



## Area Forum

October 2, 2008

Lion's Club, Smiths Falls



**Present:** John Stalker, Area Commissioner, Michelle Niefer, Secretary; Jean Lasenba, Finance; Brad Simpson, Technology / Fundraising; Kelly Banks, CFE; John Armstrong, 1<sup>st</sup> Elmsley; Roger Nuttal, Area; Hope Gray, Area; Bill Lawrence, 2<sup>nd</sup> Almonte; Alex Beelich, 1<sup>st</sup> Merrickville; Paul Kehoe, 1<sup>st</sup> Drummond; Brian Billings, Area; Ken Richardson, Area; Stan Lasenba, Area; Chris Tyler, area; and Elizabeth Docker, Carleton Place.

**Regrets:** Gen Stalker

### Agenda Items:

- 1. Call to order.** = O'Canada – led by Michelle Niefer  
Short reading: John Stalker
- 2. Minutes:** Date corrected – Should be Sept 4<sup>th</sup>, spelling corrected in John and Michelle's name; Camp report should read: Cost \$300. instead of 100  
Minutes amended: Moved by Stan Lasenba; seconded Brady Simpson. All in favour.
- 3. Business arising from the minutes:** Advertising. Copy of EMC ad. Went with color option as it attracts attention much better.  
Last week and next week. Apologies for late insertion, but there were telephone typo's, which needed correction.  
I still need a list of all who require name tags.
- 4. John Stalker,** Area Commissioner: [j\\_stalker@sympatico.ca](mailto:j_stalker@sympatico.ca)  
Council Management Advisory Committee met on September 7 after the Commissioners O W. Much discussion on requirements for all leaders to have WBI in their section. As it stands now, all new leaders in a section must have their WBI in that section in 1<sup>st</sup> year, hopefully by calendar year end.  
All **new** Group Commissioners must have GC WBI in 1<sup>st</sup> year. Discussion continues on grandfathering.
  - New truck purchased for OPIE. Good deal due to gas price crunch.
  - Lots of discussion on Schools in Scouting. Program supplements school curriculum, with camp at year-end. For details please see Kelly.
  - Commissioner's Quality Awards. How many for 05/06, 06/07, 07/08. Back prints going in.
  - Scoutfest '09, April 18, 2009, probably in Smith's Falls Collegiate as per last year.
  - Supposed to have had budget in for Area Sept 26<sup>th</sup>. OOPs. Do we have one? Will work with Jean to do a rough one if not. Can modify later.
  - Our Area books (Area & Camp) need to be audited by professional accountant. I will approach Doug from CP to see if he would do the job Pro-Bono.
  - New goal, to have budget passed at March 09 CMAC.- Annual financial reports are due. This is not an optional item folks! It is also important as it may permit ID of problems before they get out of control. All permission slips, outdoor activity approvals etc, should be packaged and submitted for storage in HQ.  
-I am passing around a copy of the Area Directory. Could you please make any changes you can?
- 5. Council report:** Kelly Banks – Field Executive: [kbanks@scouts.ca](mailto:kbanks@scouts.ca)
  - see attached

## 6. DAC Reports:

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

- Gen regrets. The CP Venturers are meeting tonight to work on their Amory Award submission for the Missinaibi trip this summer. Rovent registration by Oct 9. Roast Beef feast fully booked. Theme is Princess Bride. Flour provided this year. Plan to attend (at least for a few hours) the 100 Tent event this weekend. Includes Crazy Canuck Adventure. VAF/Joint Council next Tuesday @ HQ @ 7:30

ii: **Training – Courses** are listed on the Council website. No local DAC yet.

iii: **Program** – Stan Lasenba and Joan Smith are working on the Keeo/sixer/seconder weekend. More info to follow.

### iv: **Camp Warden – Stan Lasenba** – [lasenba@sympatico.ca](mailto:lasenba@sympatico.ca)

The camp was used by a large number of campers on the weekend of the 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. There were over 150 people in camp. The exact number will wait until I have retrieved the paper work from 2 groups. The camp work party didn't have a large turnout, partly my fault as it was not publicized enough and partly due to the weather. I would like to thank Graydon Hull for getting the backhoe and operating it for us. This enables us to dig the hole for the new Kybo, level the area for the archery range and do some smoothing of the road. He also lent us his generator, which certainly helped on building the Kybo. Also thanks to John Armstrong for the hay bales and transporting them to camp. One more day's work should complete the Kybo and other small repairs. Thanks to all who helped. The cost was more than I expected but we were very grateful to Jed Denton for the donation of Tin, plywood and 2 x 4s I will be sending thank you to both for their support.

#### Expenses

Rideau Antiques	2 doors	64,41
Rideau Lumber	Wood, nails, roof screws	156.19
Rideau Lumber	Paint	46,02
Rideau Lumber	J trim, 3in pip, aspenite	55.87
Rideau Lumber	Felt, Toilet seat	45.05
Covell Bldg.	Nail 2 x 4s	14.94
Gas	for generator	<u>10.00</u>
Total expenses		351.48

As this project was above the norm due to number of trips to pick up supplies and to the camp I would appreciate if the Area could fund some of the gas money

Stan Lasenba

Property Chairman

### v: **Honours & Awards** – Hope Gray [hope@kevinrobertgray.com](mailto:hope@kevinrobertgray.com)

- If you have anyone to nominate for an award, let Hope know.
- Hope to get a new award going in the area; possibly a certificate. Let Hope know if you have any ideas.

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

- Performed a site visit of last year's planted areas with Dan COOPER (RVCA) and Jeff WARD (OMNR). Results very promising - 80% survival rate overall.
- Starting to look at fundraising efforts for coverage of costs for next year's plant.
- Discovered that Blair and Son have forgot to remit payments for past 3 years and will be sending contributions to the Community Stewardship Council of Lanark County immediately. This nest egg will help cover the cost of future plants.
- Some certificates from Scoutrees 2008 still need to be delivered and this will be completed within the next month. I am doing this in conjunction with request for continued sponsorship for Scoutrees 2009.
- Plant site for Scoutrees 2009 will be across from landfill site on the N/E limit of the Municipal property - 3000 trees forecasted for this area (PW and SW).

- Burn around existing landfill site may also be a potential plant area however some prep work required by D/NE (Brian DOBBIE - Landfill Site Manager) - looking to add some topsoil to the burn as soil is very shallow and not of good quality.
- Had Michelle forward a link to the Blair and Son website where they cite/thank Scouts Canada for the work of planting trees in their Memorial Forest.
- I would like to thank all groups (young/leaders/parents) for their support of Scoutrees in the past - your efforts are appreciated and recognized!

**Apple Day BBQ at Lanark Cedar - 11-October-2008.**

- Lanark Cedar wishes to remain involved with Scouting and helping VH Area to raise funds supporting Youth Scouting activities. To this end, Lanark Cedar is offering to provide their facilities for a BBQ on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October from 11am to 2pm. Lanark Cedar will be promoting this event heavily on site and on sign on Highway 7. They have already given us some radio airtime on their advertising and have arranged for me to give an on-air interview on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 1615h on Lake 88 FM. Lanark Cedar will be giving apples away/accepting donations for Scouts all week, starting Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at their location.
- Looking for help from all Area Groups to make this a success.
- Requesting that all Groups bring their flags to post on fences along Highway 7 (great way to attract people driving along Highway)
- o Requesting leaders and youth attend between 11am and 2pm to assist w/ BBQ
  - hand out apples/accept donations.
  - Accept money for BBQ sales.
  - Clean tables/garbage
  - Eat and have fun!!!!
- Hoping to have Tim Horton's involved as a sponsor to provide coffee and Tim Bits.
- Lanark Cedar providing Hot Apple Cider to youth/leader/guests and buying the apples that Scouts will be handing out. Thanks to CP Scouts for arranging for the purchase/delivery of apples.
- Please contact Brian Billings by e-mail at [brian\\_billings@carleton.ca](mailto:brian_billings@carleton.ca) or by telephone at (613)794-1975 for offers of assistance and to address any questions that you might have.
- o Thank you in advance for your support! As per the direction of the Area Commissioner, all proceeds will be directed to Whispering Pines Scout Camp to reduce Area operating costs - benefiting all Area groups using the Camp.

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

- Our new web address is [www.valleyhighlandscouting.com](http://www.valleyhighlandscouting.com) and is all one word with only on 'S' shared between highlands and scouting.
- Currently I have the following pages on our site... home page, Area Team, Contact us, photo album, training page, Resources, Whispering Pines.
- Soon to additions will include program, Honours and Awards and a message from our Commissioner.
- Our last month's minutes are now posted.
- Pictures are slowly coming in and I am posting them to the site as they arrive.
- I would like to get everyone's feedback both positive and negative, comments or suggestions so that I can improve the site so that the website will be constantly updated and always relevant.
- I also have a bill for the first three months of service totaling \$29.85 US. First three months are 8.96 plus .99 a month for private domain registration followed by 11.95 plus .99 per month or 35.85 plus 2.97 every three months. Billing period is on a 3 month revolving plan. Total in CDN funds is \$32.76
- Fundraising, I am a resource. Please ask for assistance.

- We are now ready to launch The Scouts Canada/Trails End 2008 Popcorn Campaign. This year we have a new and exciting product... The Trails End Trail mix. The trail mix includes cashews, peanuts, dried cranberries and raisins and the all popular M&M candies that melt in your mouth and not in your hand!!! The tin has great mountain scenes on it and this product retails for 25.00 the Carmel corn with nuts now includes cashews!!
- All forms for each group will be handed out tonight.
- Important dates to remember are:
  - October 2<sup>nd</sup> VH kick off for the campaign
  - November 7<sup>th</sup> Campaign ends
  - November 9<sup>th</sup> Popcorn tally sheets are due to Bradley Simpson
  - November 26<sup>th</sup> Order arrives in at Council Offices
  - November 29 Brad picks up orders @ council offices
  - November 30<sup>th</sup> groups to pick up orders from Brad's home 88 Nelson street West, Carleton Place
- To pick orders up I need a post dated cheques for up to December 19<sup>th</sup> to Valley Highlands Area/Scouts Canada.
- I've gone ahead and set targets for each group based on last years sales just to give each group a goal to work towards.
  - Drummond- LY sales 776.00 this years goal is 1008.80
  - Carleton Place- LY sales 5480.00 this years goal is 7781.60
  - Smiths Falls- LY sales 4830.00 this years goal is 6858.60
  - Perth- LY sales 502.68 this years goal of 653.84
- I believe with a little effort and commitment from our leaders then I can see no reason why we as an area can't double our efforts from last year.
- These are just guidelines. I'm available to help in anyway I can including helping organize a Popcorn blitz or show and deliver options. Just ask.
- Forms are available online at the council website under fundraising/popcorn.

Yours in Scouting,  
Bradley Simpson DAC – Technology and Communications

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

- No change
- Need new cheques – will order them.
- Jean gave bill for coffee/snacks for meetings for \$23.20.
- Total bills received: \$407.44

**GROUP REPORTS:** Please just give highlights at meeting. Full report will go with the minutes sent out.

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

- Cubs 9; Scouts 11 and Venturers 5.
- Participating in Apple Day on the 30<sup>th</sup> Sept.
- Program set until end of October.

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

1<sup>st</sup> Beckwith Report Sept 2008

Group committee held the 1<sup>st</sup> part of registration during the townships “all activities registration night”. Turn-out was low, although there was some new interested kids and families who will come out to a meeting to “check-it out”

Presently we have two operating sections Beavers (6 youth) and Cubs (6youth), both meeting on Thurs (in either side of the Beckwith School gym). We have both Cub leaders and the main Beaver leader back and are presently talking to parents about stepping up to assist in Beavers.

Treasury sits at \$5844 for Sept 2008

Upcoming activities:

Apple Day for Beckwith –Oct 11

Cubs fall camp JOTA weekend Oct 17-19

Issues: Leadership, this will become an issue if we cannot find a parent willing to step forward.

Allen Sinfield, GC Beckwith

**Carleton Place:**

- Participating in Appleday
- Plans in Place
- Beavers 15; Cubs 20; Scouts 8 and Venturers 10

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

- Beavers 16; Cubs 3, Scouts 3.
- Need more leaders
- All plans in place.
- Apple day planned for Oct 18<sup>th</sup> in Balderson/Lanark area

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

- Beavers 0; Cubs 3; Scouts 3.
- Plan to attend 100 Merrickville event
- School talk planned
- Game night
- Looking for new Gr. Commissioner.

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

- 100 Tent event all planned, everything is set to go.
- Beavers 18; Cubs 13; Scouts 10, Venturers 9.
- Apple day planned for the 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

- no report received

**Portland:**

- Chris Tyler trying to get this group going again
- Beavers 2; Scout 1 – but no leaders
- Kelly will help out
- Possible Westport will be interested to join.

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

- Beavers 16; Cubs 21; Scouts 7; Troop 5 and no Rovers this year.
- Apple day planned for the 11th

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

i: **Curling:** Date has been approved – open to **all** Scouters  
November 15<sup>th</sup> - \$30. which includes lunch, supper.  
Smiths Falls Curling club.

ii: **Apple Day:** Lanark Cedar to provide facilities to raise funds for Scouting.  
Apples will be on site to public to take and provide support funding for Scouting.  
Their sign changed to indicate event.  
Please provide your support.  
(Earlier notice send out in regards to this event. As well see Scout Tree report).

iii: **JOTA** – October 17-19<sup>th</sup> – None this year.

iv: **PL Conference:** Is there any interest? This includes Patrol leaders; assistants; interested PL, etc.  
Contact Chris Tyler at 613-286-1525 or [christyler@explornet.com](mailto:christyler@explornet.com) - info sent out earlier).

v: **Retention Program:** 70% or better in membership; group will receive a letter/cheque from Council.  
\$15. discount per person for group.

Vi: **Subsidy request:** Make request into Headquarters but hold onto application form until approval is given.  
When approvals received, give approval form with registration form and submit.

Meeting adjourned: 9:20 p.m.

Minutes recorded: Michelle Niefer

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

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