



## Area Forum

November 6, 2008

Lion's Club, Smiths Falls



**Present:** Brad Simpson; Jean Lasenba, Finance; Brad Simpson, Technology / Fundraising; Alex Beelich.

**Regrets:** John Stalker, Michelle Niefer, Elizabeth Docker, Allen Sinfield, 1<sup>st</sup> Beckwith; Brian Billings, Trees;

### Agenda Items:

**John Stalker**, Area Commissioner: [j\\_stalker@sympatico.ca](mailto:j_stalker@sympatico.ca)

Council Management Advisory Committee met on October 7.

**Rod Wilson**, Board of Governors:

- Rod brought the Council up to date on what the Board of Governors have achieved in the past year. He was pleased to tell us that the Insurance company representing Scouting was pleased with the Due Diligence and the decline in injuries, which will reflect on our Insurance policy.
- National Scout Foundation, which have helped many with subsidies as well as scholarships.
- Culture diversification in Canadian scouting groups.
- International youth Forum (Korea) with well over 1500 participants

### Council Finances:

- Paul Totten is still trying to sort out the process used and workload in doing the books for the Council and areas.
- Statements will be out to groups by the end of November.
- Recommended by Paul that once all aspects are reviewed, that statements come out quarterly.
- Asked each AC for a name of individuals to be on committee with Paul. **(Jean?)**
- Audited report will be read for the December CMAC Meeting for approval.

### Pins for Training:

- Heather proposed that pins be used for recognition instead of the Woggle and neckerchief/beads the second time a Scouter takes a level of training.
- A Scouter taking a WB I will receive the Woggle and pin, and WB II the neckerchief/beads and pin. The second WBI they take, receive a pin only to identify the section they have taken it in. For the WB II, they will receive the pin on a maple leaf. This will recognize their training in the specific section as well as cut down on costs. Each Woggle is \$5. and neckerchief / beads cost \$30. The pins are only \$1.25.
- Participants requesting subsequent woggles/neckers/beads could receive them in lieu of the pins at their request
- Pins would be available to participants having previously completed training at a cost-recovery basis.
- Presently, it would not be part of the uniform. Heather will present the pilot to the National Development Network in November.
- **Voyageur will implement effective January 2009, and if it is successful, the Council Commissioner could be requested to present to the National Commissioners' Forum for permission to include as a uniform item.**

### Group Commissioners Training –

- All new Scouters in any role, whether new to Scouting or currently in a section, must take training if assuming a new role.

- Group Commissioners currently in the role do not have to take the training, but are encouraged to do so. Area Commissioners are responsible for the competency of the Group Commissioners that they appoint. Therefore, they can require GCs to take training if they feel there are skills or knowledge lacking.
- Lengthy discussion ensued.
- **As of April 1, 2008, all new volunteers and volunteers in a new role, must take Wood Badge 1 (level) training for that role.**

Phil Gazela, our Council Youth Commissioner, is leaving for Switzerland to work at the Kandersteg Scout Camp. Will not be returning to Council, as he will be leaving for school in Montreal on his return. He has done fantastic work in getting the youth recognized and participating more in their programming. He was awarded the Medal of the Maple at ROVENT. (Note to anyone with a youth who has done outstanding work outside their section in Scouting!). Neal Rice, President of the 1<sup>st</sup> Nepean Venturer Company will be replacing him.

- Leaders Curling Bonspiel : November 15, 2008
- Scouts Day with the Ottawa 67s & Kingston Frontenacs: February 8, 2009
- Rover Buggy Demo Derby : April 10, 2009 (tentative)
- Scout FEST (leaders conference) : April 18, 2009
- Voyageur Council Troop Camp : June 12-14, 2009.

Finally, It was my pleasure to participate in the 100 Tent event in Merrickville and I want to congratulate both the organizers, including Alex Beelich, who also received his WBII Beads & Necker, and the following youth, whom I had the honour of awarding their Chief Scout Awards.

Andreas Beelich, Harrison Hitsman, Alexander McKay, Bradley Skelhorne, and Max Taylor, all from 1st Merrickville.

Please contact me at 613-451-0554 if you have any questions or problems.

See you in December, if not before.

**Council report:**

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

see attached.

**DAC Reports:**

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

\* no report

ii: **Training** – No DAC. Any takers?

Pioneering, First Aid, WBI Section & Group (Pass schedule)

iii: **Program** -

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

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

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

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

**Website,**

Our web address is [www.valleyhighlandscouting.com](http://www.valleyhighlandscouting.com) and is all one word with only on ‘S’ shared between highlands and scouting.

I have added a Recognition page and am working on a Program page. The site now has been updated to include a message from John on the home page along with updates to photos, Remembrance Day and the Camp page.

Please continue to send in pictures and any other scouting info you have to be posted.

Feedback is always welcome.

Our links have been established to the Council’s website and to the links page on the Scouts Canada website.

**Fundraising,** I am a resource. Please ask for assistance with your fundraising needs.

Popcorn is now in its last week of our fall campaign. Due date for each groups paperwork/tally sheets is Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> 2008. Please include the group tally and the prize tally sheets. Only one order for prizes is going in so please make sure you submit on time.

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 cheque for up to December 19<sup>th</sup> to Valley Highlands Area/Scouts Canada.

Yours in Scouting,

Brad Simpson

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

## **GROUP REPORTS:**

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

#### 1. EVENTS TO DATE:

- a. Cubs attended the 100 Tent Event in Merrickville. They invested 5 new Cubs, and 1 Leader, with one more Cub being invested next week. ( 9 Cubs / 2 Leaders / 1 Group Comm ). They have started working on Trailcraft, Hiking and First Aid badges in preparation for a lot of outdoor activities. They had a UN Night this past Tuesday.
- b. Scouts went to Laflech Caves for a day, and had an evening at Saunder's Farm.

#### 2. FUTURE EVENTS:

- a. Beavers should be up and running on 18 Nov. I have had a hard time getting together with a possible new parent Leader.
- b. Cubs are doing a historical hike around Almonte this weekend, then they will be in the Parade on Tuesday, with a Remembrance Day theme for the Tuesday night meeting. Cubs are doing a Movie Night on 25 Nov.
- c. Scouts are planning on participating in the Parade on Tuesday.

#### 3. MAIN EFFORTS:

- a. Get our registrations done within the next week or so.
- b. Continue with our "Show and Sell" Popcorn fundraising.

#### 4. ISSUES:

- a. When are Kub Kars planned for?

Yours in Scouting,

Bill Lawrence, Group Commissioner

### 1<sup>st</sup> Beckwith: Group Committee Meeting held \_\_Oct, 28, 2008\_

#### 1. EVENTS TO DATE: (since the last meeting)

- a. Cubs held a camp at Whispering Pines Oct 17 weekend.
- b. Beavers and Cubs held joint Halloween meeting night.
- c. Beckwith GC participated in the Townships Halloween night.. 500+ kids attended!

#### 2. FUTURE EVENTS: (within the next month)

- a. Beckwith sections will be attending Remembrance Day Ceremonies, followed by a afternoon at the Pakenham Arena.
- b. Both completing investiture of new youth.

#### 3. MAIN EFFORTS: (the groups focus this period)

Re-visiting bank accounts, (fees are draining),  
Linking program sections with other area sections.

4. ISSUES: (items you need assistance with or questions you need answered)
5. COMMENTS. (general comment on your program and area program)

Yours in Scouting,  
Allen Sinfield, Group Commissioner

**Carleton Place:**

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

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

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

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

Past Activities: Both the Cub Pack and Scout Troop are starting up with lots of ideas and activities. The Scouts have already done a sleepover and the Cubs are concentrating on their new members. Our Venturers are also getting started and for the present will associate with the Troop. Unfortunately we have not been able to start up a Beaver Colony.

We had a hugely successful Apple Day. Again thanks to the outstanding support from the community we will be able to finance an active program. We have also received a donation from the employer of one of our members.

We are pleased to welcome Rick Bowes as a new leader. At the same time Valerie Venables has decided to leave and will be missed as our representative to Area.

Upcoming Activities: Due to illness of some of our leaders we have had to do a bit of reorganizing but we are off to a smooth start. Because of these circumstances it has been necessary to defer any start of a Beaver Colony. Hopefully we will be able to consider this again by next year.

Concerns: Our thoughts are very much with our leaders and their families as they face illness and other stresses.

Arnel W. Pattemore,  
Group Commissioner

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

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

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

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