



## Area Forum

October 18, 2007

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; Hope Gray, DAC Training; Elisabeth Hick, 1<sup>st</sup> Drummond; Susan Thompson, 1<sup>st</sup> Drummond; Valerie Venables, 4<sup>th</sup> Perth; Larry Palmer, 4<sup>th</sup> Perth; John Stalker; Area Venturers; Joan Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Smiths Falls and Elizabeth Docker, Carleton Place.

**Regrets:** Bill Lawrence, Almonte; Brian Billings, Scout trees; Brad Simpson, Fundraising, Gen Stalker; DAC Youth.

### Agenda Items:

**1. O'Canada** – Led by Michelle

**Prayer:** Various thoughts ready by Stan on “Giving”.

**2. Minutes:** Distributed by Michelle. Under finances, it should read “bills” and “not revenue”.

Motion to accept with revision: Ken Richardson; seconded Hope Gray; All in favour.

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

- This month with the closing of the Carleton Place Bingo hall and the bingo committee trying to organize to keep the bingo hall operating much time was spent on this. As all groups involved with bingo are aware this new organization was not feasible for us and therefore no groups will be involved with this bingo.
- Thanks to all for their input which most of the time there was a very short timeline for it.
- All groups are up and running except Portland.
- Congratulations to Merrickville for their growth.
- At the council level there has been a welcome change to the voting procedure. Before all the Council Service team had a vote, which amounted to 4 or 5 votes, under the new rules only the Area Commissioners and the Council youth rep will have a vote.
- The new youth award, the maple, information now on the web.
- A 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary crest will be given to all members of Voyageur council and should be ready for distribution by the December meeting.
- Child tax credit, no concrete information yet but it looks like that a special receipt will be made for groups to give to the parents. This credit is for youth under 16 involved in activities and is a federal government initiative.
- Watch your emails for a chance to take part in an astronomy night held at HQ.
- On a negative note the Whole Conference has been postponed because of lack of numbers. It is hoped that a new date with more publicity for this worthwhile event will make it a success.

### DAC Reports:

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

- no report available.

ii: **Training – Hope Gray** [hope@kevinrobertgray.com](mailto:hope@kevinrobertgray.com)

- Valley Highlands Training - 3 Gateway courses + Wood Badge 1 @ Carlton Place Nov. 2 – 3 2007

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

- **Patrol Leaders Conference :** We had 11 Scouts attend the PL's Conference on Oct. 12 -14, 2007. I am sure they all learned various leadership skills and made new friends among of the other youth. Overall I was very pleased in the way these PL's and Assistant PL's developed into a working team over the weekend. There is a lot of potential among this group of youth.
- **Beaverree:** The Beaverree was cancelled due to lack of Colonies able to attend.
- **Sixers Council:** I ran out of time to organize the Sixers Council for Oct. 13, 2007. If there is still interest among the Packs, I will try to organize indoor Sixers Council for some time in January.
- **JOTA Camp:** I am expecting most of the Troops to take part in the JOTA Camp Oct. 19 - 21, 2007.

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

WHISPERING PINES CAMP REPORT 2007

DATE	GROUP	ADULTS	YOUTH	CAMPING
		DAYS		
17-19 Aug	2 <sup>nd</sup> Smiths Falls	2	0	6
17-19 Aug	Napean Rovers	5	6	33
24-26 Aug	Boat Rescue	11	6	51
24-26 Aug	2 <sup>nd</sup> Smiths Falls	2	3	15
28-30 Sep	1 <sup>st</sup> Kanata	4	20	72
29-30 Sep	Carleton Place	2	10	24
12-14 Oct	P/L Conference	6	9	45
TOTAL CAMPING DAYS TO DATE			246	

BOOKINGS

- 2-4 Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Stittsville
- 3-4 Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Almont Cubs
- 19-21 Oct JOTA Camp
- 19-21 Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Ottawa
- 19-21 Oct Someone's Cubs

Bill Submitted for postage & Toilet paper for camp -- \$22.34

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

- plans to take the Workshop for H & A in December.
- Will work on updating areas H & A in membership.

vi: **Scout Trees - Brian Billings - [brian\\_billings@carleton.ca](mailto:brian_billings@carleton.ca)**

- no report at this time.

vii: **Fundraising - Bradley Simpson [bradlevsimpson@sympatico.ca](mailto:bradlevsimpson@sympatico.ca)**

- no report available.

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

- received financial report ending the 12months (Aug 31/07). Doesn't make sense.
- Tim Foreman will sort it out.

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

- see attached.

GROUP REPORTS:

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

1. EVENTS TO DATE:
  - a. All Sections participated in Apple Day and Scouting in the Park on 29 Sep.
  - b. Cubs are up and running with 8 Cubs registered.
  - c. Scouts had their Fall Camp this past weekend at Camp Sagonaska, near Belleville. They toured the Belleville Scout and Guide Museum and the Air Force Museum at CFB Trenton. This past Monday night they were scheduled to do a night hike at the Mill of Kintail.
  
2. FUTURE EVENTS:
  - a. Beavers are doing the Whitetail Sleepover in Ottawa, and an overnight at the Almonte Civitan Hall.
  - b. Cubs will be doing their Investiture on 30 Oct, then heading to Whispering Pines on the weekend of 3 & 4 November for their Fall Camp. They will also be participating in the Remembrance Day Parade in Almonte.
  - c. Scouts are heading to Lafleche Caves in Que. on 21 Oct, for the day. They're planning a trip to the Appleton Museum on 29 Oct.
  - d. Venturers are heading to Lafleche Caves on 20 Oct 07.
  - e. I will be attending the WHOLE conference next weekend.
  
3. MAIN EFFORTS:
  - a. Stella and I are working on registrations, and making sure all paperwork is in this year.
  - b. We are looking at new fundraising ideas now that the Bingo is gone.
  
4. ISSUES:
  - a. Almonte won't be participating in Bingo's if there is a requirement to guarantee losses. We don't have money to enter into a venture like that, and we don't think Scouts Canada would approve it anyway. My experience with them this past summer trying to get approval for a donated piece of property tells me they definitely wouldn't go for Groups guaranteeing potential losses.
  - b. We have received a donation in lieu of the property. We will be replacing our old utility trailer with some of the funds, and it will be in memory of the donor's Father. It took three trips to Scout headquarters and two phone calls before I was able to get the cheque and tax receipt, and I had to wait while the accountant ran around and had the receipt done up (with the wrong address for the donor). I also talked to Tim Foreman about the lack of response to the property donation, and he apologized for the lack of communication and the "dropping of the ball" on their part...little consolation to losing a piece of property.
  - c. I will forward a cheque for \$12.50 to Jean to cover the cost of buttons done at the Scouting in the Park event. I will also forward our receipt for Registration advertising for the \$50.00 Area subsidy.

Yours in Scouting,

Bill Lawrence Group Commissioner

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

- no report

## Carleton Place:

- Registered: Beavers 9; Cubs 10; Troop 4; 2 new leaders
- Investiture at camp for Troop on the 29<sup>th</sup>
- Venturers plan to attend Rovent.
- All will participate in Apple Day
- Concern: information on registration falsified. Parent wanted youth in older section (Cubs), but was too immature. Recommended he be in Beavers – found out parent put down false info. Stan assured CP that Area and Council were behind them in their decision

## 1<sup>st</sup> Drummond:

- Scouts 3 registered and 2 leaders; Pack 18 and 2 leaders
- Plan remembrance Day and Investiture ceremony
- Plan on Apple day; Perth Pool evening and participate in Popcorn.

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

- no report

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

- Registered members: Colony 20 youth'; Pack 23 youth; Troop 14 youth; Company 9 youth
- Retention is 73 %

Beavers – may host Beaveree in spring – carried out Apple Day

Cubs – Canoeing and decorating / varnishing own paddles

Troop – working forward to Canoe trip in Algonquin Park. Making camp chairs / finishing paddles.

Company – Ro – Vent, Laser quest, white water canoe trip in spring?

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

**Past Events:** The Cub Pack has six members and Akela is working with the three new ones while the others are going ahead with their badges. The Pack Web Page continues to be expanded.

The Scout Troop has already had a camp and two Scouts were to attend the PL camp. All of them are busy with badges. The troop now has ten members, twice the enrolment of last year.

The Group Apple Day was held on October 5 and 6 with receipts of \$1438. This in spite of bad weather and two locations not being available on Saturday.

**Upcoming Events:** The Troop will be attending JOTA camp and already have other events planned for this year. Both sections and the group committee will participate in Operation Christmas Child. We expect a good turnout for Remembrance Day. Kelly Banks has arranged to do some school talks. We have a system in place to ensure that the group is represented at area meetings. Again we have had excellent publicity from the Perth Courier.

**Concerns:** We appreciate that Kelly is arranging school talks. However, we do feel that the local group should also be represented at these talks and given the opportunity for local input.

Arnel W. Pattemore, Group Commissioner

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

- no report

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

- 74 members registered.
- Beavers: Making hope train for Angel Tree; participating in the Food Bank and snowsuit Drive. 5-7 youth going to Whitetail with 3 leaders.
- Cubs: Camped at Fish & Game club after apple day – 17 attended. Working on lots of badges.
- Scouts: Sent 4 youth, 2 leaders to PLs conference; Plan on going to JOTA; went to brotherhood camp.
- Apple day was a huge success.
- All sections going to attend Remembrance Day Service.
- Rovers are now registered with very enthusiastic youth.
- 4 leaders planning to take WB I.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:**

- **Council objectives:** are complete and now Area need to do theirs. Roger Nuttall, Chris Tyler and Stan Lasenba will work on these together.
- **Regional Conference:** Has been postponed. Notice to be sent out by organizing committee.

- **Legion – Remembrance Day:** Stan has been working to set up something special, so that the youth will work with the Legion and participate in the ceremony. i.e. Youth read the honour role or read Flander's Fields poem. Almonte, Carleton Place, Drummond/Lanark, Perth and Smiths Falls Legions have been contacted.

### **Great Lakes Jamboree:**

Dear Scouter,

As you know the Great Lakes Jamboree is being held in July of 2008. At this time I am writing to urge you to register for this event.

For all troops registering before Nov 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 we have 2 special offers. We will give you a cooler for your food and a coupon for 5 bags of ice just for registering early. Also, each leader of a group who registers by Nov 15<sup>th</sup> will be given a ballot at camp for a special prize package to be drawn at camp. That package will be a 2 person get a way for an area in Ontario. There will be a choice of 4 packages so that there should be one near you.

Naturally we will still take registrations right up to the week of the event if we have room but why wait? This year we are expanding our marketing efforts to include Scouters club presentations, area presentations and 2 ads in the Leader magazine. We expect that we will fill up this year. Since you have been a supporter of the Jambo in the past I am writing to you to ensure that you do not miss out on the opportunity to come.

If your troop has a lot of new members or some new leadership that would like a presentation made on Jambo in the next couple of months, we have staff all over Southern Ontario, Michigan and New York. I just need 2 weeks notice and I can have someone at your meeting.

We are all very excited about the program this Jamboree. We have a new village, a wild and crazy theme for the night program as well as some new Subcamp events. We have added an overnight canoe trip as well as an overnight hike on the Bruce trail. This is the best and most varied program we have ever done and we know you and your youth will just love it. That's why I'm writing to you. The link to the main page is below. Click on it and register today!! Thank.

[www.greatlakesjamboree.net](http://www.greatlakesjamboree.net)

Yours in Scouting Brotherhood

Skip Locke

### **Astronomy:**

Voyageur Council, in co-operation with the Ottawa Valley Astronomy and Observers Group (OAOG), are presenting an **"Astronomy for Scouting Groups"** session at Scout Headquarters at 1345 Baseline Rd. on **Tuesday November 20**. The session will start at 6:45 and is **open to all sections** (Beavers to Rovers!).

The session will include a 1/2 hour indoor presentation and then move to an outdoor observing session with volunteers from the OAOG. In the event that the weather or sky conditions do not permit the outdoor session, the indoor session will be expanded.

Groups are requested to pre-register with:

Andrew Paterson  
commissioner@carletonscouting.ca  
(C) 613-298-0803  
(H) 613-591-2478

This has been a popular event in past. Registration is necessary to help us plan to have enough telescopes and to split the group, alternating indoor and outdoor sessions as necessary.

See also [www.oaog.ca](http://www.oaog.ca) for more information on the OAOG.

YIS  
Andrew

