



Area Forum

November 19, 2009

Presbyterian, Church

Smiths Falls



Present: John Stalker, AC; Jean Lasenba, Finance; Michelle Niefer, Admin; Larry Palmer, 4th Perth, Stan Lasenba, Camp; Alex Beelich, Program; Torsten Dekart, 1st Drummond; Ken Richardson, VH; Roger Nuttall, VH; Diana Nuttall, Registrar; Christ Tyler, VH; Elizabeth Docker, CP and Kelly Banks, CFE.

Regrets: Brad Simpson

Agenda Items:

Opening with O'Canada and short prayer.

Minutes: Two names were missed on the list of those present. Diana Nuttall and Elizabeth Docker.

- **Motion** made to accept the amended minutes: Alex Beelich, 2nd Diana Nuttall.

Vote: All in favour

Old Business: Calendar

- Are there any groups interested in pursuing the making of an Area Calendar for fundraising purposes in 2011?
- No one seemed interested so a vote was taken of those present to no longer pursue this further.
- **Thanks** to **David Drake**, Venturer who came forth with the idea which included a full package of what it was about. He did a lot of work with this.

John Stalker, Area Commissioner:

- Council Management Advisory Committee has met twice since our last meeting. Stan and Michelle covered the October one and I attended the one last night.
- Council registration is going well, with a strong possibility of growth this year. Our situation in VH is not looking so good currently, but we have time to change that. Congratulations to Elmsley for hitting 100% and Carleton Place for having better than 70% retention, giving them the reduced registration rate.
- The Curling Bonspiel was apparently a great success. Thanks to Stan for organizing it and will get a report shortly.
- Remembrance Day was well attended in Carleton Place. How did it go elsewhere?
- The Council Cub Camp is planned for June 4-6 at Apple Hill, east of Ottawa, a great place for a Cub Camp due to it's more open landscape. The Theme is "UP", as in the movie. Each Area is asked to do one program event. The costs are being kept very low, hopefully less than ½ what it cost for Rumble In the Jungle. There is a contest for the patch artwork.
- Requests for recognition are up across the Council. We need to give our hard working volunteers the recognition they are due. I am asking that you take a careful look at your staff, and put them in for an award as suitable. Hope and I are available to help, and there are several free training sessions (3hr) coming up.
- There are new procedures coming regarding gifts and bequests that may bring us more money. If you want more on this, please let me know, as I am not currently up-to-date.
- If you haven't heard from HQ, then your group is up-to date regarding financing up to Sept 08.
- Scouts Canada Annual General Meeting is starting tomorrow in Regina.

My concerns at the moment are:

- Lack of registration from VH volunteers for the WB1 course Dec 4/5 in Almonte, and the lack of attendance at the 1st Aid course in Carleton Place Oct 24/25, despite requests from this table for 1st Aid Courses locally

- Registration, Information reaching me is that there are many of the VH groups that have not put in their paperwork. Diana will go into this during her report.
- Groups in trouble,
- **How to maintain our numbers and hopefully expand, and Attendance at Area meetings.** It is important to have as full representation as possible as this is how we communicate. If the GC cannot attend, then would it be possible to have a fill-in, either temporary or permanent?
- I have a list of Awards due to Volunteers (mostly Long Service Awards).
- Dec 12 Senators Night \$30 game only, \$40 w/sleepover

Council report:

Kelly Banks – Field Executive:

- **Registration is down a bit**, but overall Council is ahead.
- **Retention discount** will go out to groups – Elmsley is one.
- **H1N1** guidelines out, all are asked to follow them.
- School Participation Program – where 8 in class sessions are given ending with a 2 ½ day camp. The cost is \$90 per youth and is done in participation with school program.

DAC Reports:

i: Youth – Matt Courtland & Andreas Beelich

- Both Matt and Andreas attended the Council Youth network meeting: topics covered were: **Succession Planning** – to have in place plans to replace someone in their position when vacated; **Etiquette and Ethics** – this is a serious role and should approach it with professionalism; **Recognition** – when submitting names for recognition, be sure to provide lots of information; **Communications**: keep in contact via e-mail, website – pros and cons discussed; **Scouting Life Magazine – Youth edition** - the network has some submissions made to this magazine; **Council AGM** – Jan 16th, everyone to attend if possible; National AGM – Neal and Francesca to attend as voting members for Voyageur; **FOCUS/VIEW** – now completed and being used; **Katimavik** – community service program – more info to come; **Success stories**: events have been running well and well attended; **Rovent Budget** – motion to have the event budgeted as part of the Council budget.
- Reviewed the goals and objectives set out by Neal and team – how they are meeting them.

ii: Training – Michelle Niefer

- **WB 1** being held in Almonte December 4 and 5th. I have had many inquiries, but so far no one has registered from VH. Where are our new leaders
- **First Aid**: Tentatively to be held in the spring if numbers indicate. We have our own first aid trainer, Cindy Courtland, so we can hold one locally. Youth for Chief Scout will need this requirement!

iii: Program - Alex Beelich

Fall Scout Camp – Biking excursion, - morning session

Afternoon PL and APL leadership camp (11 participants) under the guidance of

Chris Tyler, Michelle Niefer, Hope Gray and Ken Richardson

Skills Camp – helping scouts to obtain their permits (19 participants)

Knife /Axe permit and Stove and Lamp permit

Brian Billings and Raine ensured that everyone came away with the skill necessary to safely operate camp stoves and lamps.

Troop leaders provided the guidance related to the proper handling and sharpening of knives and axes.

October 23-25th, 2009 Whispering Pines- Troops attended-

Almonte, Carleton Place, Merrickville, Smiths Falls

Total of 30 Scouts attended the weekend along with 18 Troop and Area Scouters.

New Valley Highlands event badge distributed to all participants.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the weekend enjoyable for our youth.

Upcoming events-

Planning meeting for Beaver BRRR- December

Winter Camp and Winter Challenge –planning meeting – December

This year this event will be held at Whispering Pines

The Cub Winter Challenge and Scout Winter Camp will be held as a linking activity. Our Cubs will have an opportunity to share the winter day camping experience.

December 5th – Winter Campsite Prep Day-

This year we will be holding Winter Camp at Whispering Pines.

January – winter camp prep night January 5th, 2010 – Smiths Falls Presbyterian Church.

February – BP week February 21st, Baden Powell’s Birthday is February 22nd.

- Cub winter Challenge and Scout Winter camp February 6th and 7th
- Beaver BRRR – February 13th, 2010

Other events planned- Beaver Buggy’s, Kub Kars, Scout Trucks,

- Scout Trees and Pitch in for Canada
- Nitevent
- Year end Area Camp for all on the Mississippi Lake – June 28-30th
- Year end canoe trip and Still camp for 3rd year Cubs and Scouts – Jly4-10th
- (last year we spent a week in Algonquin Park)

iv: Camp Warden – Stan Lasenba –

The camp has used a number of times this month with the people very happy with our facilities. There are no bookings in the near future and the camp is ready for the winter season, the soap containers have been removed and cleaned, all items that could freeze have been removed and the Lawn Tractor and Whipper Snipper has been stored at Ken Richardson’s. The grass on the archery range and playfield is coming along very good and this spring should be in better shape than has been the case. Some more topsoil to be spread but with the freezing nights this might have to wait for spring. There has been a lot of work done this fall and I would like to Thank all those who helped.

Income

27 th Nepean	35.00
1 st Stittsville	35.00
Rental from the crazy canuck	<u>60.00</u>
Total	130.00

Expenses

Rideau Lumber Plywood, Bolts etc	145.62	XXX
Gas for Lawn Mower	5.00	
Drywall screws	5.85	
Motor oil Changed oil in Lawn mower	10.23	
New Blades Lawn Mower	39.90	

Caulking for Trailer	13.52
Total	220.12

v: **Honours & Awards – Hope Gray**

Still working on Spirit of Scouting badge production and description of the Award to be circulated to all the groups.

vi: **Scout Trees - Brian Billings -**

- nothing to report

vii: **Technology / Fundraising - Bradley Simpson**

Technology: Still looking for current photos for the website

Popcorn: sales \$14,210, 4 groups down somewhat from last year.

viii : **Financial: Jean Lasenba -**

- Three bills received: Alex Beelich \$283.50 for crests; Stan for camp \$180.22 and to fix lawnmower \$39.94

Motion to pay the bills: made by Elizabeth Docker; seconded Ken Richardson. Vote: Unanimous to pay

viii: **Registrar: Diana Nuttall:**

GROUP REPORTS:

2nd Almonte: none received

1st Beckwith: none received

Carleton Place:

Reference: Group Committee Meeting held Thursday, October29, 2009

1. EVENTS TO DATE: (since the last meeting)
 - a) Oct 24th and 25th: St. John's Ambulance First Aid Training (3 adults & 1 Venturer from CP trained; Cindy Courtland completed her certification to be an instructor)
 - b) Oct 23rd to 25th: Area Scout Bike Camp & PL/APL Training; Scout Investiture Camp
 - c) Nov 8th: Remembrance Day Church Service at St. James Anglican Church
 - d) Nov 13th: White Tail Sleepover at the Museum of Science & Technology
 - e) Nov 13th: Scout Camp at Scouter Joe's camp in Arden
 - f) Nov 14th: Venturer High Ropes Adventure at LaFleche Caves
2. FUTURE EVENTS: (within the next month)
 - a) Nov 28th: Carleton Place Santa Claus Parade
 - b) Dec 4th and 5th: Woodbadge I Training
3. MAIN EFFORTS: (the group's focus this period)
 - a) Popcorn Sales
 - b) Completion of Registration
 - c) Training of New Leaders (three of four new leaders plan to attend WBI in December in Almonte)
4. ISSUES: (items you need assistance with or questions you need answered)
 - a) GST: Has Scouts Council and/or Voyageur Council received a GST number yet? We have been keeping records for three years. We are entitled to about \$600 in GST rebates, but we need a GST number to receive them.
 - b) Registration: Carleton Place's registration numbers in MMS and in the office differ.
5. COMMENTS. (general comments on your program and area program)
 - a) none

Yours in Scouting,

Elizabeth Docker, Group Commissioner

1st Drummond:

- Bike camp held – all attended
- Meetings cancelled due to school activities
- Attended Observatory and was thoroughly enjoyed.

1st Elmsley: none received

- Elmsley did participate in Remembrance Day Activities.

1st Merrickville: none received

- Youth were seen participating in Remembrance Day Parade
- Raked up leaves at the Legion and filled over ten bags.

4th Perth:

The Group Committee met on November 12th. Our Beaver Colony is off to a good start with Investiture completed on November 16th. The Scout Troop continues its very active program with lots of outdoor activities. The Venturer Company is recruiting new members.

Planning Ahead: The Beaver Colony is visiting the fire hall in November and planning to visit Lanark Lodge in December. The Scout Troop will be planning some camping activities. We will have a Group Christmas Dinner on December 9th for all youth and leaders as well as group committee.

New Ideas: We will be actively working to develop a Cub Pack for next year with an outreach to the community. We already plan to participate in the Big Brother/Big Sister Bowl for Kids in February.

Concerns: Because we did not receive any materials we were not able to participate in the Popcorn Campaign this year. In the past this has been a good moneymaker for our Sections. We may try to do a smaller campaign in the early spring.

2nd Smiths Falls:

- All section participated in Remembrance Day Parade; paired off with a veteran
- Float being readied for the Christmas parade
- All participating in Popcorn drive.
- Upcoming – Caroling in and out of the stores

New Business:

- Cub Camp – any ideas for it, contact John Stalker

Area meeting for December – cancelled

Area meeting in January is January 21st and not the 7th as placed in the calendar previously.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Elizabeth Docker; Seconded: Ken Richardson.

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept: _____

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