



## Area Forum

March 18, 2009

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church  
Smiths Falls



**Present:** John Stalker, AC; Jean Lasenba, Finance; Brad Simpson, Technology / Fundraising; Michelle Niefer, Admin; Gen Stalker, AYC; Diana Nuttall, Area; Bill Lawrence, Gr Com 2<sup>nd</sup> Almonte; Stan Lasenba, DAC Camp; Joan Smith, Gr Com 2<sup>nd</sup> Smiths Falls, Ray Burrill, 1<sup>st</sup> Beckwith; Alex Beelich, DAC Program; Brian Billings, Scout Trees; Angeliqne Jahn, 1<sup>st</sup> Elmsley; Roger Nuttall, Area; Larry Palmer, 4<sup>th</sup> Perth; Chris Tyler, Gr Com 2<sup>nd</sup> Westport.

**Regrets:** Brad Simpson, Kelly Banks, and Hope Gray.

### Agenda Items:

1. Call to order: John Stalker –
2. O'Canada – led by Michelle Niefer: Scouters Five – John Stalker
3. Minutes – Motion to accept the minutes as distributed. Larry Palmer; 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Lawrence.  
All in favour. Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Carried.

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

- Council Management Advisory Committee has not met since our last meeting, and the only things of interest are the electives for the AGM in Regina next fall (Andrew Patterson, Neal Rice and Francesca Viney), and the fire at Opemikon.
- Thanks to Smiths Falls, Perth, CP and Beckwith for inviting me to our BP week events. I enjoyed the food and company, as well as the opportunity to help recognize several of your volunteers. Especially: Wendy Fyfe – Carleton Place for Order of the Caribou, for her organization of last year's Impeeza Camp and as well as presenting several CCM's. I will have CCM's to deliver and will talk to the GCs.
- Please recognize your volunteers! It is very important as well as well deserved. Ignore the CCM medals in your decision to send in a recognition request. They do not overlap. That being said, there are a few (7) CCM's still available if you can think of anyone that should have received one.
- There are still registrations outstanding. It is imperative that we get everyone registered ASAP!
- There are also some outstanding training requirements. Please get all requests for postponement of equivalency to me PDQ!
- I also have some commissioner's awards. Please check with your section leaders to see if they are missing theirs.
- Council meets March 25<sup>th</sup> and I will pass on anything urgent via e-mail and have a full report for you in April.
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### Council report:

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

### DAC Reports:

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

- March JC event: Mayfair last weekend
- RSVP coming up. See VAF website for details
- 2009 Rovent committee meeting: going well, see VAF for details
- National ABM in November: 2 youth are going
- Next JC meeting, Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup> at @ 7:30<sup>th</sup> at Scout Headquarters
- Visited Venturer companies (Merrickville, Almonte, Smiths Falls, Perth). All going pretty well for the most part.
- Food from Potlucks very tasty

- Still on the search for more Youth Rep. nominations; no one so far, none of the groups are interested. ☹

ii: **Training – NO DAC** – any takers?

- Pioneering, First Aid, WBS Section, & Group.
- Another Senior Section WB1 planned for April 24-25<sup>th</sup>

iii: **Program - Alex Beelich** [alex.beelich@nlfincial.ca](mailto:alex.beelich@nlfincial.ca)

## **Valley Highlands Algonquin Adventure: June 28<sup>th</sup> until July 4<sup>th</sup>**

### **Celebrate Canada Day in the Wilds**

*Reservations have been confirmed - March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009*

**Group 1**- Hope Gray, Jim Wiggins, Liz Collinson    **Group 2** – Paul Woodward, Keith Skelhorne, Alex Beelich

#### **Itinerary-**

Arrival at Achray Station June 28th around noon: Load the canoes and travel to Stratton Lake. One small portage 30 meters entering Stratton. Find 4 campsites and set up for the night.

**June 29th** – Pack up and travel through short portage 50 meters to St. Andrews Lake. Lunch together on West shore. **Group 1** stays at Base Camp – St. Andrews

**Group 2** finishes lunch and proceeds to first portage 730 meters to Marie Lake. Portage 350 meters to Length Lake and spend the night. (Only 2 campsites on this lake)

**June 30th – Group 1** – activities on St. Andrews Lake

**Group 2** - After breakfast portage 1830 meters to Cork Lake – lunch and portage 750 meters to Opalescent Lake. Spend the night.

**July 1st – Group 1** – Activities on St. Andrews Lake.

- **Group 2** Portage 650 meters to Ooze Lake portage 300 meters to High Falls Lake and uphill portage 550 meters to St. Andrews Lake. Paddle the lake and join **Group 1** at campsites.

**July 2nd –Group 1 and Group 2** - Play day in morning at Water slide North end of Stratton Lake. Lunch and on to Stratton Lake for overnight camp.

**July 3rd – Group 1 and Group 2** - Pack up and paddle to portage of 30 meters to Grand Lake. Camp on Grand Lake. Plan to use sandy sites along east shoreline. Great chance to swim, canoe and just laze around. Possible to explore Carcajou Bay and the Aboriginal Pictographs.

**July 4th** – Pack up and paddle across Grand Lake to Achray and load up for home.

Planned departure 12:00 -1:00 pm

Home in Merrickville around 3:30 -4:00pm.

#### **Current participants:**

##### **Group 1**

\*Hope Gray Group leader

Jim Wiggins

Liz Collinson

##### **Group 2**

\* Alex Beelich Group Leader

\* Keith Skelhorne – 1<sup>st</sup> Aid

\* Paul Woodward – 1<sup>st</sup> Aid

Len Richardson	G.J. 3 <sup>rd</sup> year scout Merrickville- 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid
Roger Nuttall	* C.G. 3 <sup>rd</sup> year scout Merrickville- 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid
1 <sup>st</sup> Drummond (leader)	B.B 3 <sup>rd</sup> year Scout Merrickville
1 <sup>st</sup> Drummond (leader)	* S.C. 2 <sup>nd</sup> year Scout Merrickville
1 <sup>st</sup> Drummond (sr.cub)	* L.Y. 2 <sup>nd</sup> year Scout Merrickville (f)
1 <sup>st</sup> Drummond (sr.cub)	* N.D. 2 <sup>nd</sup> years Scout Merrickville
1 <sup>st</sup> Drummond (1 <sup>st</sup> yr Scout)	* M.J. parent –armed forces- sweep last yr.
1 <sup>st</sup> Drummond (1 <sup>st</sup> yr Scout)	* S.J. 2 <sup>nd</sup> year Scout – Kingston (f)
D.R. 1 <sup>st</sup> yr Scout Merrickville	(Merrickville Troop 2008)
W.W.1 <sup>st</sup> yr Scout Merrickville	
H.Y. sr. cub Merrickville (f)	
T.C. sr. cub Merrickville (f)	
S.R. 1 <sup>st</sup> yr Scout Merrickville (f)	

**\* attended a similar canoe week at Algonquin Park in summer 2008**

Each group can accommodate a total of 18 participants. We have reserved 2 camp sites per group noted above. In Algonquin each campsite allows a maximum of 9 campers per night.

Transportation of Camp equipment will be arranged.

Carpooling is encouraged and to be discussed as the date draws closer.

Camp Equipment required:

Canoes – Group 1 - 8	Group 2 - 5 to 6
Merrickville	6 cottager with paddles and pfd
Valley Highlands Area	2 Aluminum
Hope Gray	1 Green mile (still camp)
Alex Beelich	1 orange (still camp)
Roger N	1

Paddles – one extra per canoe 13 to 14; One per paddler 27

PFD – encourage each canoeist to provide personal PFD however a number are available.

Tents Group 1 – 3; Group 2 – 3

Adults to supply their own.

Cook stoves – white gas- one for each camp site-(backpack stoves for canoe trippers)

Cook sets – one per campsite – include spatula, measuring cup, and fry pan and stir spoon.

Food Barrels or back packs. TBD.

1<sup>st</sup> Aid kits – one per campsite

Water jugs – collapsible- 1 per campsite

### **Emergency situations:**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Aid training**

Hope Gray

Keith Skelhorne

Paul Woodward

Alex Beelich

#### **Boat rescue**

Hope Gray

Keith Skelhorne

Roger Nuttall

A training weekend is planned for late May or June to ensure each participant understands the basics for Canoe over Canoe rescue. As simplified boat rescue course will be arranged.

**Achray Station** is on a few hours away by canoe under a worst-case scenario. At Achray Stn. Ambulance and transportation to a hospital are available.

**Water:** Two (2) water purification pumps are available; Also water purification tablets will be available to both groups.

**Bears:** All food bags/barrels are to be hung between the trees each evening to ensure they do not attract wild life to the campsite. Also food not permitted in a tent. (Including tooth paste). Most campsites provide cables between trees to hang the food packs.

**Insects:** This is black fly and mosquito season each camper will be encouraged to pack the appropriate repellent in a **non-aerosol** container.

**Becoming lost:** The Buddy system will be encouraged. Also each camper to have on their person a whistle at all times. Group leaders, upon arrival at the camp, will review procedures should someone become lost, both from a camp perspective and a youth's perspective.

**Toiletries:** Personal equipment to include toilet paper. Outside privy to be used at all times when at camp. If not available be sure to bury all waste away from campsites and sources of water.

**Water Safety:** All campers to wear PFDs at all times when in the canoes. Sweep canoe and lead canoe to be established for each outing.

This is a work in progress. Areas still to be addressed-

- Menu
- Individual equipment list
- If fee is insufficient how to address the issue
- If fee provides surplus how to refund the surplus
- Mileage / fuel costs – how and at what rate to reimburse
- Additional concerns??
- need for a female leader on canoe trip portion
- Collection of camp fee
- Camper's Code of Conduct.

## **Recap of activities held and planned for Valley Highlands Area.**

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 :

**Beaver BRRR** – February 28<sup>th</sup>. 47 Beavers, 3 family members and 1 Keeos.

37 adults including Area

. **Main Organizer - Carey Duncan** - a job well done.

Held at the Merrickville Community Centre.

Activities included Bowling, sling shots our only outdoor activity, Tundra Roll, Indoor games and singing, Button making, Buggy Races and lunch.

Tim Horton's supplied coffee and timbits. Independent grocer provided hotdogs and buns.

Cost for Merrickville Community Centre \$0.00.

Need to resolve Conlon Farm fee – rained out

### **Upcoming: Kub Kar, Scout Truck, Venturer Rocket Cars-** Scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>

Smiths Falls – County Fair Mall. Stan Lasenba contacted the Mall to arrange the facilities.

Cost to be \$2.00 per entrant. Cubs register and race in the morning, Venturers over lunch and Scouts after lunch.

Badges to be earned by all participants. Emails with schedules and vehicle specifications have been sent to all group commissioners, Troop leaders and Cub Akelas.

**Nitevent** – May 8<sup>th</sup> Ideas have been circulated by and to Chris Tyler. Meeting to follow.

**Scout Camporee-** May 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> – Water based camping weekend. Planning meeting to follow- To ask Hope Gray to assist with water activities.

**Beaveree-** May 30<sup>th</sup> – venue to be determined

**Impeza-** June 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> – Have contacted a couple of groups requesting dates for their regular meetings. Awaiting response- Planning meeting to follow.

**Algonquin Park** – Celebrate Canada Day in the wilds. June 28<sup>th</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

- \$30. received from Smiths Falls for buttons they used.
- Large trailer will be coming (Herb transport); old one will be sold off for aluminum.

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

- no report

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

I received the invoice for tree seedlings from RVCA in the amount of \$1491.60 for 3300 seedlings (1700 Pw/1600 Sw) that are to be planted at the DNE Landfill site. All Scoutrees certificates for the 2008 plant and letters asking for support in 2009 have been sent out. So far no donations submitted but will be meeting with Lanark Cedar tomorrow - they are interested in maintaining support of the Scoutrees program with VHA. Lanark Cedar is providing venue again this year for the BBQ following the plant on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 and is also already promoting our plant activities and their support of our initiative. We

will have advertising from Lanark Cedar on Rogers (JackFM and Y101) as well as Lake 88.1. Please make plans to attend the BBQ after the plant to show that Scouting is alive and well in Valley Highlands Area!

As per direction given at the Area Meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>, I will submit the RVCA Invoice for payment at the Council Office. More details will be provided at next Area Meeting with respect to Scoutrees Plant day and BBQ at Lanark Cedar. I will be meeting with Dan COOPER from RVCA and Jeff WARD from OMNR (Lanark Stewardship Council) to coordinate planting and I will also look into status of the Scoutrees kits and get these out to groups ASAP!

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

- Powerpoint presentation will be next meeting.
- Still look for more current photographs for the web site.

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

- \$5000. in Ottawa in our Camp account
- \$6000. transfer into camp account in Ottawa
- Bills/receipts received in the amount of: 1. John \$31.60; CP to cover apples in Fall \$100. and Roger Nuttall \$185.08 for Conlon Farms. Motion to pay the above mentioned bills: Bill Lawrence; 2<sup>nd</sup> Stan Lasenba.  
All in Favour 14 Abstain 0. Oppose 0 – carried.

## GROUP REPORTS:

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

#### 1. EVENTS TO DATE:

- a. Cubs participated in the Cub Winter Challenge ( a little late getting there, but they made it ), they've been working on Carpenter, Handicraft, Cooking, Guiding, Recycling and Hiking badges and cooking snacks in Akela's kitchen and building Kub Kars, birdhouses and leather wallets in Akela's workshop. Half the Pack went to the Senators Game on 17 Mar 09.
- b. Scouts had their Winter Camp on 14 / 15 March in Rosetta and have started their 18 Wheelers. They went to Lazer Quest on 2 March.
- c. All Sections participated in a Pot Luck BP Dinner on 17 Feb, at the Almonte United Church.

#### 2. FUTURE EVENTS:

- a. Cubs will be participating in the Kub Kar Rally. Our Winter Camp has been confirmed in Belleville for the weekend of 17 -19 April. We will be canvassing for Scoutrees on 25 April, and cleaning up Gemmill Park for Pitch-in week also on 25 April. Long range camp planning: Carleton Area Camporee on 22 – 24 May, and Impeeza on 5 – 7 June.
- b. Scouts plan on attending the 18 Wheeler Rally

#### 3. MAIN EFFORTS:

- a. Finish our registrations: pending: 2 Bvrs, 1 Cub, 2 Scouters (Beavers).
- b. Continue with our "Show and Sell" Popcorn fundraising.
- c. I am available to do a presentation of the Great Lakes Jamboree 2010 to any Troop that would be interested in going. July 10 -17, 2010 : Camp Bel, Dorchester, Ont \$225.00 youth / \$100.00 Leader, plus \$100.00 Troop registration fee.
- d. I would like to set up the Area Necker display at the Kub Kar / 18 Wheeler Rally.

Yours in Scouting, Bill Lawrence, Group Commissioner

### 1<sup>st</sup> Beckwith: Reference: Group Committee Meeting held Feb 24, 2009

#### 1. EVENTS TO DATE:

- (since the last meeting)
- a. Cubs held a winter camp at Opi (weather was great, all had a good time)
  - b. Cubs visited the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa, excellent time had, highly recommend this activity for Cubs and Scout groups.
  - c. Beavers, Cubs, GC members and parents joined with the Beckwith Girl Guides for a Joint BP Thinking Day evening. Potluck diner was held, with activities and presentations by the various sections. Turnout was excellent, kudos to the joint Girl Guide and Beaver leaders planning.

d. Beavers held an evening skating night at one of the Beaver parents.

2. **FUTURE EVENTS:** (within the next month)
  - a. Beavers planning to attend the Beaver Brr.
  - b. Cubs preparing for Cub Car.
3. **MAIN EFFORTS:** (the groups focus this period)  
Sections continuing with program plans. Preparing for spring activities.
4. **ISSUES:** (items you need assistance with or questions you need answered)  
None at this time.

Yours in Scouting, Allen Sinfield, Group Commissioner

**Carleton Place:** \* no report

**1<sup>st</sup> Drummond:** \* no report

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

1. **EVENTS TO DATE:** (since the last meeting)  
**Beavers:** Church parade Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, Bethel United Church, Rideau Ferry; Bowling Feb 23, Perth; Beaver Burr; Career night March 2<sup>nd</sup>; Science night March 9<sup>th</sup> and Bottle Drive March 14<sup>th</sup>.  
**Cubs:** church Parade; Bowling; cubs Cars and Bottle drive  
**Troop:** Church parade; bowling; 18 wheelers and bottle drive.
2. **FUTURE EVENTS:** (within the next month)
  - a. Gibbons Family Farm March 21<sup>st</sup> – Maple sugar house & Museum
  - b. Nest box building- march – St. Lawrence Island National Park.
  - c. Religion in Life Course
  - d. Easter – Compass hunt
3. **MAIN EFFORTS:** (the groups focus this period)  
Bottle drive and Hobbies & Wheels
4. **ISSUES:** (items you need assistance with or questions you need answered)  
Leader training and boat rescue course.
5. **COMMENTS.** (general comment on your program and area program)  
Curtis Tot and Adam Chisamore to transfer to 2<sup>nd</sup> Smiths Falls.  
Mayta Tot has resigned as treasurer.  
May have a new treasurer and more youth.

Angeline Jahn, Troop Scouter

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

- Cubs: Participated in Winter camp / preparing Kub Kars
- Troop: Camp at Alex's got rained out. Participating in 18 wheelers
- Venturers: Will be doing rockets.

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

**Past Events:** Our Group Committee met on February 12th. Due to illness, weather and work schedules our Pack and Troop have had some cancellations this year. However the Cubs have had their Investiture ceremony and both sections continue to work on badges as well as varied activities. Our Venturers have been caught up in exams.

**Upcoming Plans:** Our next big event will be a Family Pot Luck Dinner on February 28th. Both the Cubs and Scouts will have a sleepover on February 27th and will participate in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl for Kids that weekend. We will also have a church attendance on April 19th. Plans are already underway for participation in Maple Fest and two BBQs at Independent Grocers. All in all we enter another busy season.

Arnel W. Pattermore,  
Group Commissioner

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

Beavers: Little Rays – all sections

Cubs: making Kub Kars

Scouts: been to camp for hikes, fishing and sledding.

Venturers: making rocket cars; attending RSVP camp

Banquet huge success, 132 in attendance; All leaders up to date on their year awards.  
Received more memoribilla for our collection.

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

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

a. Cub winter Challenge

b. Beaver burrrrrrr

2. FUTURE EVENTS: (within the next month)

a. Kub Kar Rally

b. Outdoor Activity night

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

leader PRC's and Registration

4. ISSUES:

none at present

5. COMMENTS.

Our thanks to the area Scouters for their work on the above activities. Our Leaders were Impressed by the level of welcome that they received from the area and ask for their Appreciation to be recorded.

Yours in Scouting, Chris Tyler, Group Commissioner

**Old Business:**

\* Executive meeting held. Very productive, but due to the travel and time requirements, will only be held as required.

**New Business:**

**1. Marquis:**

- Smith Falls Lions Club would like to use the Marquis for Chocolate festival in July
- Larry Palmer requested the use of Marquis for August 14/15<sup>th</sup>.

Both requests discussed, unanimous for the use for these two events.

**2. 7 Challenge Award:** Area has a certificate that is done up for each youth as well as having their names engraved on a trophy. I encourage all Pack leaders to encourage the youth towards this award. 75% of youth, with a good program in place, should be able to achieve this by the end of their third year.

**3. Chief Scout / Queen Venturers Awards: Host Valley Highlands**

- Place: Anglican church, George St., Smiths Falls
- Area Venturers will be flag bearers.

- June 6, 2009.
- Ceremonies begin at 1 p.m.
- More information to follow

4. **Registration:** Diana Nuttall

- Kits will be out early April
- Pre-registration night. Diana will come out if you wish assistance.
- Once done, Diana will check over the paperwork before final submission to Headquarters. This will help to alleviate any omissions or errors.

Motion to adjourn: Jean Lasenba; Larry Palmer

Adjourned: 9 p.m.

Recorded: Michelle Niefer

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

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