



Area Forum

September 7, 2008

Lions Club, Smiths Falls



Attendance: John Stalker Area commissioner, Gen Stalker youth rep, Jean Lasenba treasurer, Stan Lasenba camp warden Bradf Simpson, Technology / Fundraising; Gen Stalker, Youth Rep; Roger Nuttal, area; Chris Tyler, Area; Kelly Banks, CFE; Alex Beelich, James Fairhurst, 1st Drummond Comm. John Armstrong, 1st Elmsley; V Venables, 4th Perth and Joan Smith, 2nd Smiths Falls

Regrets: Allen Sinfield, Beckwith; Michelle Nifer, Hope Gray.

Agenda Items:

1. O'Canada: Led by John Stalker

Poem: John Stalker

2. Minutes: read. Motion to move Stan, seconded by Chris Tyler; passed

3. Business arising from the minutes

- Advertising- ad not in yet. EMC to give 33 1/3 % off. ¼ page 330.00. Keely suggested that we use the pre made advert from the National site. Ad will include GC info for contact. Hoping to run the week of Sept. 8th to 12th and the week of sept. 22nd to 27th. This will replace the individual group re-embursement.

4. John Stalker, Area Commissioner: j_stalker@sympatico.ca

- Council meeting this Sunday @ Opemikon during commissioners course. John, Brad and Alex attending the course.
- John passed around area communication list for updates.
- See attached report on agenda

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

- School talks. Booking them now and they are filling up fast. Growth! Growth! Growth!
- Fun nights are a new thing call and ask me about it!!
- All school flyers are now delivered to the school board.
- Schools and Scouting will be targeted in our area.
- Links are wrong on the council site, but will be fixed shortly.

DAC Reports:

i: Youth - Gen Stalker stargate_gal@hotmail.com

- Attended joint council. Go carting at the thunderbird course. Fri 12 6-8pm. 27.00 per person.
- Rovent 17-19 october. Registration deadline october 9th.
- Joint council meeting is 7th of Oct.

ii: Training –

* No DAC for training yet. John put out an appeal to fill the position.

iii: Program -

- TBD

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

- Booked twice but cancelled once. Please let stan know if you do cancel a booking.
- Stan is chasing the Rovers for thier paperwork.
- Stan cut the grass twice this summer.
- Work party on the 27th of Sept.
- New kybo to be built near the elmsley site.
- Stan forseeing a low cost of about 100.00.
- Kybo's on the play field need new floors, archery range needs to be graded.
- Graydon Hull has access to a backhoe, and brush to be cleared on the sides of the road.

v: **Honours & Awards – Hope Gray** hope@kevinrobertgray.com

- No report

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

- Brian has a cheque kfor 700.00 from Drummond North Elmsley for the planting.
- Lanark cedar wanting to stay involved with scouting throughout the year.

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

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

- Jean has not much to report.
- Financial reports need to be in by end of September 2008.
- Stan reporting a bill for the camp whipper snipper. 287.59
- Jean is ordering more cheques for the area bank account with report cost next meeting.
- Bell Canada has given a 500.00 grant to Valley Highlands on behalf of Stan Lasenba.

5. Schedule of events

- see attached calendar
- Details to follow as event comes closer

6. GROUP REPORTS:

2nd Almonte:

- no report

1st Beckwith:

- no report

Carleton Place:

- Registration night tonight. Reg fee is 175.00 including dues up front.

1st Drummond:

- Need scout leaders. Having same problem as smiths falls for website.
- 24th is first night of meetings.
- Registration night 17th

1st Elmsley:

- Registration night coming up next week. Starting meeting night on the 15th.

1st Merrickville:

- 100 tent event- have 180 currently registered. Would like to have 250 if possible. Not many have registered from Valley Highlands area groups. Organizing committee is looking for offers of service from local venturers and adult leaders.

4th Perth:

- 4th Perth had a very successful year with 80% retention and a comfortable growth in our Pack and Troop.
- We were also happy to host the Chief Scout's and Queen's Venturer Award Ceremony for Voyageur Council.
- Now we look forward to a new year, hoping for further growth and a closer liaison with our sponsor, St. James Anglican Church.
- If numbers justify and depending on leadership we hope to have a Beaver Colony and a Venturer Company will bestarted as an adjunct to the Scout Troop.

- Our registration will be on Saturday morning, September 6th. Due to illness of some of our leaders we will need to make some adjustments in program as the year begins.

Arnel W Pattemore, Group Commissioner

2nd Smiths Falls:

- Registration next Tuesday. Are offering Venturers this year.
- Complaint that Smiths Falls doesn't come up on the find a group page on the voyageur website. What can be done?
- Kelly asked to have Joan email info to her.
- Still looking for more leaders for beavers.
- Jack FM has advertised for Smiths Falls registration.

Old Business:

- 100 tent event – looking for corporate sponsors or from Area if possible.
- Alex was asking if area would donate money to go towards costs for the event.
- Discussion followed as to the numbers going and how many might still register.
- Jean motion that area gives 200.00 toward the cost of the event. Joan seconded followed by all in favor.

New Business:

- Jean would like to congratulate the Merrickville group for having a picture from their group on the cover of the Scouting Life magazine 1st edition.
- Chris Tyler is taking an area supported re-birth of 1st portland group (including outlying areas). Registration is Monday night @ portland community centre 6-8pm.
- John would like permission to buy a new shirt and name tags for area staff. Please see John at end of meeting.

Registration

- Area collection night same night as next area meeting October 2nd 2008 7pm.

Motion to adjourn Val Vennables

Recording secretary: Gen Stalker

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept: _____

Minutes Signed by: _____ on _____.
John Stalker, Area Commissioner Date