



## **Valley Highlands Area Minutes – Jan 20, 2011** **7PM, Presbyterian Church Hall, Smith's Falls**

**Call to Order:** at 7:10 p.m.

**Oh Canada:** all

**Scouter's 5:** Smiling by John Stalker

**Regrets:** Andreas Beelich, Allen Sinfield, Joan Smith, Jacy Stalker

**In Attendance:** John Stalker, AC; Diana Nuttall, Secretary; Jean Lasenba, Treasurer; Alex Beelich, DAC Program; Roger Nuttall DAC Recognition; Matt Courtland, DAC Youth; Michelle Niefer, DAC Traing; Brian Billings, Scoutrees; Stan Lasenba, Property Manager; Chris Tyler, Service Team; Bill Lawrence, 2nd Almonte; Elizabeth Docker, Carleton Place; Torstein Dekart, 1st Drummond; Larry Palmer, 4th Perth

**Visitor:** John Dougherty, DCC Program

**Ammendments of minutes:** Are web site is vhsouting.org not .ca

**Acceptance of Minutes:** Moved by Stan Seconded by Chris Passed unanimously

**Business arising from the minutes:**

**Commissioner's Report:** John stalker [j\\_stalker@sympatico.ca](mailto:j_stalker@sympatico.ca)

The last CMAC meeting was Jan 19.

Highlights: Our registration now 1<sup>st</sup> in council at 99.7% with more still to register. Thanks Sponsor Appreciation Certs to hand out. Photos of presenttations would be appreciated.

Half Year fees, still to be set as new insurance contract currently being established.

Popcorn coordinators needed soon for next year's campaign. Any ideas? Anyone disgruntled with the process this year?

National Leadership conference. AYC from VH and new AC Elect eligible to attend. Ost \$400 PP. In Toronto.

New PR Kits

Scouters conference April 7, Smiths Falls Collegiate.

All MMS records should be verified. New MMS delayed until summer/fall.

I have OPP PRC forms.

**DAC Reports:**

**Secretary:** Diana [dcn@storm.ca](mailto:dcn@storm.ca)

I now have hi-speed so the minutes can now have the crests.

**Council:** Kelly Banks

New Winter Friendfest Incentive Program: See the attached memo outlining the new Incentive program

for Groups that run Bring-a-Friend campaigns during the months of February and March – including Scoutbucks for every Group that runs a Bring-a-Friend night, prizes for youth/adults that recruit new members and a grand prize of \$500 Scout bucks! See the attached memo for more information. Partner Certificates for Groups: Your Area commissioner will be providing your Group with a personalized “Thank-you” certificate in a Scouts Canada certificate folder to present to your partner to thank them for their continued support of Scouting. Where possible, the idea is to use the presentation of these certificates as an opportunity to touch-base with your partner or re-establish a relationship with them if this is the case. Partners are often a source of funding or space, but can also provide assistance with leadership, community outreach/relations and other resources, so it is a good idea to keep communication flowing! New & Improved Area PR Kits are now available! The PR Kits are stocked with the newly branded materials! Your AC will have these kits. Materials in the kits can be set up all at once or can be split up if more than one PR event occurs on the same day. As well – old PR kits can still be used when the new one is already booked. Please make use of this excellent resource every time your Group is out in the community and will be getting a lot of public exposure.

The kits include:

- Large full colour wall posters (and poster tube)
- 5 table tops signs
- An “It Starts with Scouts” banner
- A tri-fold display
- Pamphlets about our programs (these are still the older branding and will be replaced as soon as the newly branded pamphlets are available.)
- Post-cards featuring the new branding
- A fleece table-topper
- A large duffle bag with strap to carry everything in (except the tri-fold)

New Custom Scouts Canada Brand Centre Launched! To help you showcase Scouts as Canada's leading youth organization, the National organization has built a user-friendly Brand Centre that provides a wide variety of professional materials that can be customized, ordered and shipped all from your Computer.

This brand centre is designed to meet a broad range of council and group communications and marketing

needs. The centre will continue to grow over time with additional resources. Visit: [www.scouts.ca/dnn/brand-e](http://www.scouts.ca/dnn/brand-e) to experience the new brand centre!

How did you hear about Scouting E-survey: A survey is currently being sent out electronically using

emails in MMS to all new members in the Council this year to determine how people heard about Scouting,

how they contacted their local Group and how satisfied they were with the availability of information on

how to join Scouts Canada. We will use this data to tailor our PR efforts and make registration processes smoother.

Group Locator Information Twice-Yearly Update: A reminder to Groups that if your Group Commissioner/Contact person and/or information about meeting times, days and locations has changed

since the Fall, they need to be updated in MMS so that the Group Locator will be accurate. As well, if emails have changed these need to be updated in MMS too so that the Locator inquiry is sent to the correct email address.

**Registrar: Jacynthe (Jacy):** We now have 99.7% of last year's registrations

**Finance: Jean** [lasenba@sympatico.ca](mailto:lasenba@sympatico.ca)

Bills to be paid \$734.50 for crests to Alex Beelich

\$ 60.00 for snow plowing at camp to Stan Laseba

Moved by Roger and seconded by Chris that we pay these bills.

Passed unanimously

**Motion:** Moved by Stan Seconded by Brian

Valley Highlands will cover the cost of one or two people at \$400.00 each to attend the National Leadership Conference in Toronto Mar 11 – 13 2011.

Passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Moved by John and seconded by Bill

Valley Highlands will pay for Woodbadge I and may Pay for Woodbadge II with prior approval.

Passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Moved by Jean and seconded by Michelle

Valley Highlands will pay \$25 per person for attendance at Scouters Conference on Apr 9 in Smiths Falls.

Passed unanimously.

**DCC John Dougherty:**

Thanks for supporting Council Events. 67's game this week-end will collect food donations for the Ottawa food bank

May 14 is the Council Beaverie at Lombardy Fair Grounds which is a one day event with opportunity to sleep-over. Cost \$12 per Beaver. Program theme is Wild West. Group leaders are responsible for discipline and food.

Work has started on the Council Scout Camp for first week-end of June 2012.

**Camp: Stan** [lasenba@sympatico.ca](mailto:lasenba@sympatico.ca)

The camp road has just been plowed for the first time this year at a cost of \$60.00.

There was more snow than we thought but Blake Trick was able to ensure we have access. The annual property document has been filled out and sent to HQ. The five year plan should be complete by next month

Expenses – Snow plowing \$60.00

**Recognition: Roger** [rsnuttall@storm.ca](mailto:rsnuttall@storm.ca)

I have been working on getting the information to bring the year pins up-to-date. I hope to have the 5, 10, 15 etc pins available to distribute next month.

**Program: Alex** [alexbeelich@nlfinancial.ca](mailto:alexbeelich@nlfinancial.ca)

**January 12<sup>th</sup>:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Smiths Falls Scout Troop hosted our annual winter camp prep night.

A total of 36 Scouts and their leaders participated in this training session.

**Planned Events:**

Cub Winter Challenge- January 29<sup>th</sup> – at Camp Whispering Pines  
 Scout Winter Camp – January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> – Camp Whispering Pines  
 Freezie Award eligible

Beaver BRRR – planning meeting – February 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 7:00 pm at the Merrickville Community Centre

Beaver BRRR- February 12<sup>th</sup>, - Easton’s Corners Community Centre.

**Valley Highlands 2010/2011** badge centre is available for all registered Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Adults.

Planning for Founder’s Week celebrations is underway for last week of February. See you Group Commissioner to receive the Valley Highlands Founder’s Week badge.

**Upcoming events:**

Beaver Buggy/Kub Kar/Scout Truck race day is scheduled for March 2011  
 To everyone planning to race, good luck building your racer.  
 Details will follow.

Year end canoe week in Algonquin Park. Information packages were sent out before Christmas. Please check you calendar and reserve today.

**Technology: Mike Dobbie**

**Popcorn: John**


**Scoutrees: Brian**

**Youth: Andreas & Matt** Our next meeting is on Jan 29 and I will have more information then.

**Training: Michelle** [mniefer@sympatico.ca](mailto:mniefer@sympatico.ca)

1. There are still a number of new leaders and leaders new to a section that need training. Attached is a schedule of planned WB 1 courses. Currently we do not have one in the area, but if the dates below are suitable (April – which are held over 5 days at Scout Headquarters) I have attached more information. Contact Headquarters to Register.
2. There are still a couple of leaders needing to complete their training in Elmsley, arrangements are being made to go in and finish this for them.
3. If **First Aid** is being requested, esp for Scouts/Venturers, please contact me ASAP so arrangements could be made with a First Aid Trainer. Minimum participants 12. We will come into your meeting hall and do this, so you can set it up with another troop.

Below is the Council Training Calendar to date:

Training Courses 

Event Start	Event End	Title
2/25/2011 7:30 PM	2/27/2011 2:00 PM	<a href="#">Woodbadge 2 #925</a>
3/25/2011 7:00 PM	3/27/2011 3:00 PM	<a href="#">Woodbadge 2 (C/P/T/C) 2/3 Course # 925</a>
4/2/2011 1:00 PM	4/2/2011 5:00 PM	<a href="#">SYRP - Senior Youth Recruitment Presentation</a>

4/4/2011 7:30 PM	4/4/2011 9:30 PM	<a href="#">Wood Badge Part 1 C/P/T Module 1 Course #940</a>
4/6/2011 7:00 PM	4/6/2011 10:00 PM	<a href="#">Wood Badge Part 1 C/P/T Module 2 Course #940</a>
4/8/2011 7:00 PM	4/8/2011 10:00 PM	<a href="#">Wood Badge Part 1 C/P/T Module 4 Course #940</a>
4/12/2011 7:00 PM	4/12/2011 10:00 PM	<a href="#">Wood Badge Part 1 C/P/T Module 3 Course #940</a>
4/14/2011 7:00 PM	4/14/2011 10:00 PM	<a href="#">Wood Badge Part 1 C/P/T Module 5 Course #940</a>
4/16/2011 9:00 AM	4/17/2011 2:00 PM	<a href="#">Wood Badge 2 Outdoor Skills # 926</a>

Wood Badge Part 1 C/P/T Module 1 Course #940

Start Date/Time: Monday, April 04, 2011 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Recurring Event: Wednesday April 6th, Friday April 8<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Location: [Scout HQ](#) Description:

**Course Leader** Susan Rosove

**Cost** \$5.00 (for all modules, not per module)

**Course Description** For section Scouters, this basic course provides the skills and knowledge base to help new leaders run stimulating meetings and simple outdoor activities for their youth. Topics include understanding section youth, program elements and planning, conducting section activities, communicating and working with the leadership team, and safety in the outdoors.

#### **Course Pre-requisites**

Participants are to read the following material prior to attending the course: The Woodbadge 1 background information found here

<http://www.scouts.ca/media/documents/Woodbadgebackgroundparticipants.pdf> as well as the Parents Guide to Protecting your Child from Child Abuse document

<http://www.scouts.ca/dnn/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=gH%2b67yH6pcU%3d&tabid=148>

**Register with the Council Office** using the form at

<http://www.scouts.ca/dnn/Administration/FormsProcedures/tabid/1815/Default.aspx>

**Group reports:** I suggest that we stick to highlights to ensure we get out of here at a reasonable time. Full reports will accompany the minutes.

**1st Beckwith: Allen Sinfield** [al1sinfield@hotmail.com](mailto:al1sinfield@hotmail.com)

Scouts attended the Winter Camp Zero training and last Sat. Went to Whispering Pines to

prep our site. Everyone is looking forward to the camp.  
Beavers have started up with a new Winter theme and are anxious to attend the Beaver Brr.

Both sections are preparing for BP week  
All our PRC's are done but we need another leader.

**Carleton Place:** Elizabeth Docker [elizabeth.docker@sympatico.ca](mailto:elizabeth.docker@sympatico.ca)

The colony is planning to attend the Beaver Brr and the Council Beaverree  
The pack is intending to attend the Winter Challenge Camp  
The troop is working on outdoor activities and will attend the Winter Camp  
Our senior sections are snowshoeing in the Appalachians.

**1st Merrickville:** Hope Gray [hope@kevinrobertgray.com](mailto:hope@kevinrobertgray.com)

1st Merrickville registration has been finally completed.  
Colony - skating on the outdoor rink  
Participating in Bring a friend and Beaver Burr.  
BP Banquet will see a deserving White tail receive the Eager Beaver camp scholarship presented by the Merrickville Lions' club.  
Pack - skating on the outdoor rink, attending the Library and doing Badgework and skits for the Banquet.  
Troop - Winter Camping and working on Badges.  
Company - Adirondack camping adventure in Feb.  
The Lion's Club of Merrickville have been contacted, asking for two camp scholarships for a cub and scout to attend the Area Canoe / Still camp in July.  
July 1st will see the unveiling of a plaque in the Merrickville Blockhouse park commemorating the start of one of the first Scout troops in North America. The ceremony will take place as part of the Canada Day festivities.

**4<sup>th</sup> Perth:** Arnel Pattemore [arnel@falls.igs.net](mailto:arnel@falls.igs.net)

The 4th Perth Group Committee met on January 13th. We have welcomed Tom Young (a former leader) help with Beavers while Sandy Grella is enjoying warmer weather. The Scouts continue to be active and built a bench at their last meeting, a good way to hone their skills in lashing. We are making a further attempt to recruit possible Cub age youth. And we are planning special events for Scout/Guide Week again including participation in Bowl for Kids  
In Perth Scouting continues to offer programs under competent and experienced leaders.

**Old Business:** AC Replacement Committee Will meet after this meeting is adjourned

**New Business:**

**Next Meeting:** Feb 17, 2011 Westminster Presbyterian Church in Smiths Falls

**Motion to Adjourn:** Moved by Stan and seconded by Bill