



Area Forum

April 15, 2009

Lion's Club, Smiths Falls



Present: John Stalker, AC; Jean Lasenba, Finance; Michelle Niefer, Admin; Diana Nuttall, Area Registrar; Stan Lasenba, Area Camp; Arnel W. Pattemore, AC 4th Perth; Allen Sinfield, AC 1st Beckwith, Kelly Banks, CFE; Roger Nuttall, Area; Angelique Jahn, 1st Elmsley; Chris Tyler, AC 2nd Westport; Torsten Dekart, 1st Drummond; Elizabeth Docker, AC Carleton Place; Alex Beelich, DAC Program.

Regrets: Brad Simpson, Technology / Fundraising

Agenda Items:

1. Minutes: Correction: Merrickville Venturers did not do the Rockets

Motion to Accept the minutes: Diana Nuttall; Seconded Allen Sinfield. All in favour: 13. Oppose: 0. Abstain: 0.
Carried

2. Business arising from the minutes:

- Council Scout Camp: June 12-14, Camp Trail, Work weekend for Senior Sections April 24-26.
- OOS from SS requested.

John Stalker, Area Commissioner: j_stalker@sympatico.ca

- Council Management Advisory Committee met March 25th, and the revised budget for 2009/2010 was discussed in depth and approved. Fees for 2009/2010 will be \$130.00, a \$2 increase.
- There are still registrations outstanding. It is imperative that we get everyone registered ASAP! There is an initiative at Council to help the bottom 25% of groups regarding recruitment and retention.
- There are also some outstanding training requirements. Please get all requests for postponement or equivalency to me PDQ! I will have forms at meeting.
- I also still have some commissioner's awards. Please check with your section leaders to see if they are missing theirs.
- Next year's budget: required by end of April – review any requests/requirements

Council meets May 20th and I will pass-on anything urgent via E-mail and have a full report for May meeting.

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

- new school flyers to be out soon.
- If you want help with school talks, etc, contact Kelly.

DAC Reports:

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

April JC event: Rock climbing at Coyote Rock Gym this Saturday.

RSVP coming up. Sign up ASAP; it's a great linking event for Scouts and Venturers

2009 Rovent committee meeting: going well, see VAF website for details

Hobbies and Wheels went well, the kids were great, and the races were awesome

Next JC meeting, Tuesday, May 5th, 7:30 @ Scout Headquarters

Still on the search for a more Youth Rep nominations. Next meeting will be my last if we find someone

ii: **Training** – No DAC. Any takers? Pioneering, First Aid, WBI Section & Group (Pass schedule)

Another SS WBI planned for April 24-26. See attached training list.

iii: **Program - Alex Beelich** alex.beelich@nlfinancial.ca

Recap of Activities held /planned for Valley Highlands

Kub Kar Rally held in Smiths Falls at the County Fair Mall on April 4th, 2009. We had a strong attendance with a total of 64 Cubs racing in the morning.

Fastest Pack was 2nd Smiths Falls who also had the largest contingent of racers at 20.

Fastest Kars – 1st – G Fisher – 1st Beckwith; 2nd – P Scissons – 1st Elmsley

Best design - 1st D Carson – Westport; 2nd B Beasley – Beckwith; 3rd S Dobie – Smiths Falls.

Scout Truck Rally held in Smiths also at the County Fair Mall on April 4th after lunch.

A total of 26 Trucks were on display for judging and racing.

Fastest Troop was tied between Elmsley and Smiths Falls. - They will need to share the trophy for the year.

Best Design went to N. Smith of Carleton Place

Fastest Truck 1st – M Burns – Elmsley; 2nd S Fox – Smiths Falls; 3rd A Bourne - Almonte

Special thanks to all who participated and helped out for the day. Registration and racing went off with out a hitch.

Scouters Stan, Roger and Ken we are reserving your expertise again for next year. Thank you.

Our repairs were kept to a minimum.

Two different length tracks were supplied and added a different flavour to the event. Thanks for their donation. It is amazing how fast some of these trucks and cars can travel. Photo finishes were the order of the day.

Impeza – 1st planning meeting occurred on April 2nd with a follow up to occur April 16th. This years' theme – around the world in 2 days. **Camp to be held June 5- 7**

Nitevent – Planning meeting occurred April 14th where a number of events and trials were discussed. This year will follow in previous year's footsteps with a variety of events designed to test the mettle of our Scouts. **Event to occur on May 8th**

Camporee – Planning meeting held April 14th – Outlined the camp theme and objective. Water based with trials to simulate a canoe tripping experience. Not to be out done our land based activities will also test our Scout's leadership skills as well as listening skills. This should be an interesting event for all. A follow up meeting is planned for May 12th. **Camp to be held May22-24**

Beveree – Planning meeting scheduled for April 22nd- Theme to be determined. **Outdoor activity to be held May 30th.**

Beginning to plan next years' year-end all encompassing camp.

Locations have been scouted out with an eye to available waterfront, level camping grounds, good parking and with in a reasonable distance for all participants.

A location may have been found.

Will be asking for volunteers to help organize from each section:

- Beavers - Cubs - Scouts - Venturers

Algonquin Canoe trip is moving along satisfactorily.

The 2nd installment will be due May 31st.

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

Roger and I were at the camp and removed some logs from the trails and also raked the debris from the campfire area. The Kybo's on the playfield can now be easily repaired by placing new plywood over what is there.. Items to be done in the near future include painting of interiors of all kybos, painting exterior of new kybo, Levelling of kybos at Carlton Place site and on road near entrance. Grass seed, which has been donated to be spread in the area of the Archery range and also at the HQ which needs to be cleaned up and made more presentable. The storage trailer is still being worked on, Erb Transport has one and the only thing to be worked out is how to get to this area. I have contacted a local scrap yard and they think that the old trailers would be worth a few dollars plus their removal. The camp is well booked for the coming month.

Stan

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

- no report

vi: **Scout Trees - Brian Billings - brian_billings@carleton.ca
*Scoutrees Report - April 16th, 2009***

Plans are proceeding well for the Scoutrees Plant Day - Saturday, May 2nd, 2009. I visited the plant site at the Drummond/North Elmsley (D/NE) Landfill Site with Dan COOPER (RVCA) and Jeff WARD (OMNR) yesterday (April 15th). Site has been bush-hogged and should be a nice, easy plant. We will be planting 3,300 trees (a combination of White Spruce and White Pine).

Scoutrees Kits have been circulated to most groups and I still have about 30 kits available for any groups needing more – just call me at (613) 693-1685 or e-mail me at brian_billings@carleton.ca. Scoutrees is a great fundraising opportunity for those groups wishing to participate. Only 15% of funds raised need be submitted back to Area - this is then forward to the National Office for the Canadian Scout Brotherhood Fund (the remaining 85% stays within your group). All Scoutrees Kit/Crests have been paid for by a national sponsor St. Joseph Communications - so no cost is borne by the Area or groups to for this great fundraising and environmental initiative.

Lanark Cedar is once again supporting Valley Highlands Area Scouting by contributing funds towards cost of tree seedlings and is also providing their facilities for the BBQ after the plant on Saturday, May 2nd, 2009. Lambden Window and Door (across the road from Lanark Cedar) has also indicated their interest in contributing 10% of proceeds from their annual garage sale to Valley Highlands Scouts. Other fundraising partners for Scoutrees 2009 are the Municipality of D/NE and Blair and Son, Limited.

- Lanark Cedar will be selling White Cedar tree seedlings in their store for the week prior to the Scoutrees Plant - all proceeds from these sales go to VHA Scouts.
- Fundraising BBQ at Lanark Cedar on Saturday, May 2nd, 2009 from 11am to 2pm - youth and leaders eat for free/all proceeds from food sold to public go to VHA Scouts.
- Media promotion by Jack M and Lake 88.1
 - Lanark Cedar promoting Scoutrees and VHA Scouting in their paid advertising.
 - Brian to do an on-air interview on Lake 88 w/ Brian PERKIN on April 30th at 4:30pm.
- EMC will be on hand for newspaper coverage.

Day of the Plant:

I am asking all groups to be to the plant site on Code Road across from the D/NE landfill site at 0900h (rain or shine - please dress appropriate to the weather/boots are highly recommended). Youth will be planting in pairs - please bring a 2 ½ to 5 g plastic pail w/ handle and a round-mouthed shovel per planting pair. Please be prompt...the sooner we get underway, the sooner we finish and can get to Lanark Cedar to have Scouter Ken's and Scouter Stan's burgers and hot dogs. I also hope to have the Reeve and Councilors from D/NE and a representative from Blair and Son, Limited (our sponsors) out to the plant site for a presentation and to appreciate/recognize the planting efforts by VHA Scouting youth at 0930h-1000h. Local press/media have been invited as well and a photo opportunity is planned at this time.

Directions to the plant site and Lanark Cedar:

Signs will be posted from Highway 7 at the 7th Concession of Drummond to the plant site on Code Road. A good landmark to use from Highway 7 at the 7th Conc. is the Lake and Trail (Marine/ATV/etc.) - located 10 mins. E. of Perth /15 mins. W. of Carleton Place on Highway 7...watch for the Scout/Scoutrees signs from this landmark to the

site...plenty of parking along Code Road at the plant site. As groups finish planting, estimated between 1100h – 1200h, they are asked to head to Lanark Cedar located just 5mins. W. of Carleton Place (just 10 mins. down the road from Drummond Centre). This is a great location to promote our movement and to show the public that Scouting is alive and well in Valley Highlands. Bring your groups colours/flags to display while you are at Lanark Cedar!!

All those participating in the Scoutrees plant will receive a crest as recognition for their efforts – crests will be presented to leaders to distribute to their groups on the day of the plant.

I look forward to seeing you all out for Scoutrees on Saturday, May 2nd, 2009. I will have my cell phone with me so if you have any questions or need further directions to get to the plant site, please do not hesitate to contact me at (613) 794-1975.

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

- **Brad** Still looking for current photos for the website

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

- Bills: submitted total \$112.58
Motion to approve expenses: Elizabeth Docker, 2nd Alex Beelich. All in favour: 13. Oppose: 0. Abstain: 0. Carried.
- **Cheque received from Conlon Farms:** \$120.62 – reimbursement from Beaver Burr. (minus deposit).
- Will hold off sending money to Headquarters until all camps are finished.

viii: **Registrar: Diana Nuttall –** dcn@storm.ca

- If you need help with registration, give Diana a call and she will assist you.

GROUP REPORTS:

2nd Almonte: no report

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1st Beckwith:

Reference: Group Committee Meeting held Mar. 30, 2009

1. EVENTS TO DATE:

Beavers: Focusing on spring activities, and getting outdoors, since starting up after the March Break.

Cubs: Resumed after the March Break, working on Cub cars, not sure if they are able to attend the rally in SF.

2. FUTURE EVENTS:

a. Beavers: Working on Spring activities.

Planning on attending Scoutrees planting, and the Beaveree.

b. Cubs: Planning a trip to a local Hydro generating station.

Planning on attending Scoutrees planting.

Planning a Spring Cub Camp (May), and attending Impeeza.

c. All sections: Planning swim-up event tbd., around Jun 4th.

Yours in Scouting,

Allen Sinfield, Group Commissioner

Carleton Place:

- Camp in March
- Fort Henry in May
- Scouts to Scotia jam; white water rafting.
- Venturers plan a camping trip;
- Wheels Rally within the group.

1st Drummond:

- Cubs and scouts participated in Kub Kars * 18 wheelers
- Beavers had crafts; obstacle course; visit to the police station
- Cubs/Scouts built rockets plan to shoot them off May 5th.
- Plan to attend year end camp at Camp Opemikon
- Boat races in Stewart Park, Perth - Scouts and cubs carved from piece of wood
- Bottle Drive / Scout chocolate bar main fundraisers
- Group: okay for now
- Concentrating on Group Committee; fundraiser and registration
- Future for 2009-20 uncertain.

1st Elmsley: Meeting held Apr 6, 2009

Events to date: Beavers: March 23 food preparation with special guest; April 16th Easter crafts and Easter egg hunt
Cubs: March 23rd, finished Kub Kas; March 30th Game of road hockey with scouts; Apr 4th Kub Kar rally
April 6th – Easter egg compass hunt – compass skills.
Scouts: March 23rd – finished 18 wheelers; March 30th road hockey with Scouts; Apr 4th 18 wheeler race
Elmsley came in 2nd place for speed; Apr 6th Easter egg compass unt.

Future events: Beavers: Apr 20th – visit to Perth Police/Fire hall – all sections; Apr 27th Bike rodeo; May 4th Visit to Country Christmas shop; May 11th Family work on family tree.
Cubs/Scouts: Apr 20th visit to Perth Police/Fire hall; Apr 27th Game night Elmsley School; May 4th Knots Night with special guest – Roger Nuttall; May 11th Cycling on Cataraqui trail
Scouts only: May 9-10 – Nite vent; May 22-24 Scout Camporee

Main Efforts: Pre-registration; fundraising – another bottle drive on May 25th
Looking into other fundraiser ideas.

Issues: First Aid Course – looking for an instructor that will come to us.

Comments: Spring is here!

Angelique Jahn, Troop Scouter

1st Merrickville:

- Scouts participated in 'Pitch in Canada'
- Scouts going to Diefenbunker
- Venturer advisors plan on WB training
- Linking with cubs & scouts
- Plan to participate in Camp Impeeza and Scout camp.

4th Perth:

4th Perth Group Committee met on April 9th, 2009.

Events to Date: Our Cubs, Scouts and Venturers have been busy lately and continue to work on knots and other parts of the program. The Venturers will now meet on Thursday nights and will be helping with the other sections. We have a new Kim in the Pack. A recent visit was made to a sugaring-off party at the home of one of our Scouts. We also participated in the Area Kub Kar and 18 Wheeler event

Upcoming Events: We are coming into a very busy time with participation in the following events:

- Group Church Parade to recognize support of sponsor
- Booth at Maple Fest to bring Scouting to the community
- Two fund raising BBQ's at local Independent store
- Scout participation in Nite Vent.
- Scout weekend camp with Cubs joining for one night
- Scouts at Area Camporee
- Scouts at Council Camp
- Possible Be Prepared Camp later in June

Areas of Concern We continue to support our Cub Leader during his illness and will monitor his progress. Within the Group we will be strengthening our network to support one another in times of need.

Arnel W. Pattermore, Group Commissioner

2nd Smiths Falls:

- Beavers busy
- Cubs participated in Easter egg hunt
- Participated in "pitch-in" clean up the park
- Scouts camped 2 weeks ago, another camp at Whispering Pines
- Ventures meeting sporadically.
- Centre in Smiths Falls for 911 – OPP. Very interesting. Worth a group visit. Contact Stan for numbers.

2nd Westport:

Things are progressing well! The School requires an Insurance certificate.
All Youth are now registered and paid up.
PRC's for two Leaders complete. One pending pardon for dui 20 years ago.
Two others still in pipeline.

We took part in the Kub Kar rally and a good time was had by all despite being deprived a trophy.

We have continued our "Camp Training" program with a Day camp & several weekend camps planned throughout the summer.

Cook, Pet care, Home helper, collector, Skier, Ice skater badges have been earned to date.

We are planning on planting trees on May 3rd.

We plan to attend both Beaveree and Impeeza and have a service project lined up for May 23rd at Rideau Vista School where we will volunteer our help in constructing a new "Outdoor Classroom" Any Venturers who need hours for service would be welcome to join us and help with some of the tougher requirements of this project.

We will be temporarily changing our meeting place and Night due to most of the cubs being enrolled in soccer. No Details as yet.

Chris Tyler, Gr. Comm

Old Business:

- Group Commissioners Award – if any group did not receive their ribbon in the past couple of years, contact John Stalker.

New Business:

- World Conservation Award – changes coming soon. Be sure to check it out on the Scouts Canada Web page.
- Spiritual Award (If you do not qualify for Religion and Life emblem) look into this award. It is now open to adults.

Budget: for 2009 – 10010 gone over in detail.

Motion to accept budget made by Stan Lasenba; seconded: Elizabeth Docker
All in favour: 13. Abstain: 0. Oppose: 0. **Carried.**

Adjourned: 9:45 p.m.

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept: _____

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