

Area Forum

Feb. 17, 2011

Presbyterian, Church

Smiths Falls



Present: John Stalker, AC; Diana Nuttall, Sec.; Jean Lasenba, Treas.; Kelly Banks, CFE; Alex Beelich, DAC Programme; Michelle Niefer, DAC Training; Roger Nuttall, DAC Recognition; Andreas Beelich, DAC Youth; Chris Tyler, AST; Bill Lawrence, 2nd Almonte; Allen Sinfield, 1st Beckwith; Torstein Dekart, 1st Drummond; John Armstrong, 1st Elmsley; Joan Smith, 2nd Smiths Falls.

Regrets: Jacynthe Stalker, Matt Courtland, Stan Lasenba, Brian Billings, Hope Gray

Call to order: at 7:04 p.m.

O'Canada

Scouter's 5 – Desiderata read by John Stalker

Acceptance of minutes: Moved by Michelle and seconded by Jean. Passed unanimously

Business arising from the minutes: MOTION: Moved by Alex and seconded by Roger; Wood Badge II Area will be reimbursed up to \$100 on successful completion of course. Passed unanimously.

Reports:

John Stalker, Area Commissioner: j_stalker@sympatico.ca

Call to Order:

Oh Canada:

Scouter's 5:

Regrets: Jacynthe Stalker, Matt Courtland

Acceptance of Minutes:

Business arising from the minutes:

Commissioner's Report:

The last CMAC meeting was yesterday, but I did not attend. Michelle?

Popcorn coordinators needed soon for next year's campaign. Any ideas? Anyone disgruntled with the process this year? Brian Billings has volunteered to head up the Area's effort.

National Leadership conference. In Toronto. Alex and Andreas to attend. Council will pay \$200.00 per person and gas mileage @\$0.52 per km.

New PR Kits

Scouters conference April 7, Smiths Falls Collegiate.

National has dropped charges for adult volunteers so Council has three options – charge \$70.00 per adult and \$145.00 per youth

\$50.00 “ “ “ \$150.00

\$ 0.00 \$165.00

Straw vote shows most support for the \$70 & \$145 split

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

I have OPP PRC form.

Council report: Kelly Banks – Field Executive: kbanks@scouts.ca

Please notify me in advance for any “Bring a friend” event

Secretary report: Diana Nuttall – dcn@storm.ca

DAC Reports:

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

Area has received \$500.00 donation from Bell Canada on behalf of Bell employees and retirees. There has been an accumulation of a surplus of \$480.25 from a combination of Camp Zero, Winter Challenge, and Beaver Brrr.

Expenses : \$ 37.28 for Stan

\$328.85 for Alex

\$ 17.22 for Sheila

TOTAL \$443.35

Motion: moved by Chris & seconded by John A. that the bills be paid. Passed unanimously

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

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

Winter Camp Zero was held at Whispering Pines Camp on January 29th and 30th, 2011. A total of 36 Scouts plus their Scouters attended from various Troops. Weather was ideal for shelter construction and practicing winter camping skills.

As a linking activity the **Cub Winter Challenge** was held at the same time. This event was attended by 40 Cubs and their Leaders from different packs in the Area. Activities of the day included ice fishing on Otty Lake, fire construction including where to find dry tinder and kindling in the bush. Again the Stone Soup was a great hit.

On February 12th Beavers converged on Easton’s Corners for the annual **Beaver Brrr**. As this year’s theme was “Space, where no Beaver has traveled before” our 20 Beavers in attendance learned how to do the moon walk in snowshoes, created their own planetary mobiles and created personalized telescopes with constellations to be seen again and again. In addition to the indoor crafts and the moon walk sledding was a hit for the day.

Upcoming Events: **Founder’s Week** activities are planned by various groups next week.

March 1st 2011 – Algonquin Canoe Week information evening will be held in Merrickville at the community Centre. Doors open at 6:30 with the meeting commencing at 7:00

All Scouts and 3rd year Cubs are encouraged to attend with their parents/guardians. We will be answering all questions and registering potential campers. We will also encourage any leaders to also attend. Reminder notices will be e-mailed to all eligible groups.

March 26th 2011- Scout Truck/Kub Kar/Beaver Buggy event will be held at the Smiths Falls County Fair Mall. Activities are planned for each section. We encourage all racers to polish and paint their vehicles in preparation for the day. Details will follow as the race day approaches.

Notices will be sent for our May events – Scoutrees and Nite Vent

Planning continues for the spring camp – Scouting back to Basics 101 to be held in Carleton Place this May.

“Camp 101” task force report. – Chris Tyler – christyler@xplornet.com

The task force has met twice to date. On December 8th 2010 and again on the 19th January 2011.

Cindy Courtland of Carleton Place chaired both meetings as Carleton Place Group had offered to run the area “all sections” spring Camp for 2011. Since C.P. Are celebrating their 100th Anniversary in 2011 it was agreed that the name of the camp would be “Camp 101” and the theme would be **Back to Basics**.

The date has been fixed for May 27/28/29th 2011 and the camp will be held at Riverside Park, Lakeside Road, Carleton Place.

Since it was envisaged that this would be a very public event separate camping facilities had been booked at Bonaire Park for the all sections camping area.

For the same reason it is anticipated that the Area Rover Crews would provide security for the camp and Venture units help with program, and also act as 'Tour Guides'. It is planned to set up an Information/Early Registration Booth.

Cindy is to ask the township for a grant towards the cost of Kybo's, Garbage collection and other services.

The program will include four main events, namely Pioneering, Canoeing, First Aid and Camp Craft. With the Area setting up six other events, namely Monkey bridge, Deadmans crawl, worm, and the three rope bridge, Archery and sling shots.

There will also be a 'Badge trading post' set up in the camping area.

Elizabeth Docker will oversee the Beaver Program Planning

Stan Lasenba will oversee the Cub Program and Tiffany the First Aid post.

There will be a Badge design contest for the Spring Camp portion of the Area Roundel.

Each group will be asked to provide a Gateway for their camp site, also their own drinking water. The taskforce will provide water for cooking/washing etc.

*It is also important to note that there is a **No Fire** clause in place. Cooking to be on propane or similar fuels. All youth attendees must provide a **PF***

Advertising in the local press and radio/tv and the possible invitation to celebrities is to begin shortly.

The cost of the camp is set at \$10.00 with a \$50 commitment from groups

Date of next meeting March 2nd St James Church, Carleton Place.

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

v: Recognition – Roger Nuttall rsnuttall@storm.ca

vi Registrar: - Jacynth Stalker j_stalker@sympatico.ca

vii: Technology / Fundraising - Mike Dobbie – 4mdobbie@gmail.com

viii Camp Warden – Stan Lasenba – lasenba@sympatico.ca

I am pleased to report that we have received a donation of \$500.00 from the Bell Canada Employee giving program. I would suggest that we purchase a chainsaw for the camp. KS supply in Perth have a red max 32cc with an Oregon chain and bar for \$313.00, Timmerman's Perth have a Jonsered 50 cc for 459.00 and a 42 cc dolmar for 344.00, Bills in Smiths Falls have a Husgavarna for 344.00 with carrying case and extra chain. If passed I will talk to John Armstrong and a couple of others for their opinion on which is the better buy. The road to the camp was plowed a second time for the winter camp. The reports on the environmental assessment and inventory have been filed with council and the 5 year plan is being checked by Marilyn Johnson.

Expenses

Ink carriage	37.28	
Road plowing	60.00	This has been paid
Total due	37.28	

Stan Lasenba

Discussi9on about purchasing a chain saw and it was decided to defer a decision until next month when we should have the information that had people concerned.

viii: Scout Trees - Brian Billings - brian_billings@carleton.ca

ix: Popcorn – Brian Billings – brian_billings@carleton.ca

GROUP REPORTS:

2nd Almonte: Bill Lawrence – scouter_bill@rogers.com

1. EVENTS TO DATE:

- a. Cubs have been working on Computer Badge, and 6 Cubs attended the Cub Winter Challenge. The ice fishing was lots of fun and the stone soup was great. They have started designing their Kub Kars. They have had a sledding night at Gemmill Park, and played outdoors at the school for a meeting.
- b. Scouts have been working on their 18 Wheelers at my house, and have hiked to Tim Hortons in town for hot chocolate in preparation for the hike into their winter camp site.

2. FUTURE EVENTS:

3. a. 2nd Almonte Scouting is having a BP Pancake Breakfast and Scout show on 19 Feb. at the

Almonte Civitan Hall. This is open to the public and is a fundraiser for our Group. An email of the details was distributed through Diana to our Area email list.

b. Cubs and Scouts are heading to Camp Sagonaska near Belleville on 4 Mar. for their annual joint Winter Camp. They will be visiting the National Aviation Museum at Canadian Forces Base Trenton and the Scout/Guide museum in Belleville on Saturday 5 March.

3. MAIN EFFORTS:

- a. We are trying to recruit new Leadership for Troop and Group Committee.
- b. Trying to get all registrations in.

1st Beckwith: Allen Sinfield – al1sin@hotmail.com

Carleton Place: Elizabeth Docker – Elizabeth.docker@sympatico.ca

1st Drummond: Torstein Dekart – tdekart@on.aibn.com

1st Elmsley: John Armstrong – armstrong24@sympatico.ca

1st Merrickville: Hope Gray – hope@kevinrobertgray.com

4th Perth: Arnel Pattermore – arnel@falls.igs.net

We are making plans to celebrate Scout/Guide Week. Scouts will have a sleepover at the church and then join the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl for Kids on Saturday morning, February 26th. Beavers and parents will join in the afternoon for Eighteen Wheeler Races and Beaver Buggy Runs. We are also making plans for next year with a hope to increase membership.

2nd Smiths Falls: Joan Smith – joansmith_13@cogeco.ca

Beavers had another Sleepover Camp in Feb., taking to a Bears Game, sliding, and bowling. Some members went to the Beaver Brrr, unfortunately all the leaders were busy.

Cubs are busy working on their Kub Kars, having a sleep-over at the Church this week-end. Camped at Camp Trail in Jan. Attended Cub Winter Challenge.

Scouts are busy working on their trucks. Attended Camp Zero at Whispering Pines.

All sections went to winterlude and had 1st Elmsley Group join us

Banquet this week-end and Church parade on Sunday.

The town is flying the Scout Flag for the week starting Feb. 18th.

Old Business:

New Business:

Adjournment Moved by Andreas, seconded by Allen at 8:54p.m.

Next meeting Mar. 17,2011 at Westminster Prebyterian Church at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept: _____

Minutes Signed by: _____
John Stalker, Area Commissioner