



## Area Forum

March 20, 2008

Lion's Club, Smiths Falls



**Present:** Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner, Jean Lasenba, Finance; Roger Nuttall, DAC Program; Ken Richardson, APM; Larry Palmer, 4<sup>th</sup> Perth; Bill Lawrence, 2nd Almonte; Debra Hull 2nd Smiths Falls; Joan Smith 2nd Smiths Falls; Val Vanables 4th Perth secretary; John Stalker Carleton Place Recognition, Gen Stalker youth rep, Bradley Simpson Fundraising/Web site, S. Thompson 1st Drummond, Hope Gray DAC training /1st Merrickville and Chris Tyler.

**Regrets:** Michelle Niefer

**Agenda Items: O'Canada:** Hope Gray  
Reading: Stan

**Minutes:** Motion to accept. John Stalker. Seconded: Bill Lawrence; All in favour

### Business arising from previous minutes:

- Coffee maker was purchased \$68.75.
- Popcorn amount returned to are was \$702.78 not \$722
- Divided as such: 1st Drummond \$36, 2nd SF \$210.49, Carleton Place \$239.24, 4th Perth \$49.88, 2nd Almonte \$169.17

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

### Council report:

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

### DAC Reports:

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

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

- Course for Aspiring trainers Mar 29 contact Stan if interested
- Valley Highlands doing very well with training - 3 pack leaders and 1 colony leader still in need of Woodbadge I training
- Nov. 7-8 Woodbadge training
- Basic canoe confirmed as Jun 14-15  
Boat rescue Jun 21-22  
Boat rescue Aug 23-24
- Stan suggested project wild training for spring of next year

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

- **Kub Kar, 18 - Wheeler and Rocket Kar Rallies:** The Rallies for all three sections will be held at the County Mall, off Highway 29 in Smiths Falls. Kub Kar registrations start at 9:30 AM, Rocket Kar registrations start at 12:30 PM and the 18- Wheeler registrations start at 1:00 PM.

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

- no report at this time.

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

- **NO** awards as no one is submitting. Leaders please look into this as there are a lot of leaders who could be receiving awards.

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

vii: **Fundraising – Web Site: Bradley Simpson** [bradleysimpson@sympatico.ca](mailto:bradleysimpson@sympatico.ca)

Well I finally have access to our area's website and now I would like to ask formally for group contact updates and current pictures from recent events to add to the site. This is a great opportunity for us to brag about our great Scouting groups but it can't be done without current information.

Please forward any and all info you would like to see on the site and I'll post it ASAP. I'll be away next week on holidays but will get on top of it as soon as I return.

Any questions please feel free to e-mail @ Bradley [Simpson@sympatico.ca](mailto:Simpson@sympatico.ca) or phone @ 613-253-0748.

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

3 bills 2months refreshments	\$16.57
office supplies	\$24.83
cofffee maker	\$68.75
total	\$110.15

- motion to pay the bills: Roger Nutall, 2nd Larry Palmer all in favour.

## **GROUP REPORTS:**

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

#### 1. EVENTS TO DATE:

- a. All Sections participated in our Group BP Week Challenge on 24 Feb 08. Stan was on hand to present Centenary Medals to Scouters Kirby Koster, Stella Lawrence, Tom Joron, Tracy Joron and Brian Moore.
- b. Cubs have been working on their Kub Kars in preparation for the Area Rally on 29 March. They went to the Scout Museum and the National War Museum on 1 March. During March break the Cubs visited Stella's Crafty Corner, and did ceramics from pouring to painting.
- c. Scouts did their Winter Camp out at Rosetta on 1 – 2 March.

#### 2. FUTURE EVENTS:

- a. Cub Winter camp is scheduled for 5 – 6 April, and they are working on recycling scrap leather car seats into whatever they want...(their ideas are pretty imaginative)???
- b. Scouts are preparing for the 18 Wheeler Rally.

#### 3. MAIN EFFORTS:

- a. We are currently at a registered strength of 48 in our Group, including a couple of Leaders that need a few pieces of final paperwork.

#### 4. ISSUES:

- a. After the last Area meeting, Stella and I went to Scout Headquarters to get the prizes for the Popcorn campaign last fall. There was nothing there for us. Who do we see. The January Area meeting I was told the prizes weren't available yet, the February meeting I was told to pick them up at Headquarters.

Yours in Scouting,

Bill Lawrence, Group Commissioner

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

### **Carleton Place:**

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

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

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

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**Colony:** Attended Church Parade at start of BP week as well as the Founder's Banquet. Merrickville Lion's Club Eager Beaver Award was presented. Recipient receives a week at Camp Opemikon. 16 Beavers having fun.

**Pack:** Working on designs and decorating paddles for spring canoeing. Attended Church parade activities at start of BP week as well as performing skits at the Founder's banquet. Solstar Wolf Cub Sprit Award presented. Recipient receives a week at Camp Opemikon this summer. 14 Cubs regularly attend.

**Troop:** Attended and helped organize Church Parade activities. Presented slide show from CJ07 adventures at Founder's Banquet. Showed finished wood burned designs on paddles completed in preparation for use during canoe trip to Algonquin park. The canoe trip will take place June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 5 2008. 12 Scouts and 5 Leaders to attend. Scouts are also working on wooden camp chairs. Attended winter camp March 1<sup>st</sup> W/E.

**Company:** Venturers partnered with 1<sup>st</sup> Kemptville Company for a weekend of skiing / hiking / snowshoeing in the Adirondacks. Merrickville Founder's Banquet had them showing skills, and slides of their activities.

**Group:** First Merrickville is organizing 100 Tent Event. Which will be a large camping weekend October 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> 2008 at the Merrickville fair grounds. This will commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> year of Scouting in Merrickville. Groups from Valley Highland are invited. Some activities planned are climbing wall from CJ07, canoe games, and war canoeing for all sections. Merrickville Guide units will be in attendance as well.

A number of Merrickville Leaders received the Centennial Commemorative Medal at the Founder's Banquet.

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

The 4th Perth Group Committee met on March 13th.

**Events to Date:** To celebrate Scout/Guide Week the Pack and Troop joined for a sleepover at the church on February 22nd to 23rd. This was a great linking event with a busy evening and a great Saturday. Both sections participated in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl for Kids on Saturday morning and raised almost \$400.00 in pledges. Parents joined at noon for a pizza lunch and then watched as the youth raced their Kub Kars and Eighteen Wheelers. the day ended with presentations and investitures. All in all this was a great weekend followed by regular programming with emphasis on badge work.

**Future Events:** The Group will participate in the Perth Maple Fest at the end of April having a booth to promote Scouting and also sell popcorn, while also doing a service for the organizers. Our big thrust now will be planning for this event but we are also looking forward to the Stewart Park Festival later in the year and enhanced contact with our Sponsor. The group is also hosting the Voyageur Council Chief Scout's/Queen's Venturer Awards Ceremony in June.

**Comments:** 4th Perth has a retention rate of 80% and so qualifies for a subsidy on registrations. Our membership has increased over the past year and our programs go well.

Arnel W. Pattemore, Group Commissioner

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

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

**Old Business:** None

### **New Business:**

- John Stalker was assigned as our new Area Commissioner he takes over July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Voyageur Beaveree May 10 9-4:30 Ottawa Airforce Base \$12 Beaver \$6 all others Scouting members only
- Membership is down 363 members down from 466 last year
- Please submit PRC's and required info if you have been contacted with members showing up as prospective
- Whole conference if there isn't 110 leaders registered it will be cancelled
- Joan Smith was given her Commemorative Award
- New questionair - Basic leader Development check list this is a trial package from Scouts Canada each group will be receiving it from Stan via Email
- Otty Lake Ass would like to borrow the button machine in early July 25cents a button will be paid

- Chief Scout and Queen Venture is set for June 7th in Perth. Deadline for Applications is May2nd

**Next meeting: April 17, 2008**

Motion to adjourn: Bradley Simpson

**Recorded by:** Debra Hull

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

Minutes Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stan Lassenba, Area Commissioner