

Valley Highlands Area Minutes – Oct 19, 2010

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Smiths Falls

Call to Order: at 7:12 p.m.

In attendance: John Stalker, AC; Jean Lasenba, Treasurer; Diana Nuttall, Sec.; Jacy Stalker, Registrar; Alex Beelich, DAC Program, Michelle Niefer, DAC Training; Roger Nuttall, DAC Recognition, Andreas Beelich, DAC Youth; Brian Billings, Scoutrees; Stan Lasenba, Property Manager; Allen Sinfield, GC 1st Beckwith; Elizabeth Docker, GC Carleton Place; Torstein Dekart, GC 1st Drummond; Angelique Jahn, 1st Elmsley; Hope Gray, GC 1st Merrickville; Larry Palmer, 4th Perth; Joan Smith, GC 2nd Smiths Falls

Regrets: Bill Lawrence - 2nd Almonte, Michelle Niefer – DAC Training, Matt Courtland – DAC Youth

Oh Canada: by all

Scouter's 5: John

Acceptance of Minutes: Corrections noted. Moved by Brian. Seconded by Stan

Business arising from the minutes: None

Commissioner's Report: From: JOHN STALKER [j_stalker@sympatico.ca]

Wasn't much to report until tonight's Council meeting. See you tomorrow night. Please remember your registration packages. I will have PRC forms with me.

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Please remember to send your report by e-mail. Otherwise your report cannot be included in the minutes

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Membership Update – We are currently sitting at 77% of last years membership (as of October 26th). This is slightly down from where we were at the end of October last year (we were at 82% at the end of October last year.) Please make sure that your Group has entered all their registrations into MMS by the end of October so that we can get an accurate reading of where we sit membership-wise. If you need assistance with this please contact your CFE.

New Scouter Welcome Kits: By now all new Scouters should have received their New Scouter Welcome kits from their GC or designate. If your Group requires more kits please contact your Area Commissioner.

Reminder for Info in November! – If your Groups has:

- Participated in a flyer drop (or other public PR event) using the School door hangers,
- Has tracked Inquiries from people wanting to join,
- Has participated in a Friendfest campaign
- And/or has collected information from parents using the “How did you hear about Scouting survey,

Your CFE would like to know details, dates and results of these. Please send electronically to your CFE or bring the details to your November Area Meeting.

ScoutsAbout Program – March Break, PD Days & Summer Day Camps: We are looking for possible locations to run PD day, March Break and Summer Day Camp

ScoutsAbout programs. The Ideal location would:

- Have indoor and outdoor facilities;
- Be convenient for parents to drop off on the way to work;
- Be inexpensive/free rent;
- Be suitable for running a program for a minimum of 12 youth (maximum will depend on what the facility can accommodate).

Schools and Scouting: We are also looking for grades 4-7 classrooms to operate the

Schools and Scouting program in. If you know of local teachers who might be interested in having trained Scouts Counselors come into the classroom and teach curriculum based topics such as pioneering, nutrition and outdoor cooking, orienteering etc. please let your CFE know. This program also provides a 2.5 day overnight camp to provide hands on learning for the topics presented in the class. More information is available for teachers that are interested.

Registrar: Jacynthe (Jacy): jacystal@hotmail.ca

ALL packages must be verified and signed-off. Call to make arrangements.

Finance: Jean lasenba@sympatico.ca

Year end balance was \$12,150.64

Disbursements – JOTA \$53.74 (Alex - \$28.48, Brian- \$18.72)

Accountant \$6.54 (Jean)

Camp \$36.09 (Stan)

Spirit of Scouting \$200.09 (Hope)

Acceptance of Treasurer’s report – Moved by Joan Smith. Seconded by Roger Nuttall.
Passed unanimously.

Training: Michelle mniefer@sympatico.ca

All courses must be applied for through Council Office.

First Aid Course will be at Becwith Township Hall Dec.11-12 Cost \$50

Voyageur Council courses

Event Start	Event End	Title
10/22/2010 6:30 PM	10/23/2010 6:30 PM	Pack Woodbadge 1
10/23/2010 8:30 AM	10/24/2010 4:00 PM	Wilderness First Aid #934
10/23/2010 9:00 AM	10/24/2010 3:00 PM	Troop Wood Badge 1 (hosted b Odawa)
10/29/2010 6:30 PM	10/30/2010 6:30 PM	Colony Woodbadge 1
10/30/2010 8:00 AM	10/30/2010 6:00 PM	Scouting Outdoor Skills (S.O.S. Challenge)
10/30/2010 8:30 AM	10/31/2010 5:00 PM	Scouting Standard First Aid

11/5/2010 6:30 PM	11/6/2010 5:30 PM	Carleton Area Woodbadge 1 Troop
11/13/2010 8:30 AM	11/14/2010 4:00 PM	Advanced Wilderness First Aid #935
11/19/2010 8:00 AM	11/20/2010 6:00 PM	Heritage Wood Badge 1
11/19/2010 6:00 PM	11/20/2010 5:00 PM	Valley Highlands Woodbadge 1
11/20/2010 8:30 AM	11/21/2010 4:30 PM	Rideau St. Johns Ambulance Fire Aid CPR Level B
11/26/2010 7:30 PM	11/28/2010 3:00 PM	Trainer Development 1 (TD1) Course # 924
11/27/2010 8:30 AM	11/28/2010 5:00 PM	Standard First Aid #933
11/27/2010 8:30 AM	11/28/2010 4:30 PM	Standard First Aid Carleton Area
12/5/2010 8:30 AM	12/5/2010 5:00 PM	Carleton Area First Aid Recertification
12/11/2010 9:00 AM	12/12/2010 5:00 PM	St. John Ambulance First Aid w/ CPR level B Adult and Child CPR
2/25/2011 7:30 PM	2/27/2011 2:00 PM	Woodbadge II #925
3/25/2011 7:00 PM	3/27/2011 3:00 PM	Woodbadge 11 (C/P/T/C) 2/3 Course # 926

Programme: Alex: alex.beelich@nlfincial.ca

Bike and Skills Camp in addition to JOTA (Jamboree of the Air)

1st camp of the new scout year was held at Camp Whispering Pines this past weekend. October 15th to the 17th. Friday evening's rain and wind did not hamper the arrival and preparation for the weekend.

Registration confirmed we had a total of 48 Scouts, 8 Cubs and their leaders representing the following groups

Almonte, Beckwith, Carleton Place, Drummond, Elmsley, Merrickville Scouts and joining us for the first time – Merrickville's Pathfinder group.

In addition 3 retired Scouters Bill, George and Dave from the Kingston Area joined us and supported the JOTA

weekend activities.

Thank you to Larry Palmer for helping with the arrangements for JOTA

In total we had 84 youth and adults in camp.

We started off Saturday morning with a bicycle trek, leaving camp and proceeding on trails around the western tip of Otty Lake. Lunch was away from camp along the trail. After returning to camp our scouts updated their camping knowledge in preparation for the following permits-

- Proper ways to light a fire and where to find dry wood after a rainfall
- How to light and care for gas stoves and lamps
- How to sharpen , care for and use a saw, axe and knife
- Lashing camp craft.

As part of youth leadership and development, Andreas Beelich organized the wide game after supper, acted as campfire chief in addition to leading and setting the pace for our morning bicycle trek around the lake. Many thanks to him for all his assistance and leadership.

Sunday morning began with a challenge for the fittest. Rise by 7:15. Run from the pump to the Archery range (½ km), attempt while breathing heavily to shoot 3 arrows at a target , run back to the pump and cycle to the road (1 ½ km) and back. Am pleased to say a number of Scouts and Pathfinders achieved this task and all before breakfast. Well done.

Scouts own, presented by senior scouts and a pathfinder was held down by the lake at our chapel.

As this was a “Be Prepared Camp”, random inspections occurred through out the week end. 1st Drummond came away with the weekend’s honours. Points will accumulate through out the year and a final winner and recipient of the Valley Upcoming events- Remembrance Day November 11th, 2010
Highlands trophy will be announced in May at the Spring Camp.

Thanks are extended to Stan Lasenba, Ken Richardson, Roger Nuttall, Brian Billings and Raine and everyone who helped to make the weekend a success. A circle of smiling faces tells all.

All registered members with in Valley Highlands are to receive the centre badge for 2010/2011. Please ask your Group Commissioner for additional details.

Awards: Roger Nuttall rsnuttall@storm.ca

Hope Gray gave me a package of the Spirit of Scouting crests. She is having the certificates that go with the crests printed and will pass them on to me. I will be attending a meeting at Scout Headquarters in Ottawa on October 24 for the DACs of Recognition from our Council. I hope to get up-to-date on the new procedures at that time.

Camp: Stan Lasenba lasenba@sympatico.ca

One load of crushed asphalt has been placed on the first hill at a depth of 5-6 inches. After the large amount of rain last week no sign of washouts were noted, lets hope this solve the problem. There was also a load put on the last big corner where the road also washes out frequently. Tackaberry Construction donated one load and we will pay for one load. The camp is in excellent shape and ready for more use.. JOTA was held with a large turnout and we had many accolades from them about our camp. This is especially gratifying as they were all former Scouters. The grass will be mowed and the leaves removed from the play field in the next week and the lawn mower will be taken to Ken Richardson;s for the winter.

The council require a new five year business plan for Whispering Pines and to that end I have a working document to define our goals and objectives which will be attached and should be sent to all members for discussion.

Expenses	
Gas	8.66
Items to install Archery Range backdrop	<u>27.73</u>
Total	36.09

Whispering Pines Scout Camp

Goals

1. To ensure all members of Valley Highlands have a place to camp for free and that other Scout groups can camp at little cost
2. To provide a wilderness style environment for youth of all sections to practice the core elements of Scouting
3. To provide a place for all youth and adults to practice and learn water skills

Objectives

1. Develop a plan to encourage more youth to camp at Whispering Pines
2. Market Whispering Pines as an ideal location for the youth to hike, practice Scouting skills and for water based activities.
3. Ensure that the funding for Whispering Pines continue to allow for members of Valley Highlands to camp free of charge.

GROUP REPORTS:

2nd Almonte:

1st Beckwith: Allen Sinfield al1sinf@hotmail.com

Activities:

- Still working on activating the Beaver colony. A parent has stepped forward and I am currently doing the VRAD. We currently have 11 very anxious kids waiting to start.
- Scouts are operating with 6 youth. They have had two meetings working on Scouting introduction, camp prep. and skills.
- 5 Scouts attended the JOTA bike camp.. all had a great time.

Upcoming:

- Nov. start Beavers
- Remembrance Day Ceremony participation.
- Scouts Day Hike/Overnight -

Issues - Need to complete registration, including PRC's.

Carleton Place: Elizabeth Docker elizabethdocker@sympatico.ca

Reference: Group Committee Meeting held Thursday, September 30, 2010

1. EVENTS TO DATE:

- a) Oct 2nd: Apple Day
- b) Oct 2nd and 3rd: Cub Fall Camp at Whispering Pines
- c) Oct 4th: Cub Investiture
- d) Oct 15th and 16th: Scouts Bike and Skills Camp at Whispering Pines
- e) Oct 15th and 16th: ROVENT at Camp Opemikon
- f) Oct 19th: Scout Investiture

2. FUTURE EVENTS:

- a) Oct 23rd and 24th: Beaver Camp at Foley Mountain
- b) Oct 23rd and 24th: 3 Venturers taking Wilderness First Aid Training at HQ

MAIN EFFORTS:

4. Popcorn Sales

- a) Completion of Registration: To date we have enrolled 15 Beavers, 21 Cubs, 15 Scouts, 7 Venturers, 5 Rovers, 10 Leaders and 2 Group Committee members. We are stilling registering youth, and we are in the process of recruiting 2 new leaders.
- b) Training of New Leaders: New leaders are being encouraged to take WBI on Nov 19th and 20th.

5. ISSUES:

- 6. on-line WBI: Justine Kruz completed Cub WBI on-line in September. Does Group need to register the completion of the course?

5. COMMENTS:

- a) GST: Through the leadership and perseverance of Doug Rogers, our accountant, and the hard work of our leaders, we received a GST rebate of \$502. If you would like help in applying for our own rebate Doug would be happy to advise you.

1st Drummond: Torstein Dekart tdekart@aibn.com

We have 30 youth and 6 leaders.

1st Elmsley: Angelique Jahn happycamper155z@gmail.com

Beavers have had an introduction to Scouting knots. Have been covering thankfulness and friends of the Forest.

Cubs and Scouts have taken part in a bike rodeo. Are concentrating on badge work. 5 Scouts and 8 Cubs took part in JORA/BIKE/Skills Camp.

Beavers are planning to have Investitures. They are working on Halloween, Remembrance Day and planning a trip to the Heritage House Museum. The White Tails will be taking part in the Sleepover at the Museum of Science and Technology.

The Cubs and Scouts future events include Halloween, Investitures, Remembrance Day, Crafts for Christmas, Lafleche Adventure and Cave tour camp.

The group have had or are planning several fundraisers – Apple day, Pancake breakfast/Yard Sale, Popcorn. We are for PRC reports to complete registration We will have 3 to attend WBI

1st Merrickville: Hope Gray hope@kevinrobertgray.com

Hope Gray has been installed as Group Commissioner.

Eleanor Beelich has been installed as Secretary.

Two Group Committee meetings have been held.

All sections have year long plans in place.

Colony:

10 youth took part in Apple day

Looking forward to Sleepover at Museum of Science and tech
Pack:

12 youth attending a fall camp this weekend.

10 youth took part in Apple day

Troop:

16 youth attending Saunders Farm

Skeet Shooting with parents in attendance coming up

12 youth attended Area fall camp.

2 possible candidates for Chief Scout Award 2011

Company:

Attended Ro - Vent

1 youth attending Wilderness 1st Aid course

Registration not ready yet. We will have it for November meeting.

Financial reports available and to be updated. Treasurer away on business.

Plan for cairn and plaque in Blockhouse park siting Merrickville
as one of the 1st Scout Troops in North America. We are working with
Merrickville council on this. Election has this on hold for now.

4th Perth: Larry Palmer lpalmer1938@hotmail.com

The 4th Perth Group Committee met on October 6th, 2010.

Already Done: The Beavers and Scouts are up and running with the Colony at capacity. Already lots of things have happened and we are off to a great start. Unfortunately we have not been successful in finding Cubs. In conjunction with 1st Drummond we attended Parent/Teacher Nights at area schools. Apple Day on October 8th and 9th was again successful. Scouts attended the Area Camp.

In the Planning: We are preparing for a joint Hallowe'en Party on October 25th, a Beaver Sleepover at the church, and new adventures for our Scouts. There will be one more attempt at starting a Cub Pack. And we will attend the Remembrance Day Parade on November 11th. Scouting in Perth is alive and well with continuing support from the community and the sponsoring church.

2nd Smiths Falls: Joan Smith joansmith13@cogeco.ca

New Business:

Adjournment: Moved by Stan at 8:22. Seconded by Joan.

Next meeting Nov. 18, 2010 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Smiths Falls

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept: _____

Minutes Signed by: _____

John Stalker, Area Commissioner