



Valley Highlands Area Forum
September 17th 2009
Westminster Presbyterian Church. Smiths Falls.

Minutes.

Present: John Stalker, AC; Jean Lasenba, Finance, Diana Nuttall, Registrar; Hope Gray, Recognition; Kelly Banks, CFE; Ken Richardson, Area; Chris Tyler, Westport; Stan Lasenba, Camp; Torstan Dekart, Drummond; Bradley Simpson, Tech.

Regrets: Michelle Niefer; Elizabeth Docker, CP;

First Item on the agenda was a call from Ken to remove the lions name from the minutes as we no longer meet at their hall. Seconded by Jean, all in favour. (with one abstention)

Commissioners Report.

Mike Jowett, the New Council Commissioner set out his priorities for the region. They are :-

- * Membership + 3%
- * Recognition. 5 National Adult Awards per Area. (including V.H.)
- * Increased Youth Recognition. 2 Maple or Council Awards per area
- * An increase in the number of Area Awards as well.
- * A New 25year Stripe is to be introduced it will be Red.

A minimum of 2 service visits per section/year from area service team, trainers, or Group Commissioners.

All but one Group has balanced books with H.Q.

A reminder about the Phil Mondor Scholarship program.

Deadline for Order of the Caribou, is October 31st for submissions.

Space Station Talk. See Emails about this very exciting opportunity. (Very Short notice, many groups not yet functioning)

Application date for ROVENT has been extended to close of joint Council meeting on October 6th.

December 12th is Scouts Senators night with a SLEEPOVER

POPCORN show & deliver pack available from Friday, (but Kelly brought ours tonight. Thank you.)

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Hope. Some discussion on Area Awards. Hope requested Ken and John to help formulate criteria for Spirit of Scouting Award. Hope to choose Centre for Spirit award. John passed round list of Current

Awards Held to be verified by those present and updated if needed. Recommendations for Awards must be a priority for all this year.

Jean. Audit of Accounts was in the works. Stan requested the sum of \$19.41 for camp expense. Proposal by ken seconded by Hope that this be paid.

Stan. Work @ camp progressing. Ken and Stan have re-marked the Red Trail. There is to be a work Day on October 4th at the camp to repaint the kybos and finish the storage facility. Please bring brushes and old clothes.

The grass has been cut and the camp is in good condition. The pump has been repaired with new leathers, welding of all points of wear and painted. The deck for the trailer is almost finished, a door and a window has been donated for the buck house and I am in the process of getting 2 x4's, 2 x 6's and also plywood to complete the shelving and bunks. Ken Richardson and I remarked the red trail. There is a need for a work party and I will try to arrange it for early October, maybe a Sunday would be good.

Expenses

Paint for red trail	12.47
Hardware for trailer	<u>6.94</u>
Total	19.41

Brad. Still need Photos for web site. Will have a new email address soon will inform all when it happens.

Program. First up on the Agenda is the Area **Bike Camp, October 23rd - 25th Whispering pines.** Program will include a **Cycle Trip** to A place of interest. **JOTA**, and **Patrol Leaders Training forum** all of this for just \$4.00 and you get a Crest as well.

There was some discussion regarding the Activity Badges but as so few groups were represented this was deferred to the October meeting.

Training. **Woodbadge 1 for Colony, pack, and Troop sections Dec 4th 5th Almonte United Church**

Popcorn. Brad Reminded everyone that orders for popcorn should be taken from October 1st – November 6th.

Youth rep. John is talking to two youth about this, but nothing finalized as yet.

Group reports:

2nd Westport REPORT

Reference: Group Committee Meeting held __XX__

1. EVENTS TO DATE: (since the last meeting)
 - a. none
 - b.

2. FUTURE EVENTS: (within the next month)
 - a. Start-up for 2009/10 due on 07/10

b.

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

4. ISSUES: (items you need assistance with or questions you need answered)

5. COMMENTS. (general comment on your program and area program)

Two Leaders and two youth to date not returning due to family problems.

One new leader and three new youth recruited so far.

We plan on supporting area events and pursuing own interests during the upcoming year

Leader training will be required for 3. leaders (at Present) and one administrator but it is doubtful if she will find the time to take it.

We had a good year in 08/09 despite difficulties at the outset. And a change of venue halfway through the 2nd half of the year, but we have survived and look forward to the challenges of 09/10

Yours in Scouting,

Adjournment. There being no other business the call for adjournment was made by Jean and seconded by Chris.

Next Forum October 15th 7.00pm. W.P.Ch.

Recorded by Chris Tyler.

Minutes read at Area forum and motion to accept

Minutes signed by _____ on _____
John Stalker, Area Commissioner Date.