



Area Forum

October 15, 2009

Presbyterian, Church

Smiths Falls



Present: John Stalker, AC; Jean Lasenba, Finance; Michelle Niefer, Admin/DAC Training; Chris Tyler, Area; Larry Palmer, 4th Perth; Stan Lasenba, Camp; Andreas Beelich; Alex Beelich, DAC Program; Ray Burrill, 1st Beckwith; Bill Lawrence, 2nd Almonte; Brian Billings, Scout Trees Coordinator; David Drake, CP Rovers; Matt Courtland, CP Venturers, and Torsten Dekart, Drummond.

Agenda Items: O'Canada / Scouter's Five - John

Minutes: Reviewed previous minutes. Motion to accept as read; Jean Lasenba; seconded Larry Palmer. Carried

John Stalker, Area Commissioner: j_stalker@sympatico.ca

- No council meeting this past week, so there is nothing to report
- JOTA not being held this year; possible next year.

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

DAC Reports:

i: Youth -

- Possibility of two youth sharing this position. T.b.a.
- Rovers in Carleton Place – invite any youth to joint – contact John Stalker.
- Nov. 24th Med Vent – open house (Ottawa) at 7:30

ii: Training – Michelle Niefer mniefer@sympatico.ca

- First aid being offered in our area; October 24th & 25th, you can still register
- WB I Beavers, cubs Scouts – December 4th and 5th. Location is Almonte

iii: Program - Alex Beelich alex.beelich@nlfincial.ca

- First activity planned is scheduled for October 23-25th. Information package has been forwarded to all Troop leaders. A follow up was sent on October 14th asking for an estimate of expected attendees.
- Activities to include a short bicycle excursion to Murphy's Point Camp – Queen silver mine. Lunch on site and return to W.P.
- Upon return to camp a number of sessions have been arranged.
- P.L. and A.P.L – leadership through the Scouting system. – Chris Tyler

Other scouts to be divided into to groups for the following: Axe and Saw permit; Knife permit and how to sharpen; Stove and lamp permit – maintenance. Scouters will be asked to assist with these group sessions.

I have ordered the camp badge as follows.

Valley Highlands Badge as follows. Name of the crest - Fall Camp - Valley Highlands Crest
Size - 2.941" x 2.972" ; Backing - Wax Paper; Coverage - <80%; Number of thread colors - 7 or less.

Delivery - 28 days from the final okay of the design

RUSH orders available with surcharge, additional shipping & no delivery guarantee

Quantity - 50 - 99 = Price - \$3.19/ each

Quantity - 100 – 199 = Price - \$2.04/each

Quantity - 200 - 299 = Price \$1.73/ each

Sample pictures available for distribution.

Assistance requested to complete the following.

Other badges – **Nitevent**, Scout Trees, **Kubkars/Scout trucks/ Beaver Buggys**, Year end Camp, **Beaver BRRRR**, **Cub Winter Challenge**, **Scout Winter Camp**, Pitch in for Canada, Founders Week , **Other ideas??**

(Activities in black could be universal for all sections)

If insufficient activities to complete a minimum of 6 events for the year, each badge size component could be changed to accommodate a circle of 4 instead of 6.

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

- The work party on Oct 4th was very poorly attended with only 1 leader from the 2nd Smiths falls and 2 people from the Area team. One other leader from the 2nd helped on the next wed. Remember this is your camp and we are trying to make it better for your group.
- The bunkhouse in the trailer is almost complete with the window, wall and 2 bunks installed. Shelving has been built and the platform to enter is complete.
- Topsoil has been delivered and some of it spread.
- The painting of the Kybo’s has not been done and will have to wait to spring.
- Everything is in place to finish the archery range and this will be completed in the spring.
- The camp has been well used this month and is booked by 3 groups this weekend.

Special thanks to Cashways lumber for the donation of 2 x 4’s and 2 x6’s

Expenses: Tackaberry Top Soil	301.49
Rideau Lumber, paint and hardware	54.63
Dollar store Paint brushes	5.65
Gas for generator	<u>10.00</u>
Total	371.77

- Tarp for the Marquee was damaged during a windstorm; 20’ of it can be salvaged. Merrickville is wiling to do the cost of binding and grommets.

Motion: put forth ‘that Merrickville not pay for damage of Marquee’ (an act of God) made by: Elizabeth Docker, seconded: Chris Tyler. Vote: 12. Abstain: 1. **Carried.**

- Presbyterian Church has asked, that we provide the marquee for one day, they would like to auction it off for “one day use” to raise money for the church.

Motion: “To allow the Presbyterian church use the marquee as they are one of our sponsors/supporters”. Made by Stan Lasenba; seconded: Chris Tyler. Consensus: unanimous

- Curling Bonspiel – November 7th; \$35. for 2 games, lunch and supper. If interested, contact Stan Lasenba.

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

- Group Commissioners – please make sure everyone in your groups are up to date with their years of service pins.
- Order of Caribou – names to be submitted by Oct 30th for anyone running a large event.
- “Spirit of Scouting” award for Valley Highlands – a design has been chosen and Hope is now in the process of sending it to a crest company.

vi: **Scout Trees Coordinator - Brian Billings** - brian_billings@carleton.ca

Not much to report.

Assisted Alex BEELICH and 2 Scouts from Merrickville with their plant of 100 CW container stock seedlings on Saturday, October 3rd, 2009. Planted adjacent to the Spring plant site - trees planted in May are surviving well at this point.

Visited and assessed the entire D/NE Landfill property on October 6th, 2009 with Dan COOPER from the RVCA - overall, the survival rate of all tree seedlings planted by Scouting youth over the past 17 years is good! The plant site for Scoutrees 2010 has been selected and trees are ordered - 2500 SW/PW/CW mixed species to be planted. Dan COOPER following up with D/NE for future plants on buffer zone to landfill site but we are getting close to running out of space to plant. RVCA will keep plant sites in mind for the future for Valley Highlands Area Scouting bit if there are any groups, who know of any landowners looking to have trees planted in 2011 onward by Scouts, please let me know and I will gladly follow-up with them.

The presentation planned for the Community Stewardship Council of Lanark County w/ Jeff WARD (OMNR) has been postponed until January 13th, 2010. I have developed a short PPT presentation and have a certificate to present to council members in appreciation for their support of Scoutrees and Scouts Canada over the past year.

Currently, I am finishing up the delivery of certificates and letters to 2009 Scoutrees donors/sponsors and asking for their continued support in 2010.

Respectfully Submitted, Brian E. L. Billings

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

- Still needs pictures to put on the web.
- Popcorn orders are due in by Nov. 1st.

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

- have financial reports form Westport, CP and Elmsley – need the rest to send into Headquarters.
- Rental of tent: \$100. received

Motion: To pay the bills incurred by Stan for Camp: \$371.77 made by Alex Beelich; seconded: Diana Nuttall.

Vote: unanimous.

viii: **Registrar: Diana Nutall:** dcn@storm.ca

- No groups registered; no one has contacted Diana to make arrangements.
- Diana is available during the week any night to go over your forms.

GROUP REPORTS:

2nd Almonte:

1. EVENTS TO DATE:
 - a. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have been holding regular meetings since 14 September.
 - b. Scouts have done night hikes at the Mill of Kintail, and Gemmill Park
 - b. Venturers did a Fall Camp where they canoed out to an island and slept in hammocks.. They did an arial park for an afternoon during the Camp.
2. FUTURE EVENTS:
 - a. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be doing Investitures next week.
 - b. Cubs and Scouts plan on attending the Area Camp on 23 – 25 Oct
 - c. All Sections will be participating in the Almonte Remembrance Day Parade.
3. MAIN EFFORTS:
 - a. Registrations – Current standing: Group Committee 2, Beavers 2 / 5, Cubs 2 / 10, Scouts 0 / 6, Venturers 3 / 5

Yours in Scouting, Bill Lawrence, Group Commissioner

1st Beckwith:

1. **EVENTS TO DATE:**

- a.) Held registration at the public school Sept 15 – limited turnout, and late for Sept program start. This was coordinated by the township rec dept.
 - currently at capacity for Beavers (with current leaders)
 - are looking at restarting Scouts – there seems to be enough interest in having a local troop, still looking for interested youth.
 - Cub numbers dropped since registration- and are looking at folding Cub section (if CP has space for a couple of youth), if not will run a joint program.
- b. Both sections have started up again, with Ken Fisher moving up to lead Scouts. Program planning is coming together for both main sections.
- c. Apple Day – small group of youth and parents participated with the Beckwith leaders, covering a few of the busier locations on the CP edge of the township for Sat morning.

2. **FUTURE EVENTS:**

- a.) Beavers will be preparing for Halloween meeting, and their investiture within the next few weeks.
- b.) Beckwith GC will be participating in the Township Halloween Evening, with an activity. To be held Oct 30, 6-8pm at the Beckwith Rec Complex.
- c.) Scouts and guest Cubs will be holding on fall Camp at Oct 16-18.
- d.) Beckwith Scouting GC and groups will be participating in the Beckwith Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Beckwith Park.

3. **MAIN EFFORTS:**

(the groups focus this period)

Increase membership – especially at the Cub level..

Yours in Scouting, Allen Sinfield, Group Commissioner

Carleton Place:

- Registration went well: We have: Beavers 13 and 4 leaders; Cubs 18 and 4 leaders and 1 Rover; Scouts 6 and 2 leaders and Venturers 3 and 5 youth.
- Will be participating in Remembrance Day; Venturers on nite hike; Fall Camp for the scouts; Venturers participated in a canoe cmp.

1st Drummond:

- Registration went well; Beavers (5) busy making hangers, investiture, etc.
- Cubs (7) busy with requirements for black star; had a camp and did investiture.
- Scouts (3) – St. John’s First Aid; went go kart racing; bird sanctuary, camp and did investiture.
- Plenty of leaders for each section.

1st Elmsley: No report

1st Merrickville: (no report submitted)

- Scouts went skeet shooting – a real blast
- All participated in Apple Day
- Troop have 15; Cubs 25; Venturers ?; lots of leaders
- Venturers are active; participated in Crazy Canuk camp
- Bottle drive and other activates

4th Perth:

The 4th Perth Group Committee met on October 8th. This report will be in a general narrative format:

We have started for the year. Our Scout Troop and Venturer Company are going well. We have started a Beaver Colony with so far six youth. Unfortunately we will not have a Cub Pack this year but already are planning for next year.

In spite of rain and fewer locations we had another successful Apple Day. We do appreciate the generosity of the town of Perth and visitors. We now hope to get started on the Popcorn Campaign.

Future reports will bring you up to date on activities and also on new leaders who have joined this year.

Arnel Pattemore, Group Commissioner

2nd Smiths Falls:

- Did apple day and raised \$2000.+
- Have Beavers 15; Cubs 22; Scouts 10, No Venturers this year.
- Cubs have had 2 camps; have pen palls in England

1st Westport

- Shortage of leaders, none of the old leaders returned.
- Would like to do a mass mailing appealing for leaders to Rideau Twsp. (Elgin, Portland, Lombardy, Westport).

Motion: Made to pay the \$1000. to cover the cost of 7000 fliers. Made by Elizabeth Docker
Discussion ensued. Vote: No – unanimous.

It was decided that John Stalker would help Chris Tyler write an article to go into the EMC, Portland papers as well as church and school flyers.

Old Business:

- Crest to be used for all events in Valley Highlands. The crest with one center portion a fixed design, the circular crest will be made up of different designs according to the event being held. At the end of the year, a participant, if all are attended in their section or area event, can earn all six. Attached design

Motion: for Area to purchase center (400) as well as the Fall Bike Crest. Made by Mike Beelich; seconded: Bill Lawrence.
Vote: unanimous.

New Business:

- Eastern Ontario Gillwell Reunion: Have a new trophy. This reunion is held the 3rd weekend in September each year. Stan was the first recipient of it this year. It is given to the Scouter who has the most fun, but still does Scouting.
- Area Calendars: Presentation made by David Drake, Carleton Place Venturers
 - Would we be interested in making a Scout Calendar as a fundraiser? would be custom made to our wants
 - Advertising from different organizations/stores will help fund.
 - All proceeds would go back into the group selling.
 - If all groups in Area participated, the cost would be divided up equally; however what you see would go back into your own group.
 - Keep in mind, CJ 2012 will be happening in British Columbia.

Motion to adjourn: Larry Palmer

Time: 9:15 p.m.

Recorder: Michelle Niefer

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept: _____

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