



Area Forum

April 15, 2010

Presbyterian, Church

Smiths Falls



Present: John Stalker, AC; Jean Lasenba, Finance; Michelle Niefer, DAC Training; Mike Jowett, Council Commissioner; Wendy Fyfe, CP; Matt Courtland, YAC; Allen Sinfield, Gr. Com, 1st Beckwith; Bill Lawrence, Group Com 2nd Almonte; Stan Lasenba, Camp; Joan Smith, Gr. Com, 2nd SF; Andreas Beelich, AYC, Alex Beelich, DAC Program; Roger Nuttall, Area; Chris Tyler, Area; Brad Simpson, Area Tech/Fundraising; Brian Billings, Area Scout Tree Co-Coordinator; Larry Palmer, 4th Perth; Kelly Banks, CFE; Elizabeth Docker, Gr. Com, CP and John Armstrong, Gr. Com, 1st Elmsley

Regrets: Hope Gray

Agenda Items:

Minutes: Reviewed for the month of February. Motion to accept the minutes as distributed made by Jean Lasenba; 2nd Chris Tyler. Unanimous.
March minutes read. Motion to accept the minutes as distributed made by Larry Palmer, 2nd Alex Beelich, Unanimous.

John Stalker, Area Commissioner: j_stalker@sympatico.ca

- Council Management Advisory Committee meets next week & has not met since last meeting. I will send out anything urgent after the meeting on the 21st.
- Please!! 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.

My concerns at the moment are still:

- Leaders who have not yet taken WB1.
- Prospective members (awaiting VRAD etc.)
- How to maintain our numbers and ideas on how we can 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).
- I am instructing on the SOS (Scouting Outdoor Skills) Challenge May 15 at Apple Hill. Course on Council website under training.
- Reminder of "Up!" Council Cub Camp June 4-6 at Apple Hill.
- I was up at Whispering Pines on Sunday with the CP Rovers doing some work, and we noticed that there is still a lot of junk, tarps, straw etc, on sites from the winter camp. RVCA requires us to keep the camp as close to wilderness as possible and would not appreciate the mess. They are due to do an inspection soon, so if the sites are not cleared-up soon, the Rovers will collect everything and you may not see it again. Please clean up soon! Straw should be spread around to promote composting.
- Thanks to Merrickville and Drummond for inviting me to attend their Group Committee meetings. Well run and interesting! It was good to renew acquaintances with leaders I already knew and meet those I hadn't.

John Stalker

Special presentation from Mike Jowett

- Mike gave a slide show on the future of Scouting and goals set out by our Chief Commissioner

- Steve has set the goal at 15% growth for Scouting in the upcoming year.
- Enhance our image; initiate CD for jumpstart to help with programs
- Locator button on our Website so people looking for a group close to them can find the information
- Recognition – supports retention
- Service visits from the Council / Area team – enhance and recognize good programs
- Encourage interaction with different sections.

Kelly Banks – Field Executive: kbanks@scouts.ca

DAC Reports:

i: **Youth - Andreas Beelich** dreas94@hotmail.com

- Issue – at the Wheels Rally, the Beavers became bored easily, need something else to keep them busy.

Matt Courtland nardog16@gmail.com - no report

ii: **Training – Michelle Niefer** mniefer@sympatico.ca

- We still have several new leaders in the area needing WB I. This also applies to leaders that move up to a new section.
- **E-Learning:** for those leaders unable to get to a WB 1 training, go on line and do E-learning. You will find the program on the Council Web site under training.
- **First Aid** – We will be doing a course this Spring and then again next Fall. If you have anyone interested, make sure you keep tuned on the dates.
- Council Web site also lists (on the training website), several WB 1, II and workshops. Check to see which is convenient for you to attend. All are welcome to participate in training courses in other areas.

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

_Planning meeting held March 31st to continue organizing the Year-end Camporee- Springtime on the Mississippi.

Wendy Fyfe has volunteered to coordinate a schedule for the 3 sections. To be discussed at this meeting. (April 15th, 2010)

April 8th- held information session related to this summers' Valley Highlands Algonquin Adventure. Still Camp and Canoe tripping
Current total enrolled- 47-48 campers.

April 10th- Beaver Buggy/Kub Kar/ Scout Trucks- held at the County Fair Mall in Smiths Falls. Racers as follows
28 Beavers; 53 Cubs; 28 Scouts

I would like to thank all the Area, Colony, Pack and Troop leaders for making this day a success.
Also to Stan and the County Fair Mall for the storefront, thank you an ideal location for this year's day of racing.
Winners of the speed and design categories received medallions.

Trophies for the following categories will be distributed

- Top Cub participating pack – Smiths Falls
- Top speed pack-
- Top Speed Troop –

Upcoming events- Pitch in for Canada – badges available – see your group commissioner.

Scout Trees – May 1st

Nitevent – May 7th at Whispering Pines- email with details to follow.

Year-end camp – May 28th to the 30th

Year end Algonquin Canoe week – July 4th- 10th.

At next month's Area meeting we will post a draft plan of Area events for the upcoming Scout Year. Plan to finalize for publishing in June.

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

The road into the camp is in excellent shape for this time of year. All the earth has been spread and grass seed

applied. There are area on site 1 and the playfield that should be avoided until the grass has a good start. John, the rovers and myself took walk around and found some items that need to be addressed such as all the winter camp sites need to be cleaned up. The hay from winter camp should be spread out in a manner that the vegetation can grow through it. This needs to be done very soon. One item that seems to continue to be a problem is the use of markers left after an event, remember it is the event organizer responsibility to remove all items used for an event. There also are one or two locations where rope or other wire has been left around trees, any rope or wire used in this fashion to be taken down after the event. In one instance a chain was left where an animal or human could have been injured, in another a metal clothesline has been left up and has started to cut into the tree. Remember Scouter's that our lease forbids any trees to be removed or damaged without approval. That approval can be obtained by the warden from RVCA.

There are 2 or 3 old tables and one fairly new on that has showed up in the trailer that needs to be removed.

A first aid cabinet is in the process of being installed in the storage trailer and with the assistance of the Smiths Falls ambulance service will be stocked. They gave me a list that should be there and some of the items will be supplied by them. There will usage form that should be filled out any time an item is used.

The trailer has been cleaned, items put away and there will be section where games and sports equipment will be stored. There is a set of Boca balls some Frisbee's, a couple of soft balls. If there is something you think would be good to have let me know and maybe that can be obtained. There is a camp horseshoe type game. Rules will be there for you.

There has been a new box installed by the trailer for the camp forms, these should be filled out any time you visit the camp even if you are alone.

AS the Rovers have agreed to help with the camp it is our responsibility to make their job as easy as possible.

Thank-you for your attention to these details.

Some items the rovers have agreed to do.

1. Rebuild fence beside the playfield.
2. Pick up all old junk metal and place beside roadway.
3. More brush cutting
4. General cleanup.
5. Hopefully paint the kybo's

Items needed

1 load topsoil to expand sites 4 and 3

1 load crushed asphalt for hill

Backhoe or tractor to level soil

Expenses

Hardware for Archery range and flag pole	19.66
Wire to repair fence	13.55
\First Aid Supplies (Dollarramma)	16.95
First Aid Supplies Zellers	75.30
Cabinet for First aid Staples	37.00
Welding and material	10.00
Total	172.46

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

- All are encouraged to write up at least one member from your group.
- If you do not have all the information, write up what you can and Hope or John Stalker will help fill in the details.

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

May 1st, 2010 is our planting day.

Please arrive to register by 8:45 so we can begin planting around 9:00am

As we will be planting 3000 trees we should be completed by 11:30 am (a couple of hours).

Valley Highlands' Scout Tree badges will be distributed to all participants.

What equipment do they need? One round-mouthed shovel/garden spade, big plastic pail with a handle (3-5 gallon pail) - 1 of each- per 2 person plant team. Leather gloves would also be advisable since we are planting some White Spruce and those with sensitive skin can find Spruce needles make them itchy/break-out in rashes.

Where is lunch to be provided?

Lunch is provided after the plant at Lanark Cedar located on Highway 7 right across from Lambden Window and Door. Lanark Cedar contributes heavily to Scouts Canada's environmental initiative and has devoted some of their promotion on radio to promoting our good works - this is an opportunity to fly our flags and show our uniform at their location. BBQ - hotdogs and hamburgers, drinks, and cookies will be served free to Scouting Youth, leaders, and parents...we will also offer food for sale to members of public with proceeds to the VHA Scouts.

Directions to site as follows:

Planting just across the road from the Drummond/North Elmsley Landfill Site at 745 Code Road (Drummond Ward) - Code Road can be accessed from the Tennyson Road on the South (those coming from Beckwith/Smiths Falls/Perth) or From Highway 7 and Drummond Conc.7 (those coming from Carleton Place and Area).

I will have my cell phone on and with me on the date of the plant so if anyone gets lost or needs directions, call me at (613)794-1975. (Brian Billings – Scout Tree coordinator)

vii: **Technology / Fundraising - Bradley Simpson** bitterandsweet@storm.ca

- Tech site has been updated.
- Still looking for pictures of events.
- Information coming out soon re popcorn

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

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

- Have early registration and paperwork to the next area meeting and will check it over.
- Any questions, call Diana
- PRC's for new leaders and check other leaders to make sure they are all up to date now. Don't leave to the last minute

GROUP REPORTS:

2nd Almonte:

1. **EVENTS TO DATE:**
 - a. Cubs and Scouts went to the National War Museum on 27 March.
 - b. 1 Cub and 3 Scouts participated in the Area Wheels Rally on 10 April.
 - c. Beavers and Cubs had a sleepover at the Almonte Civitan Hall on 9 / 10 April.
2. **FUTURE EVENTS:**
 - a. Cubs and Scouts are heading to Camp Sagonaska, near Belleville for their Winter / Spring Camp from 23 – 25 April. They will be going to the Royal Canadian Aviation Museum in Trenton and the Scout/Guide Museum in Belleville during the camp.
 - b. Cubs and Scouts are planning on attending the Area Camp at the end of May.
3. **MAIN EFFORTS:**
 - a. We are trying to recruit new Leadership, both at Group level and Section level.

Yours in Scouting,

Bill Lawrence, Group Commissioner

1st Beckwith:

Events:

Beavers and Scouts, still maintaining 80+% attendance each meeting, and still on track for programming.

Beavers have been focusing on 'Transportation' for the month, culminating with the Beaver Buggy races (which saw 55% attendance due to a birthday party!).

Scouts held a pre-event race night, last Thurs and invited the Beavers to watch the trucks and race their buggies. For the Area Scout Truck event, 4/5 Scouts attended (1 missed due to illness). Everyone had a great time.

Upcoming Events:

- Spring Clean-up participation (both sections) at the Beckwith Rec Centre Park (co-ordinating with the Township)
- May Scoutreels, Nitevent for the Scouts, Springtime on the Mississippi Camp.

Allen Sinfield, Group Commissioner

Carleton Place:

- everyone quite busy
- All groups attending camp
- Attended the Wheels Rally
- Will be attending Area Camp

1st Drummond:

- Held a Ham & Bean supper – good turn out.
- Beavers / Cubs / Scouts all busy
- Attended Kub Kar Rally

1st Emsley:

Events to Date:

Beavers

- a. Monday March 2nd - Bowling
- b. Monday March 8th – Emergency Preparedness
- c. Saturday March 20th – Trip to Gibbon's Maple Sugar Bush.
- d. Saturday March 27th - Our Annual Ham and Bean fundraising supper.
- e. Monday March 29th – Easter Egg Hunt at Bubble's House
- f. Saturday April 10th – Beaver Buggy Races

Cubs/Scouts

- a. Sunday February 28th – Church Parade
- b. Monday March 2nd – Bowling
- c. Completion of Religion and Life Courses
- d. March 12th to 14th – Weekend camp at Camp Opemikon
- e. Monday March 16th – visit to the Smiths Falls Food Bank
- f. Saturday March 20th – Trip to Gibbon's Maple Sugar Bush.
- g. Saturday March 27th - Our Annual Ham and Bean fundraising supper
- h. Monday March 29th – Easter Egg Compass Hunt incl. Bring a friend night.
- i. Saturday April 10th – Cub Car and Scout Trucks

Future Events:

Beavers

- a. Monday April 12th – The Great Big Beaver Circus
- b. Monday April 19th – A Pirate Adventure
- c. Monday April 26th – A visit to Miller's farm
- d. Monday May 3rd – Pet Parade

Cubs/Scouts

- a. April 12th and 19th – Scrapbooking
- b. Bookwork and Games
- c. Overnight Camp at Camp Trail on Charleston Lake

Main Efforts:

Ham and Bean Supper held Saturday March 27th. Very successful event attended by app. 80-100 people.

Other efforts will include a bottle drive, Scout trees, and a spaghetti supper.

Comments:

1st Elmsley Scouts continues to provide high quality programming that is interactive and engaging for the youth. Our enrolment has increased significantly and year to date activities have been very successful

Yours in Scouting,
John Armstrong

1st Merrickville:

- No report
- Any Leader wishing to submit an update on their section is welcome.

4th Perth:

Past Events The Scout Troop and Beaver Colony continue an active program with regular attendance. The Venturer Company still exists and is available to help other sections. Beavers recently went to Pizza Hut to catch up on the Christmas dinner that had to be cancelled due to bad weather.

Future Plans There will be a fundraising barbeque at Independent Grocers on May 15th. We plan to attend church on April 25th. Thought is being given to a year-end group celebration, perhaps as an outdoor family barbeque.

We will be making plans for our fall registration and restarting the Cub Pack at our May meeting.

Arnel W. Pattermore, Group Commissioner

2nd Smiths Falls:

- Scouts - Clean-up done with Salvation Army
 - Will be participating in Pitch-in Week; Scout Trees and May camp.
- Cubs – have been in contact with their pen pals in the UK
 - Likewise have participated in the activities as the scouts

New Business:

Bio-Blitz:

- Camp Whispering Pines is on Otty Lake and the Valley Highland Area is a member of the Otty Lake Association (OLA). The OLA is presenting a 24hr. Bio-Blitz from 3pm. May 15 to 3pm. May 16 on the properties at 101 and 103 Healey Dr.
- A Bio-Blitz is a program to observe, record and learn about the flora and fauna in a given location over a 24hr. period. Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and registered adults are welcome to participate in all or part of the time. There will be conducted hikes led by experts in various on a variety of topics e.g. birds, trees, low plants.
- People can hike on their own, in which case bring a camera so you can record what you see and have the experts identify and catalogue. Wear clothing suitable for the weather and footwear suitable for scrambling up and down hills.
- For more information contact Roger & Diana Nuttall at 613-264-0687.

Any interest in taking on the AC position? I have one more year and would like to have someone in place by this time next year to permit a smooth transition.

Next meeting: May 20th at the Presbyterian, Church Smiths Falls.

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept: _____

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