



Area Forum

April 17th 2007

Lion's Club, Smiths Falls



Present: Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner, Michelle Niefer, Secretary; Jean Lasenba, Finance; Roger Nuttall, DAC Program; Ken Richardson, APM; Brad Simpson, Fundraiser/web site; Brian Billings, Trees; James Fairhurst, Gr Com Drummond; Bill Lawrence, Gr. Com Almonte; Alex Beelich, 1st Merrickville; Hope Gray, DAC Training; Gen Stalker, Youth Rep; John Stalker, CP/Area and Valerie Venables, Perth Rep. **Regrets:** Larry Palmer

Agenda Items: O'Canada: led by Michelle
Thoughts: Read by Stan.

Minutes: Read and motion to accept: Ken Richardson; Seconded John Stalker; all in favour.

Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner: Lasenba@sympatico.ca
Highlights of Council Meeting

- **Crests:** Should be ordered from approved list as these suppliers pay Scouts Canada a 5% fee.
- Council Curling Bonspiel to take place November 22, 2008. Rst Beef sandwich/fee \$25. More details to follow.
- Council Administration Officer to replace Tim Foreman is Jeff Benson and Kelly Banks will be the field executive for every area for now.
- Retention rate should be monitored by Area Commissioner but maybe the office will do this automatically.
- Registration Fee: Not available as the Council budget has not been struck, the national fee has increased by \$2.00 to \$58.50. Doug hall to get final budget figures and let AC'S know in 2 weeks what the fee will be. Looks like a \$3.00 increase to \$128.00 regular and \$113.00 early registration. About 2/3 of all registration paid is at the lower price, either because of early registration or subsidies or friend fest.
- SIT are eligible for years of service pins.
- There will be a meeting of AC'S and DAC Program at HQ on May 26th. This is to discuss next years calendar.
- Golf Tournament – funds for Camp Opemikon – Wednesday June 11th. Refer to Council Web site for more details.

AC Report

- There is still much concern that the problem of registration is not taken seriously enough. We still have people who are not properly registered and this leaves everyone liable if something happens. I realize that we are all busy but this is one item that needs to be put on the top of the list. If you have a leader or youth that registered some time ago and has not been paid for or put in the system and an injury or something happens you are the one on the hook. Protect yourself and don't let these things fall through the cracks.
- There are over 200 registered for the Whole conference and although I don't have exact numbers for our Area I understand that we have many attending.

Council report: Kelly Banks – Field Executive: kbanks@scouts.ca

- See attached

DAC Reports:

i: Youth - Gen Stalker stargate_gal@hotmail.com

- no report

ii: **Training – Hope Gray** hope@kevinrobertgray.com

- Boat Rescue: June 21-22nd at Whispering Pines. Fee \$30. John Stalker course leader
- Basic Canoe: June 14-15th Whispering Pines; Fee \$10.

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

Wheels: The Wheels day was held at the County Fair Mall in Smiths Falls. The numbers were up from last year with 45 Cubs, 33 Scouts and 9 Venturers taking part.

The winners in each section were:

Kub Kar Winners:

1st Speed - Alex Keeping - Carleton Place; 2nd Speed - Mackenzie Burns - 1st Elmsley; 3rd Speed - Christopher Moodie - 2nd Smiths Falls

1st Design - Alex Keeping - Carleton Place; 2nd Design - Rebecca Fairhurst - 1st Drummond

3rd Design - Austin McDiarmid - 1st Beckwith

Pack Trophy - 2nd Almonte

18 - Wheeler Winners:

1st Speed - Scott Hull - 2nd Smiths Falls; 2nd Speed - Skyler Stewart - 2nd Smiths Falls;

3rd Speed - Jason Koster - 2nd Almonte

1st Design - Matthew Moore - 2nd Almonte; 2nd Design - James Desrosiers - 2nd Smiths Falls;

3rd Design - Robin Jahn - 1st Elmsley

Troop Trophy - 2nd Smiths Falls

Rocket Kar Winner:

Most Spectacular Flight - Gen Stalker - Carleton Place

Planning by the Scout Leaders for the Nitevent (May 9-10) and Camporee (May 23 - 25) mostly done. The planning for Impeeza (May 30 -June 1) is coming along well under the guidance of Wendy Fyfe and her team of Cub Leaders. Bill Lawrence is spearheading the Area Beaveree for May 24, in Almonte.

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

- No report other than what Stan mentioned re lawnmower.

v: **Honours & Awards – John Stalker** – stalker.john@fin.gc.ca

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

Plant Site

- location: still at the D/NE Landfill Site but at a new location
 - o Planting area at end of landfill site (just off Code Road on Conc. 5B - heading towards Highway 7) - across from the hanging barn.
 - Planting an “L” shape pattern in one field and total fill-in in the other.
- visited yesterday (Wednesday) w/ Dan COOPER from RVCA
 - o Plant site is relatively dry/open field and is draining well...will be ready for planting on May 3rd - planting 3,300 trees.
 - Drummond and Smiths Falls unable to plant on May 3rd and will be making separate arrangements with these groups for alternate plant assignments.
 - Are there any other groups that can't make the May 3rd plant date? If so, please contact me ASAP so that I can plan for all Area plant activities.

Sponsorship

- Total Funds Raised for the Year = \$1,825.00
 - o Latest edition - Lanark Cedar = \$1,000.00 (more details below).
 - Previous donations received this year:
 - Albany International - \$200.00
 - Almonte Truss - \$500.00
 - Centennial Truss - \$100.00

- Home Depot (Carleton Place) - \$25.00 Gift Card
- All tree plant expenses are now covered with these generous donations.

Advertising and Promotion

- Stan and I met with Sandy GRELLA (Owner/Manager) Lanark Cedar last Wednesday.
 - o Lanark Cedar would like to partner with VH Area Scouts in support of Scoutrees and provide further sponsorship to our programs and recognize our environmental efforts.
 - As such, Lanark Cedar will be offering for sale to the public from 28-APR-2008 to 03-MAY-2008, 250 CW seedlings for \$2.00 each (cost \$0.50) all proceeds to Scouting
 - o Lanark Cedar has also offered to host a Fundraising BBQ on May 3rd w/ Chef Stan cooking hotdogs /Almonte Venturers assisting - all proceeds to Scouting.
- *After the plant, all Area Groups are encouraged to attend the Lanark Cedar location for free food, refreshment, and awarding of badges/certificates to sponsors. **The BBQ will get underway at 1100h at Lanark Cedar - Stan and Area Team are coordinating.***
 - o ***It is hoped that all groups can attend Lanark Cedar after the Plant at D/NE Landfill Site (Lanark Cedar is located on Highway 7 just outside Carleton Place - 10 mins. drive from the D/NE Landfill Site. Please advise if you cannot attend and Area will make some arrangement for food for your youth.***
- Lanark Cedar is changing their advertising at the end of April to promote/sponsor our Scoutrees program and will be running commercials on Lake 88 and JackFM.
 - o Lake 88 is also giving VH Area Scouts some PSAs for Scoutrees and I am scheduled for an on-air interview on 01-MAY-2008 to talk about our Scoutrees program and our environmental partnerships.
 - o EMC will be running stories and will also be on hand on May 3rd at the Plant site and at Lanark Cedar...***that being said, it would be super nice to have a good Scouting turn-out to promote our movement and our activities!!!***

Details as to plant date/time and directions will follow by separate e-mail to all Groups over the next week...at this point; I am considering an earlier start (0830h) for those groups that can arrive earlier so that some groups can be to Lanark Cedar for the BBQ starting at 1100h. In the interim, should anyone have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail at brian_billings@carleton.ca or by phone (H) 613-256-7282/(C) 613-794-1975.

One last point/clarification with respect to Groups using Scoutrees as a fundraising initiative - those Groups that raise funds through Scoutrees keep 85% of monies collected - 15% is forwarded to the Brotherhood Fund/Council is not asking for their 15% this year. I had received some questions on this earlier by some Groups and had answered them but thought that I should share this for the benefit of all Groups,

Thank you all...I appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you out at the Plant Site on May 3rd!!!

Respectfully Submitted, Brian E. L. Billings; Area Scoutrees Coordinator

vii: **Fundraising - Bradley Simpson** bradleysimpson@sympatico.ca

- Anyone who has taken pictures recently of their groups or events, please send them to Brad and he will put them on our web site

viii : **Financial: Jean Lasenba** - lasenba@sympatico.ca

- Total bills for camp from Stan: \$ 52.50
Motion to pay: Ken Richardson; seconded- Roger Nuttall, all in favour.
- Stan has obtained a tractor (slightly used 1-2 years for \$700. Stan is on the look out for a trailer to take it to camp on. Because of its value, it will not be left at camp, but transported each time the grass is cut.
Discussion had; Motion made: John Stalker; seconded: Hope Gray; all in favour; motion carried.
- Jean returned popcorn money to all groups that participated.
- Roger return money left over from the Wheels event.
- Kitchen dining trailer to be moved from Jeff Gilbert's place and repaired.

GROUP REPORTS:

2nd Almonte:

1. EVENTS TO DATE:

- a. Beavers have been doing Theme nights; Snow sculptures and painting, Easter, Growing Plants, Beaver Buggy Races.
- b. Cubs participated in the Area Kub Kar Rally, and brought home the Participation Trophy. April 5 and 6, we had our Winter Camp at Camp Sagonaska, just north of Belleville. During the weekend we took in the Scout/Guide Museum in Belleville and the National Aviation Museum at CFB Trenton. We've started working on our recycling badge, making new things out of leather car seat covers that were donated by another Scout Camp. We're making hats & fanny packs so far.
- c. Scouts participated in the Area 18 Wheeler Rally. Matthew Moore won 1st in design, and Jason Koster took 3rd in speed. Scouts had a tower building night, games night, went to a glow in the dark mini putt for an evening, and launched their rocket gliders.
- d. Venturers participated in the rocket cars at the Area event, and ran the pit stop for the Kub Kars and 18 Wheelers. March 21, they went tubing at Mount Pakenham.

2. FUTURE EVENTS:

- a. Beavers are going to the Fire hall on 29 Apr, and are heading into the Museum of Civilization for the day on Saturday, May 10.
- b. Cubs are starting to work on Bike safety, and finishing up a few things to get their Cooking, Camping and hiking badges. We will be doing a schoolyard clean up for Pitch-in Week, and Scoutrees. May we are scheduled to attend the Carleton Area Camporee at Fitzroy Harbour, and we are also going to Camp Impeeza.
- c. Scouts are planning a movie night, Pitch - in Park cleanup, Scoutrees and are looking at having an Anti-bulling presentation.
- d. Venturer's are getting very water active...they are gearing up for the Whitewater training and boat rescue training in preparation for a trip to Algonquin Park in July. They will be doing Scoutrees, and cleaning up the park during Pitch-in Week.

3. MAIN EFFORTS:

- a. Venturer's would like to help serve burgers at the Lanark Cedar BBQ during Scoutrees.

4. ISSUES:

- a. We hope to have our Popcorn campaign finalized this meeting. It's getting discouraging that it takes 4+ months to get awards and crests.

Yours in Scouting, Bill Lawrence, Group Commissioner

1st Beckwith: Nothing received

Carleton Place: Nothing received

1st Drummond:

15 March - Cubs and Scouts attended a Kennel tour in Manotick for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind

26 March - Beavers and Cubs went Skating in Lanark, the cubs tested for their skating badge

29 March - Beavers and Cubs attended the Kub Kar Rally in Smiths Falls with one of our cubs taking 2nd in Design! Scouts attended the Scout Trucks.

9 Apr - Beavers had a beach party and cubs received their rocket kits for our Rocket Launch and BBQ on May 10th

16 Apr - Beavers and Cubs celebrated Earth Day by picking up garbage

23 Apr - Beavers and Cubs going swimming at the Perth Pool, cubs will be working on their swimming badge

Beavers/Cubs/Scouts are under way with a new fundraising campaign, we are giving Worlds Finest Chocolate a try with their Continental Almonds.

Karyn Fairhurst

1st Elmsley: Nothing received

1st Merrickville: Nothing received

4th Perth:

Past Events: The Cub Pack has been working on badges including use of the compass. Attendance continues to be good.

The Scout Troop continues its regular programs with an emphasis on badge work. Two Scouts should receive the Chief Scout's Award this year.

Both Sections participated in the Kub Kar Rally and 18 Wheeler Race with our leaders actively helping with the day. Our youth did very well indeed.

Future Plans: The Scout Group is holding a Citizenship Night on April 16th. They are also planning a sleepover camp, are registered for a First Aid Course, and will take part in Nite Vent.

The Group will have a booth at Maplefest and will be selling popcorn on consignment. We will also have a BBQ at Hendrik's Independent Grocer on May 3rd.

Plans are going well for the Voyageur Council Chief Scout's and Queen's Venturer Award Ceremony which we will sponsor on June 7th.

Several Scouts have earned the Religion in Life Emblem, which will be presented shortly. We are also offering to take care of a flower garden for the church.

4th Perth is pleased to have attained an 80% retention rate this year.

Arnel W. Pattemore,

2nd Smiths Falls: No report

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Merrickville 100th Anniversary camp. Sent under separate cover
- Food Booth – needs repair badly. Walls/floors need painting; screens fixed and shelves relined.
Motion by Stan: To make available \$300. to cover cost of refurbishing booth.
Seconded: John Stalker; All in favour – passed.
- Beaveree: is all planned with the help of several leaders. May 24th; registration at 9:30, events to begin 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fee is \$3. which will cover the crest/snack. Place: Almonte Arena. Theme: Pirates.

Motion to adjourn: Ken Richardson; seconded by Brad Simpson.

Meeting closed at : 9: 15 p.m.

Next meeting: May 17th at 7 p.m.

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept: _____

Minutes Signed by: _____
Stan Lasenba, Area Commissioner