



Area Forum

April 21, 2011

Westminster Presbyterian  
Church

Smiths Falls



**Present:** John Stalker, AC; Diana Nuttall, Sec.; Kelly Banks, CFE; Andreas Beelich, DAC (Youth); Michelle Niefer, DAC (Training); Alex Beelich DAC (Program); Roger Nuttall, DAC (Recognition); Brian Billings, Scoutrees; Stan Lasenba, Property Manager; Ken Richardson, ST; Chris Tyler, ST; Allen Sinfield, GC 1<sup>st</sup> Beckwith; Elizabeth Docker, GC Carleton Place; Torstein Dekart, GC 1<sup>st</sup> Drummond; John Armstrong GC 1<sup>st</sup> Elmsley; Joan Smith, GC 2<sup>nd</sup> Smiths Falls

**Regrets:** Bill Lawrence, Jacynthe Stalker, Jean Lasenba, 4<sup>th</sup> Perth

**Call to order:** at 7:12 p.m.  
O'Canada by all  
Scouter's 5 by John

**Acceptance of March minutes:** Postponed due to omission of a motion  
**Motion:** Moved by Andreas and seconded by Allen – Stan is authorized to purchase a chainsaw and its appropriate safety equipment at a price not to exceed \$500.00. In Favour – 14, Abstentions –1 Against – 0 - Carried

**Business arising from the minutes:**

**Reports:**

**John Stalker, Area Commissioner:** [j\\_stalker@sympatico.ca](mailto:j_stalker@sympatico.ca)

The last CMAC meeting was yesterday.

Do we have any Chief Scout or Queen's Venturer Award recipients this year? We need to know the details by the end of April, especially for the Queen's Venturer, as the new GG personally signs each one. No machines!

All MMS records need to be verified by June 30. New MMS is delayed until summer/fall.

Open Door Ottawa, a tour of places not normally available to visit (embassies etc.), is June 4/5. It includes the Scout Museum. They are expecting a LOT of people,

and want to have a table with films or slide showa of interesting events as well as membership information. They are looking for volunteers. Contact Nick Wise at [Nicholas.Wise@nrc.gc.ca](mailto:Nicholas.Wise@nrc.gc.ca)

Rideau Canal Canoe Run from Dows Lake to NAC will be late Aug./early Sept. Contact John Dougherty.

Sept 16-18 there is a Growth Symposium at OPE. At the same time there will be a Venturer/Rover Executive course (at OPE)

Ad for pre-registration in May EMC

Relevance to the community. We are trying to get Scouts known for 2 things the Environment and Emergency Preparedness. Ideas welcome and more news to come. Chief Scout/Queen's Venturer Awards on June 11 at Ottawa University. I have OPP PRC forms

**Council report: Kelly Banks – Field Executive: [kbanks@scouts.ca](mailto:kbanks@scouts.ca)**

School Talks & Open Houses for Spring Registration and Winter Friendfest: Now is the time

to plan for these –Groups should contact their CFE to arrange these.

Reminder – Winter Friendfest Incentives: A reminder to Groups about the Winter Friendfest

incentives and that you should let your AC and CFE know about your BAF events in order to

receive the incentives. To be eligible for the Council incentives the BAF events need to be held

prior to March 31st.

Critical - MMS Membership Records Update: It is very important that Groups/sections do a

data cleanup on or before June 1st 2011. This clean-up should include:

- Members Records: Please ensure email addresses, date of birth, Training records,

Recognition records and volunteer roles are correct in MMS.

- Org Units: Ensure that national-council-area-group-section hierarchy is correct and that

the Org unit associated with a members record is accurate.

It is critical that Groups do this as the new AMS (the system replacing MMS) will be on June 1st

and all existing data in MMS needs to be updated and accurate for the changeover. If you need

assistance please contact your AC or CFE - they can assist with this if help is needed.

Group Succession Planning, Prospectives and Growth Planning for 2011-2012: A reminder

that Groups should be working with their AC's and CFE to ensure that you are starting to plan out

your Section leadership teams for next year (i.e., who is returning, how many leaders do you need to recruit etc.). As well, there are still a lengthy amount of Prospective members throughout the Council. Please work with your CFE and AC's to finish up screening requirements and get these members activated. Finally, Groups are encouraged to put together a Growth Plan and budget for next year within the next few months. CFE's are available to assist Groups with all of these items.

Spring Registration Packages: Your AC has your Spring Registration packages. The fee for the 2011-12 Scouting year has been set at \$165 for youth and there is no volunteer fee.

Job Opportunities for Senior Youth: We are now accepting resumes and applications for the position of Day Camp Counselor. A job description will be on the Voyageur Council website soon. This is a paid position for youth 16-26 years old. Camps this year are located on the Carling Campus, Moodie Dr, Ottawa and Taylor Creek Dr, Orleans. Interviews will be conducted later in April. Resumes can be sent to [hlee@scouts.ca](mailto:hlee@scouts.ca)

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

**DAC Reports:**

i: : **Financial: Jean Lasenba - [lasenba@sympatico.ca](mailto:lasenba@sympatico.ca)**

ii: **Training – Michelle Niefer - [mniefer@sympatico.ca](mailto:mniefer@sympatico.ca)**

- \* No **first aid training** this spring, there is not sufficient interest.
- \* **E-Learning** - Many Scouters have opted for this type of training, however the MMS system is not showing this. If you have not received your recognition, contact your Group Commissioner who will get in touch with me
- **Group Commissioners** – if your leader presents you with a certificate for each module, they have completed the WB for that section. If all certificates are not printed off, it may be that they did not complete that section; therefore the MMS will not recognize it.
- **WB I – Training** for Valley Highlands will take place in January 2012. Be sure to get your leaders involved that need the training that are new to Scouting and/or are going up to a new section

- Is there specific training your group wishes? Let me know, and I will see what we can arrange.

iii: **Program - Alex Beelich – [alexbeelich@gmail.com](mailto:alexbeelich@gmail.com)**

March was Race month in Valley Highlands.

Again this year the County Fair Mall was home to day of Racing with a level of participation much larger than we have seen in recent years.

In total 152 youth from our Area participated in the day long event. Parents and other observers were on hand to witness some exciting photo finishes.

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts built and raced their vehicles with racing and judging beginning at 9:30 am and the final race was held with trophies awarded around 3:00pm.

This year a store was donated by the Mall where we were able to set up racing events and other games of skill for the Beavers. The strength of their numbers indicated that we should continue at the same level next year.

Trophies for Troop and Cub racing and judging were awarded to the following Pack – Fastest Kar – 1st CY MoOij 1st Elmsley

2nd Christofer Roach 2nd Smiths Falls

3rd Mya Gauthier 2nd Smiths Falls

Best Design as judged by impartial volunteers- Amy Kehoe

Fastest Pack awarded to – 1st Elmsley Cub Pack

Troop – Fastest Truck – 1st - Haley Fisher 1st Beckwith

2nd Daniel Richards 1st Beckwith

3rd Ben Brooke 2nd Smiths Falls

Best Design as judged by impartial volunteers- Phillip Scissons

1st Elmsley

Fastest Troop awarded to – 1st Beckwith Scout Troop

Congratulations to all our racers. A job well done.

We hope to make next years races even more exciting.

Our spring is becoming very busy with Scout Trees set to be planted on May7th at the Drummond Site.

Nitevent is only a couple of weeks away. May 13th will prove to be busy weekend for all.

(Update from Chris Tyler)

Scouting 101 –Back to Basics in Carleton Place, our spring camp, will be upon on before we know it. Plan to be there the week end of May 27th -29th 2011.

(Update from Cindy Courtland)

Algonquin 2011 has had its final registration update circulated. Our campers are eager to get started. We have reserved 10 campsites for the week with a total potential of 45 campers for each event.

A notice will be forwarded within the next couple of weeks for stage 2 and the next update meeting for all enrolled. Will keep everyone posted.

Next month we will be posting a draft programme of events related to next years scouting events in Valley Highlands.

Scouts Canada has unveiled new uniforms and new updated jumpstart programmes to

assist in planning your meetings.

Please take a few minutes and check out the Website. "www.scouts.ca "

Created by Mike Dobbie of the Smiths Falls Group (Akela)

Address on the Web where everyone may review last years trip-

<http://picasaweb.google.com/smithsfallsscouts/ValleyHighlandsScoutsAlgonquinPark2010#>

Invite everyone to check it out.

We welcome all suggestions for events and ideas to improve the programme provided.

Please forward all suggestions to

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DAC Programme  
Valley Highlands Area  
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Thank you to everyone for all their help in making this a successful Scouting Year

Summary of expenses associated with the Beaver Buggy/ Kub Kars / Scout Trucks

Total enrollment fee received at \$5.00 each (156 youth) \$780.00

Expenses – Zone West badges Invoice # 30645 (50 badges)	-\$242.25
102 badges left over last year @ \$1.75	-\$178.50
Loblaws napkins / cups	-\$ 7.31
Staples – photocopies	-\$ 1.00
Food Basics juice and snacks	-\$ 6.28
Costco snacks and drinks	-\$ 87.41
Trophy engraving	<u>-\$ 45.00</u>
Expense total	\$567.75

Results \$780.00- 567.75 = \$212.25 or \$1.36 per youth attending

I suggest we return to each Group at the rate of \$1.36 per racer

iv: : **Youth - Andreas Beelich** [dreas94@hotmail.com](mailto:dreas94@hotmail.com)  
**Matt Courtland** [nardog16@gmail.com](mailto:nardog16@gmail.com)

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

I will give out Order of the Caribou crests and present Chris Tyler with his 50 year pin.

vi **Registrar: - Jacynth Stalker** [j\\_stalker@sympatico.ca](mailto:j_stalker@sympatico.ca)

vii: **Technology / Fundraising - Mike Dobbie –** [4mdobbie@gmail.com](mailto:4mdobbie@gmail.com)

viii **Camp Warden – Stan Lasenba –** [lasenba@sympatico.ca](mailto:lasenba@sympatico.ca)

viii: **Scout Trees - Brian Billings -** [brian\\_billings@carleton.ca](mailto:brian_billings@carleton.ca)

Forgot to put link for pledge form downloads in previous report. Also have a bill for breakfasts from coordination meeting with Jeff WARD, Dan COOPER, and Scott DANFORD on 01-APR-2011 that I will submit to Jean tonight for re-imburement.

Scoutrees is on Saturday May 7th, 2011. The attached map identifies the location that we will be planting on the Drummond/North Elmsley Landfill Buffer Zone property - Code Road/Concession 5B, Drummond Twp. Dan COOPER (RVCA), Jeff WARD (OMNR/CSCLC), and members from the Community Stewardship Council of Lanark County will be on hand to assist with our tree planting effort. If the ground dries out over the next two weeks, we will be parking in the area of the old 'Hanging Barn. Look for the balloons/signs off of Code Road to guide you in to the parking area at the plant site.

We plan to get underway with our planting activities at 0900h and will be planting 2000PW and 500 Tamarack. At 1030h, the Reeve (Aubrey CHURCHILL), Deputy Reeve (Gail CODE), and Counselors of D/NE will be attending the planting

site for a cheque presentation and photo opportunity. I am also trying to arrange representation from Albany International, Blair & Son, and Lanark Cedar for the photo and newspapers. Lake 88 will be giving our event a plug and promoting our after-plant fundraising BBQ and tree seedling sale (200 CW) at Lanark Cedar. Following our tree plant activity (approx. 1130h to 12000h), all groups are invited to attend Lanark Cedar (located 10KM west of Carleton Place on Hwy. #7/R.R. 1- across from Lambden Window and Door) for food and refreshment. Youth/leaders/parents will receive complimentary burgers/hot dogs at Lanark Cedar. I believe Lambden Window and Door is also having a Yard Sale on this same date/time with some proceeds being given to VHA Scouts (I am still finalizing these details).

Youth, parents, and leaders should dress appropriate for the weather.

Hiking boots/rubber boots

Leather gloves

5 gallon plastic pail

a sturdy round-mouth shovel

On Monday, April 18th, 2011, I delivered a presentation on Scoutrees an No Trace Camping to Merrickville Troop and Pack. For any other group in the area requesting same, I am more than happy to attend your meeting and make a PowerPoint presentation on Scoutrees and why we do what we do.

For those groups looking for pledge sheets, Scouts Canada has placed many of their resources on-line...pledge sheets can be downloaded at <http://www.scouts.ca/dnn/scouters/ProgramResources/Scoutrees/tabid/751/Default.aspx>

I look forward to seeing all groups out for Scoutrees on May 7th! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the undersigned.

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ix: **Popcorn – Brian Billings – - [brian\\_billings@carleton.ca](mailto:brian_billings@carleton.ca)**

## **GROUP REPORTS:**

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**1<sup>st</sup> Beckwith: Allen Sinfield – [al1sin@hotmail.com](mailto:al1sin@hotmail.com)**

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Drummond: Torstein Dekart – [tdekart@on.aibn.com](mailto:tdekart@on.aibn.com)**

CUBS – we are continuing to work on our Blue Star

- Toured a radio station in Perth,
- Household hazardous awareness
- Recycling
- Building rockets & Easter craft

SCOUTS – Recycling

- Sports night ringette, skipping, badminton
- Badge work
- Building rockets

BEAVERS – Outdoor walk

- Craft night
- Easter egg Hunt

We participated in the Cub Kar & Scout Truck races.

We are looking forward to the rocket launch early in May

Scouts are helping out at the dairy booth at Maple Fest & have a BBQ planned mid May

We are all hoping to participate in Scout trees & are holding a parent meeting with the Group Commissioner to discuss our program & parents wishes for the future

Scouts are anxiously awaiting the Algonquin Trip & the pre camp

All sections plan to attend the summer camp in Carleton Place at the end of May

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The Group Committee met on April 7th.

Our big event will be a visit by Ray's Reptiles on Monday, April 18th. We have invited other youth and hope to find some new recruits. A letter outlining our needs has been sent to the parents.

The Colony and Troop both remain busy with lots of special things planned. The Beavers even had a chance to sit in an ambulance, thanks to one of the parents.

Now we are looking forward to next year when Scouting in Perth will come alive!



**2<sup>nd</sup> Smiths Falls: Joan Smith – [joansmith\\_13@cogeco.ca](mailto:joansmith_13@cogeco.ca)**

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Adjournment

Next meeting

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Stalker, Area Commissioner