



Area Forum

May 20, 2010

Presbyterian, Church

Smiths Falls



Present: John Stalker, AC; Michelle Niefer, Admin; Brian Billings, Scout Tree Coordinator; Chris Tyler, Area; Diana Nuttall, Registrar; roger Nuttall, Area; Joan Smith, 2nd SF Group Comm.; Torsten Dekart, 1st Drummond Gr. Comm.; Matt Courtland, DAYC Youth; Alex Beelich, DAC Program; Bill Lawrence, 2nd Almonte Group Comm.; Ray Burrill, 1st Beckwith; Elizabeth Docker, CP Group Com and Hoe Gray, DAC Recognition.

Regrets: Brad Simpson, Fundraising/Technology; Larry Palmer, Stan Lasenba, Jean Lasenba and Andreas Beelich

Agenda Items:

Minutes: After discussion, **Motion to accept the minutes as distributed:** Alex Beelich; 2nd Bill Lawrence.
All in favour: 14 Abstain: 1 Passed: Unanimous

John Stalker, Area Commissioner: j_stalker@sympatico.ca

Council Management Advisory Committee meets Wed, May 19. I will bring up anything urgent at the meeting on the 20th.

- 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.
- P 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.

Council report:

Kelly Banks – Field Executive: kbanks@scouts.ca

DAC Reports:

i: Youth - Andreas Beelich dreas94@hotmail.com
Matt Courtland nardog16@gmail.com

- There are four nominees to replace Neil
- 4 scholarships to be handed out
- Schief Scout ceremony – June 12th

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

- We have 14 members still needing WB 1. Please check the council web site for one that is more convenient for you.
- E-learning is also available on the Council web site.
- **1st Aid – June Friday June 25 7-10; Saturday June 26th 10-5 and Sunday 27th – 12 – 3 p.m.**

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

Our Scouting year is quickly coming to an end.

Earlier this month Nitevent was the focus of everyone's enjoyment. 35 Scouts from our various troops along with a contingent from Orleans accepted the challenge on May 7th.

This year's winner of the Nitevent Challenge is Perth

The runner up for 2010 is Carleton Place.

Well done Scouts.

We are a week away (May 28 -30) from "Springtime on the Mississippi" Valley Highlands all section year end camp.

Angelique, Wendy, Sheila and their teams have put together a weekend of activities and fun. Please review the information notices, which have been sent to all Scouters and sections in the Area.

Registration for the Mississippi camp will be Friday, May 28th. A special entertainment treat is planned for Friday evening.

Finally, the year-end canoe outing in Algonquin Park will be quickly upon us. **July 4th -10th**

An information package will be sent out shortly.

Please note:

The second installment is due by June 4th. Please make cheques payable to "Valley Highlands Scouts Canada".

They can be mailed to "Alex Beelich",

1117 Kilmarnock Rd,
RR#2 Jasper, Ontario,
K0G 1G0

Home telephone # 613-283-3307. Or Forwarded to your Group Commissioner for delivery/pickup.

Planning for next year is underway and will be finalized by the end of June for circulation.

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

With the help of the Rovers all the old junk metal has been taken to road and picked up by me and disposed of. With the help of Terry Johnston and others the old HQ site has been totally cleaned and the wood piled at site 1. The Tay Valley Fire Dept. visited the camp and was quite satisfied with what we are doing. The only things that need to be addressed are that we need two Smoke alarms in the trailer because of the bunks and that we should have a 5 lb fire extinguisher available. This would be located in the trailer for use in an emergency. They are also checking our emergency plan and will report to me on their findings. Water and sand has been placed at most sites and the other sites will be done when more buckets are obtained. Two groups from Ottawa and 1 group from our area have used the camp in the last month All sites used for the winter camp have been cleaned up. Met with Shawn Thompson of MNR to locate the cages for the black rat snake project. The 2nd Smiths falls scouts will monitor one site and possibly 1st Merrickville ventures the other. Met with the RVCA on wed the 19th and received the invoice and they are very happy with the camp also excited about us being involved with the black rat snake project.

The new tarp for the marquee was about 20 inches too long, their mistake, it would cost us shipping charges to return and then the inconvenience of getting it from Ogdensburg again. They sent us a grommet kit and tape with the idea we could shorten it but when looking into it I found some pipe the same size and will make extensions for 3 poles. This will be ready for the spring camp. There is now a Whispering Pines Scout campsite on Face book. More pictures would be welcome.

Expenses

Gas for Lawn mower	13.02
Bathroom Tissue	23.72
Pipe for Marquee	<u>7.64</u>
Total	44.38

Stan Lasenba

Friendly amendment: To include the \$44.38 in the list of bills to be paid. Unanimous.

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

- If anyone has any write-ups on individuals for an award, you can send them to Hope.
- Area is working on making a new award “Bar to Order of Caribou”.

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

- Lanark Cedar donated \$150. from the barbecue from our Scout Trees planting.
- Groups are asked to remit heir 15% to Jean to go towards Brotherhood.
- Drummond North Elmsley & Lanark Cedar have committed for 2011 Scout Trees
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vii: **Technology / Fundraising - Bradley Simpson** bitterandsweet@storm.ca

- no report submitted
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viii : **Financial: Jean Lasenba -** lasenba@sympatico.ca

- Jean will take the cheque book to the Area Camp to reimburse any expenses.
- Chris Tyler – bill for Nite vent - \$87.01
- Hope Gray – around \$200. (will get correct total to Jean).
- Stan Lasenba - \$204.71

Motion made by Ken Richardson that all bills be paid. 2nd Elizabeth Docker.

Vote: All in favour: unanimous

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

- No groups have registered yet for year 2011

- Area team is registered.
- If you are ready to register, contact Diana to go over your forms.

BioBlitz – over 300 flora and fauna identified. A very successful day.

GROUP REPORTS:

2nd Almonte: No report

1st Beckwith:

Events to date: Beavers, Scouts leaders participated in the park clean-up.

Beavers (some) attended the Scoutree Plant.

Scouts attended the Nitevent (and although it rained, they had a great time!)

Both groups held outdoor meetings in the Beckwith Rec park.

Both groups took to the trails, Scouts (on the Beckwith Rec Park trail), and the Beavers (Ottawa NCR Beaver/Lime Kline Trail).

Upcoming:

Swim-up Ceremony May 27.

Mississippi Camp (Beavers)

Scouts June camp/outing (tbd?)

GC focus: leaders for next fall (Beavers and Cubs), and early registration.

Allen Sinfield, 1st Beckwith GC

My only concern at this point is I need to step up efforts to get additional leaders at the Beaver and Cub level.. I have some leads to follow-up on.. As I don't want to start up in Nov again due to lack of leaders... and I can not take on assisting all the levels!

Thanks,
Allen

Carleton Place:

- Moving up ceremony of all sections took place this week.
- Neil Rice came representing National
- Scouts took 2nd place in Nite vent.

1st Drummond:

- joint meetings to build model rockets
- After tree planting – they launched their rockets
- Boat building contest – races
- Campfire with all sections
- Participated in Clean-up around the school.
- Scouts went to Mill of Kintail
- All plan to go to area camp
- Scouts will be going canoeing.
- Going up ceremony planned for all sections

1st Elmsley: No report

1st Merrickville: No report

4th Perth:

The Group Committee met on May 12th.

Things Done: We are very proud of our Scouts who won first place at the NiteVent. Equally important was that we had many compliments from other leaders on how well they had behaved. And our Beavers are doing very well indeed.

We had a barbeque on Saturday, May 15th at Independent Grocer and it was very successful. We are now collecting early registrations and looking ahead.

Upcoming: There will be a year-end party for all our youth at Pizza Hut on May 26th. And registration has been set for Saturday, September 11th. Now we need to "beat the bushes" to increase our membership and find some Cubs.

We are also taking steps to improve our relationship and contact with the Sponsor, St. James Church.

4th Perth wishes everyone a very happy summer.

Arnel W. Pattemore,
Group Commissioner

2nd Smiths Falls:

- Tree seedling fundraiser – successful
- All attending Area Camp
- Family Camp June 19th.
- Cubs/Beavers – bike safety
- Canoe trip.

New Business:

Any interest in taking on the AC position? I have 1 more year and would like to have someone in place by this time next year to permit a smooth transition!

Year-end get-together

Next meeting: Presbyterian Church, Smiths falls June 17th Potluck
6:30 p.m. John will provide dessert.

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept: _____

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