RVCA is quite positive that we will meet the selection criteria.

It is anticipated that D/NE will continue to contribute their annual \$700 donation to off-set tree seedling costs, leaving an expected fundraising requirement of \$700. I have commenced sending out letters to previous sponsors and since not much support was required last year as private landowner and D/NE paid for all tree seedlings.

Report Respectfully Submitted by  
Brian E. L. Billings

## **GROUP REPORTS:**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Almonte:**

Ref: Group Committee Meeting 19 Sep 07

#### 1. EVENTS TO DATE:

- a. All Sections are up and running.
- b. Current head count – Group Committee: 3 Scouters, Beavers 4 Leaders / 12 Youth, Cubs: 1 Leader (Group Commissioner) / 3 Youth, Scouts: 3 Leaders / 16 Youth, Venturers: 2 Leaders / 5 Youth. 12 Scouters / 36 Youth

#### 2. FUTURE EVENTS:

- a. We are doing the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary afternoon Scouting in the Park with a BBQ and Campfire on 29 Sep 07. Activities start at 3:30, BBQ at 5:30 and campfire at 7:00. Mississippi Mills Parks and Rec. have given us permission to build Scouting activities in the park, and the Fire Chief has ok'd an open campfire. This will co-inside with our Apple Day canvassing. We will be building a rope bridge, zip lines, a small climbing wall, Scout Display and there will be activities for the younger crowd too. This is open to all Scouting Groups and anyone wandering through the park at the time. We will be borrowing Merrickville's cave simulator, and Area's button machine for this event. I requested the use of the Whispering Pines spars but never heard back.
- b. Beavers are doing the Whitetail Sleepover in Ottawa, and an overnight at the Almonte Civitan Hall.

- c. Scouts are heading to the Middleville Museum 24 Sep, Oct 12 – 14 they are going to Belleville to visit the Scout/Guide Museum and the CFB Trenton Air Force Museum, then Oct 21 they are off to Lafleche Caves in Que for the day.
- d. Venturers are heading to Lafleche Caves on 20 Oct 07.

3. **MAIN EFFORTS:**

- a. I submitted 5 applications for the Centennial Medal and am working on updating the rest of the Groups outstanding Honours and Awards.
- b. Now that we are back from our travels, Stella is putting together our Annual Group Financial Report. We got the CJ bills from Scouts and Venturers last night.

4. **ISSUES:**

- a. We are still looking for Cub Leaders. I have taken on the roll as Akela. We lost 3 Cub to Carleton Place that I know of because we couldn't get enough leaders to make an early commitment to having a Cub program.
- b. The small piece of property on the Mississippi River between Almonte and Pakenham that we were offered for nothing, has been sold because Scouts Canada wouldn't give any idea as to their support for the donation. I had sent a letter to Stan for discussion at Council Level, with a copy to Tim Foreman on 18 Jun 07, and to date have heard nothing. The Lady that offered us the property apologized, but felt obligated to take the offer of sale as I couldn't confirm whether Scouts Canada was going to accept it or not. Feeling bad about the sale rather than donation, she has offered us a sizable donation of cash, which I hope Scouts Canada will not screw up again. All she wants is a tax receipt.
- c. I attempted to book the hall for the Kub Kar / 18 Wheeler Rally and was advised it was Easter, did we still want it? As of Tuesday, Sat 15 Mar was tentatively booked by someone else, 16 Mar was available, 22 Mar was available, 29 Mar was booked, 30 Mar was available.

5. **COMMENTS.**

- a. I will have a bill for advertising in the Almonte Gazette. They screwed it up 4 times, so we get an extra week publicity.
- b. I would like to thank all the Groups for their support in getting the Area Necker display together. I hope to have it out at some of our Area events.
- c. I would like to thank Area for their donation of \$200.00 towards the Scouting in the Park event coming up next weekend.
- d. I would like to verify the Lombardy Fair figures from the last Area meeting. I just want to confirm the balance shown is what was left after the 20% was given to the Fair Board.
- e. Stella will be stepping down as the Area Bingo Representative when the current Group finishes. 2<sup>nd</sup> Almonte is interested in carrying on in a Bingo program if it is restarted.

Yours in Scouting,

Bill Lawrence, Group Commissioner

**1<sup>st</sup> Beckwith:**

- Group is rebuilding – new administrator; Ray Burrill returning for treasurer. Allen Sinfield new Gr. Comm.
- Leaders – 2 beavers (new) with Brad Simpson helping; 2 Cubs leaders.
- Registration - had low turnout.

**Carleton Place:**

- Registration Sept 6<sup>th</sup> – Have Beavers (small), Pack, Troop and Venturers.
- Had a sunrise ceremony in Carleton Place.
- Did recycling at Riverside Jam – lot of work, but made \$1,100.

**1<sup>st</sup> Drummond:** No report

**1<sup>st</sup> Elmsley:**

We had a registration night on September 17th. We have leaders for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. At the present time we have 9 Beavers, 4 Cubs and 5 Scouts listed. I found the flyers that were sent to the schools listing all groups and their meeting times, an extremely good idea. They were colorful and informative.

We at 1st Elmsley are planning for Apple Day Oct .6th and also looking into some fall camps. We are sorry to see the Bingo Hall in CP close, as it has been a good fundraiser for everyone.

Group Commissioner, Gary Thomson

### **1<sup>st</sup> Merrickville:**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Perth:**

Past Events:

The Group Committee met on September 6th. During the summer our Pack and Troop remained active with camps and other events. On Saturday, September 8th we held our Registration Day and continue to add new members. It appears that again this year we will not have a Beaver Colony.

Coming Events:

The Scouts will be participating in a shoreline cleanup along the Tay Canal on September 22nd. They have already mapped out their route.

Both Cubs and Scouts are again back to regular meetings and look forward to an exciting year with lots of surprises.

Our Apple Day will be held on Saturday, October 6th with the Scouts also being out on Friday night, October 5th.

The Group Committee has agreed to subsidize those attending the Voyageur Council Leaders' Conference being held in Smiths Falls on Saturday, October 27th.

We are starting our planning for the Chief Scout's/Queen's Venturer Award Ceremony which will be held in Perth on June 7th. Our publicity in the community continues and we have received very good co-operation from the media.

Arnel W. Pattemore,  
Group Commissioner

### **1<sup>st</sup> Portland:**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Smiths Falls:**

#### **Old Business:**

- Bingo – Owners are closing; discussion is ongoing on what to replace it with. Group in place to do this.
- Stella is staying on until issues are dissolved, however will not continue with the new group, if any.

#### **New Business:**

- Popcorn Co-ordinator (Fundraising) – After discussion, Brad Simpson stepped forth and volunteered.
- Training = Gateway November 2-3<sup>rd</sup> in Carleton Place
- Date change = 18 Wheeler is March 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Nominating Committee put together to search for new Area Commissioner for 2008-09 – Roger Nuttall to head committee with Chris Tyler and Michelle Niefer assisting.
- Honours & Awards representative – John Stalker has volunteered to do this for the area.
- Apple Day Oct 6<sup>th</sup> for most groups; Sept 29<sup>th</sup> for CP and Almonte.
- Council objectives – attached.
- Scouter's Conference – notice sent out earlier
- Minutes – some not getting minutes. Will check and send out in small mailings to avoid spam.

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept: \_\_\_\_\_

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

