



Area Forum

August 7, 2008

Lion's Club, Smiths Falls



Present: John Stalker, Area Commissioner, Jean Lasenba, Finance; Gen Stalker, Youth rep; Stan Lasenba, Camp Warden; Roger Nuttall, Christ Tyler, Joan Smith, 2nd Smiths Falls, Ken Richardson, Hope Gray, DAC Recognition; Elizabeth Docker, Carleton Place, Debra Hull, 2nd Smiths Falls.

Regrets: Michelle Niefer; Brad Simpson

Agenda Items: O'Canada: led by John Stalker
Poem: read by John Stalker

John Stalker, Area Commissioner: j_stalker@sympatico.ca

- Welcome from John (613-451-0554 text messages OK)
- This year's focus is on growth and retention. Our area is at the bottom of the list of growth. We have dropped 20% last year. Retention was 53.9%, still bottom of the list.
- Honours & Awards will be another important focus in the coming year.

Minutes: No minutes available from last meeting.

Council report:

Kelly Banks – Field Executive: kbanks@scouts.ca

DAC Reports:

i: **Youth - Gen Stalker** stargate_gal@hotmail.com

- No report

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

- No report

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

* Lombardy fair booth \$5081.97 Total income; 1926.01 expenditures; 631.19 to fair (20%)
\$2524.77 total profit

iv: **Camp Warden – Stan Lasenba –** lasenba@sympatico.ca

Whispering Pines Camp Report August 2008

Date	Group	Adults	Youth	Camping Days
May 10 th				827
May 23-25	Camporee	15	48	189
May 30- June 1	Impessa	21	69	270
June 6 - June 8	2 nd Orleans	4	11	45
June 13 - 15	Boat Rescue	5		15
June 20 - June 22 4 th Perth		5	12	51

June 20 - June 22 Boat Rescue	14	8	66
June 20 - June 22 7 th Kanata	30	66	297
July 2 - July 3 Ope	3	3	6*
July 9 - July 10 Ope	3	4	7*
Total to Date	223	494	1773 nights so far this year

- The camp grass has been mowed 4 times this year and will need mowing again very soon.
- RVCA inspected the camp and was very happy with what we are doing. We now have permission to have 3 large bales of hay placed at the first large corner leaving the camp to be used for a backdrop for archery. This area will need to be leveled somewhat.
- A work party will be required in September to do some major undertakings that were planned and still need to be done such as a new Kybo near the entrance to 1st Elmsley's site and repairs to some other kybos. The cost of the new kybo should not be more than \$ 350.00. A backhoe will be required to dig the hole and level the area for archery.
- We have received a donation of \$500.00 from Bell Canada's employee giving fund and I would suggest that we purchase a wipper-snipper with a blade for the camp. This would be used to maintain the campfire area and also to brush along the road and trails. This would cost about \$350.00. One that I looked at is a snapper and its main benefit is that it has a 4 cycle engine and therefore does not need the oil and gas mixed.

Expenses	Gas for lawn mower	11.06	
	Gas for lawn mower	<u>10.00</u>	
Total			21.06

Motion to purchase weed eater by Stan Lasenba; 2nd Ken Richardson; all in favour
 Cost \$21.05 for gas to be paid. Elizabeth 2nd Ken Richardson all in favour

v: **Technology:** - **Bradley Simpson** bradleysimpson@sympatico.ca

- website is progressing. More news next meeting.

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

vii: **Training:**

- June Boat rescue was a success
- Aug 22-24 Boat Rescue course offered at Whispering Pines
- Nov 7-8 Woodbadge 1
- Sept 6-7 camp Ope, Area Commissioner and DAC training
- Sept 19-21 Pioneering training @ Whispering Pines

GROUP REPORTS: * No reports submitted

Old Business:

- Merrickville 100 Tent Event Oct 3-5
- Looking for ventures for offers of service as well as others to help with canoe activities
- Still accepting registrations for youth

New Business

Schedule of events

Sept Thurs 4 th area meeting	Sept 26-28 brother hood
Oct 2 area meeting	Oct 3-5 Merrickville 100 Tent Event
Oct 4 national apple day	Oct 18-19 Jota fall scout camp/ patrol leader Chris Roger Rovent

Nov 1 Kim/Keo sixer seconders training (Stan/Joan) Nov 6 area meeting
Nov 7-9 woodbadge 1 Nov 15-16 advanced wilderness first aid
Nov 22-23 boat pro motor boat license training
Nov 22 curling in Smiths Falls \$25 per person includes meal all welcome fun day

Dec 4 area meeting

Dec 6 camp zero prep day, Ken's lot, 442 Bolton Rd. Merrickville

Jan 8 area meeting ??? Pending availability of hall

Jan 6th winter camp course Smiths falls Jan 17 camp zero Ken Richardsons

Feb first and third weekend venture Appalaichian winter adventure

Feb 7 Cub winter challenge Feb 15-22 Scout and Guide week

Feb 14 Beaver Burr

Mar Kub Kar / 18 wheelers

April 18 whole conference Apr 26 White water pre training

May 2 scout trees May 1-3 RSVP ventures/Opie

May 9-10 council scout camp/Council night vent

May 9 Jamboree on the trail May 22-24 scout camporee

May 22-24 White water 1/3 May 29 white water 2

May 30 beaveree

June 6 chief scout awards June 5-7 camp Impeesa

July 31-Aug3 Lombardy Fair

Advertising:

Area will run an add in the EMC for a couple of weeks including each groups contact name and number

Motion to adjourn Ken Richardson

Minutes taken by: Debra Hull

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept: _____

Minutes Signed by: _____ on _____.
Stan Lassenba, Area Commissioner Date