



Area Forum

May 19, 2011

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Smiths Falls



Reports:

Call to Order: by Andreas at 7:03 p.m.

Oh Canada: All

Scouter's 5: Andreas

In Attendance: John Stalker, AC; Andreas Beelic, DAC Youth; Diana Nuttall, Sec.; Jean Lasenba, Treas.; Alex Beelich, DAC Program; Michelle Niefer, DAC Training, Roger Nuttall, DAC Recognition; Jacynthe Stalker, Registrar; Chris Tyler, ST; Stan Lasenba, property manager; Bill Lawrence, GC 2nd Almonte; Allen Sinfield, GC 1st Beckwith; Elizabeth Docker, GC Carleton Place; Larry Palmer, 4th Perth

Regrets: Matt Courtland, Torsten Dekart, Brian Billings

Acceptance of Minutes: Moved by Michelle, Seconded by John to approve the April minutes – 13 ayes, 1 abstention Carried

Moved by Roger, Seconded by Stan to approve the amended March minutes. Passed unanimously

Business arising from the minutes: Motion: Moved by Chris. Seconded by Elizabeth. The area will refund to the each group an amount of \$1 for each participant in Beaver Buggies, Kub Kars, Scout Trucks.

Commissioner's Report: John Stalker – j_staolker@sympatico.ca

The last CMAC meeting was Yesterday,

All MMS records need to be verified by June 30. New MMS delayed until summer/fall. Open Door Ottawa, a tour of places not normally available to visit (embassies etc) is including the Scout Museum. We are expecting a LOT of people, and want to have a table with films or slide shows of interesting Scouting events, and membership info. They are looking for volunteers. Contact Nick Wise @ Nicholas.Wise@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca

Rideau Canal Canoe Run, late Aug/early Sept.

Sept 16-18 Growth Symposium.

All leaders must have successfully completed Woodbadge I to qualify for pre-registration.

May 24 conference call at 6pm for Area Commissioners and Registrars.

Same time, Venturer/Rover Executive course.

Relevant to the Community. We are trying to get the Scouts "known" for 2 things.

Emergency Preparedness, and Environment. Ideas welcome and more news to come.

Chief Scout/ Queens Venturer award, June 11, Ottawa University.

I have OPP PRC forms

DAC Reports:

Secretary: Diana dcn@storm.ca

Treasurer: Jean lasenba@sympatico.ca

All group year-end financial reports have to be submitted to the Area Treasurers by Aug. 31, 2011. Please submit your report as soon as your group closes for the summer.

Council: Kelly kbanks@scouts.ca

Membership Report: An up-to-date membership report will be provided to you at the CMC, with current numbers and an update on the Friends recruited so far.

Congrats to Kingston-Centre, Loyalist Area! - Winners of the \$500 Winter Friendfest ScoutBucks Prize. They recruited 4 youth and 3 adults!

REMINDER: Please ensure your Groups are aware of and following the "75-Membership Action Plan" to get us to the end of August, which includes cleaning up MMS in preparation for AMS, resolving Prospective members, ensuring missing paperwork is in the office, holding Spring Registration nights and setting Area Registration nights

Planning Area Fall Kick-Off's: As the year starts to wind down – Area's should be thinking of when they will be holding their Area Fall Kick-offs for the 2011-2012 Scouting year. New "Jumpstart 2 Growth Manuals" will be sent directly to Group Commissioners in August this year and a Kick-off is a great way to introduce this new resource personally to the Groups. The kit will include information on: Opening a New Section, Recruiting More Youth, Recruiting Adults and Building & Enhancing Group Sponsor Relationships.

Partner Thank-you Certificates: If Groups haven't had time to hand deliver their Partner Thank-you certificate from February it must be done before the end of this Scouting year. Please ensure the GC or a delegate delivers it.

New Scouter Welcome Kits: GCs should have received the NSWK's by now. Please ensure that they have. If they have not please contact your CFE.

Spring Registration Ads: We ran Spring registration Ads the week of May 16th in the following Publications:

- **"The News" by the Daily Observer** – Valley Highlands (except Renfrew)
- **Standard Freefolder** – Stormont Glengarry Area
- **EMC** (Ottawa South, Ottawa West, Nepean/Barrhaven, Kanata, Richmond/Stittsville, West Carleton, Arnprior, Smiths Falls, Perth, Kemptville, Almonte/Carleton Place, Manotick/Winchester, Ottawa East/Downtown, Orleans, Kingston(City) Kingston/Frontenac(rural) and St.Lawrence (Brockville/Prescott))
- **Metroland** : Kanata, Stittsville, West Carleton and Renfrew
- **Russell Villager** (the EMC does not cover Russell).

Fall 2011 Open Houses and Registration Nights: It is time for Groups to start planning Open Houses and Registration events for September 2011 now! Groups can contact their CFE for assistance.

School Flyer Campaign 2011-2012: Just a reminder we will be circulating contact information for Groups to be verified for the Join Website. The information we collect will be posted on the JOIN website as it was last year, as well as a copy of each Area's information will be provided to all Group Commissioners so that they may refer to it when handling inquiries in the Fall.

Key 3 Meetings over the Summer months: Your CFE will be contacting you to arrange Key 3 (AC, AYC, CFE) meetings over May and June to discuss a variety of things. Any newly appointed AC's will be included in the meetings.

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

Still working on the Leader List. Sorry. Pre-registrations are to be entered in MMS.

Program: Alex alex.beelich@nlfinancial.ca [alexbeelich@gmail.com]

Programme Valley Highlands Area

Program Draft outline Scouting year 2011/2012

June 2011- Spring Registration-

September 2011- Fall Registration-

School presentations

First Meeting to begin

Last week-end – apple day

October 2011- 1st weekend- Council and Area Youth commissioners

Provide a leadership training workshop

Troop- Patrol Leaders

Assistant Patrol Leaders

Pack – Sixers

Seconders

To include Keeos and Kims

(letter sent to AYC and awaiting response)

October- Near end of the month- Fall Troop (JOTA – Oct 14 &15)

Possible Theme- hiking, trail blazing and trail signs.

November- Remembrance Day Nov. 11

Scout Popcorn-

December- Group participation in various Christmas parades & activities

January- Troop Winter Camp prep night-

Troop Winter Camp- location-?-

Pack Winter Challenge-

February – Beaver BRRRRR-

Founder's Week-

Founder's week group banquet-

March – Scout Trucks/Kub Kars/ Beaver Buggy- Should we change location?

If so where?

Should we include a Hobby and Wheels event?

How do we incorporate the Venturer Companies?

April - ??

May- Scout Trees

Nitevent

Year end all section camp- Theme-

Suggest we include a going up ceremony for all sections at this year end camp.

Algonquin 2012- Considering a 4th phase to this activity.

Algonquin 2011

July 3rd until July 9th 2011

Location: Kiosk Station at the northern boundary of Algonquin Park.

Travel itinerary- Two School buses have been made available for the campers. We have arranged for two (2) pickup points.

- 1) Merrickville Community Centre- Bus will leave by 9:00am and proceed to
- 2) Carleton Place- Wal-Mart parking lot- Bus will be loaded and ready to leave by 10:00 am.
- 3) A couple of stops are planned including Cobden for refreshments and restroom relief. On to Deep River where the Vehicles will refuel if needed. Lunch will be "Brown Bag" brought from home
- 4) If needed we will stop in Mattawa for an additional restroom break.
- 5) Arrival is expected in Algonquin at the Kiosk Station mid late afternoon- by 3:00pm

This event will be split into two (2) programmes.

- 1) Still Camp based at the Kiosk Station from July 3 until July 9.

The camp will be divided into two segments:

- a) Senior Cubs and 1st Years scouts
- b) Second year Scouts- programme to include 2 short overnight canoe based outings remaining on Lake Kioshkokwi.

Details of programme attached.

- 2) Tripping Camp –leaving Lake Kioshkokwi on Monday July 4th and travelling via canoe to the 1st portage (1010 metres)joining up to Amiable Du Fond River. We proceed down the river until our next portage (1320 metres) leading to Manitou Lake. We will proceed until adequate camp sites are located. (Group will require 4 close together). Tuesday will see the trippers cross a short portage (420 metres) and enter North Tea Lake. From here we proceed until we reach our next portage on Mangotasi Lake (250metres) to Hornbeam Lake. Portage to Biggar Lake (90 metres and 140 metres) where we will camp for the night
Wednesday will see us backtrack through Hornbeam Lake and Mangotasi Lake to North Tea Lake where the tripper will proceed to the West boundary of Algonquin Park. As time permits the trippers will leisurely canoe the lake until satisfactory camping sites

have been located.

Thursday will see the trippers further explore North Tea Lake and Manitou Lake before settling in for the night.

Friday the group will return to Kiosk Station via Amiable du Fond River and Kioshkokwi Lake arriving in time for supper.

During the daily canoeing and portaging it is expected that the group will travel about 15 km each day before reaching the nightly camp site. Extra distances spent on the water will be to explore and sight see the area. The Dufond homestead (1880-1916) is located at the north end of Manitou Lake and appears to be a point of interest.

Saturday July 9th will see the groups packing up for the return trip home.

Itinerary returning home- Stop at Mattawa for lunch – provided by the camp- (subway restaurant)

Proceed to reverse our stops on the trip up.

Arrival in Carleton Place around 5:00pm with the second bus arriving in Merrickville about an hour later or 6:00pm.

Extra transportation of equipment will be provided by personal vehicles and trailers as needed.

All Canoes to be equipped with required safety equipment including but not limited to painters, bailers, throw ropes .PFD and paddles.

Each camp will have on staff a minimum of two (2) with current first aid certification. Trippers will have at least one (1) per camp site.

Medication will be dispensed as needed under the instructions supplied by the parent/guardian.

Canoe training will be provided for 10 adults- Course offered ORCA 3

As outlined by the instructor- Heather Murphy

Each participant should bring lots of water, sun block, food including snacks. We will start each day at 8:00 am, Friday at 7:00 pm earlier if they can get there. We will finish each night by dark (can't be on the water). Long days! Sunday day we should be completed by 3:00 pm. The course can be faster, but then you don't get enough practice time to master each skill set. We will load up the canoes each night and I'll transport them back to my house.

I would like the course to take place at Burritt's Rapids as the channel is a great place to learn in.

The outline is this: Friday night "wet" time. Every tandem pair will flip a canoe, and rescue one canoe or more. They will paddle a swamped canoe, and change positions in a moving canoe. They will also have to propel themselves a distance in a pfd. Saturday, skills start. Strokes and practice time. No one should get wet (unless they wish it). Sunday morning is always landings and sideways displacement with the "exam" taking place following a light lunch. Interspersed through out the 2 days is "dry land" instruction. Each participant will be given a topic to teach to the rest of us. Included below.

Please assign these topics to a participant asap so that they can do any research needed. These topics should be taught to each person on a canoeing adventure even as a reminder to experienced canoeists

Equipment needed - purpose & care - 2 persons to teach

Government Regulations

Parts of a canoe & paddle (different types /uses) 2 persons to teach

Outdoor precautions - sun wind rain and cold - in general terms precautions and care for each

Weather concerns lightning / cloud conditions

Windy weather

Clothing choices

No trace camping.

Parts of a canoe - bow, stern , bow seat. stern seat, thwart, gunwale,keel, hull, ribs, planks, inwale, outwale tumblehome, stem band, and painter.

Outline of Algonquin Canoe Week 2001

Objective is to provide each participant with a unique experience in the Wilderness of Algonquin Park.

As this is a Wilderness camp the following risks have been assessed and determined to be acceptable.

- Canoe upset- training in the canoe over canoe rescue
- - paddling courses have been provided for a number of advisors
- - experienced canoeist from previous years are in attendance
- - youth have all been in canoes previously and
- - skills have been assessed
- - Boat Rescue course has been subscribed by a number of advisors
- - ORCA ,training course has been arranged for 10 adults attending
- - drowning- all attending to wear a PFD when near the water
- - Including when canoeing
- -Lead canoe and Sweep canoe will be provided for each group
- - Youth are never to be left alone while on the water.
- - If weather conditions or emergency conditions develop an adult
- - canoe will remain with the youth until the situation has been

- resolved .
- - Canoeists are not to leave the group when travelling from site to site or lake to lake. If an item is deemed lost a decision will be rendered at the time on how to resolve.
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- Injury
 - - a number of advisors have current standard 1st Aid certification
 - - an advisor has achieved SARC training
 - - retired paramedic in attendance
 - - first aid kits as part of the equipment
 - - SPOT technology will be carried by the Trip Leader
 - -If deemed necessary two adults will canoe out with the injured Individual.
 - - leaches
 - - sprains
 - - broken bones
 - - Physical fitness information has been obtained via Scouts Can Approved forms and assessed
 - - Allergies have been assessed and only those situations deemed Controllable have been accepted
 - - All adults have been encouraged to visit their family doctor and To obtain a clean acceptable health status
 - - Campers with allergies must notify the camp leader of their Condition and provide a minimum of (2) two EPI pens
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- Becoming Lost- we adhere to the buddy system
 - - all campers to carry a whistle at all times
 - -Hug a tree principle will be encouraged
 - - Accepted Search and rescue procedure to be followed
 - - If unable to locate lost person with in a deemed acceptable time
 - - The spot technology will be activated informing the OPP and other Authorities of the situation.
 - - All youth and adults will be advised of the need to stay near the Camp and not to wander.
 - - Not to leave camp without informing the adult in charge.
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- Dietary concerns- Dehydrated food prepackaged by a reputable supplier
 - - No guarantee that the diet will be nut free
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- Bullying issues – all attendees have read and signed a “Campers Code of Conduct”- parents and guardians have also be advised of this document.
- Bullying issues could result in immediate removal from the activity and removal from the camp- Parents could be notified and are expected to pick up the individual.
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- Supervision- Adults will be watchful of behavior and supervise the youth at all times- This is a coed camp and will be supervised as such. Advisors of both genders will be in attendance

Training: Michelle mniefer@sympatico.ca

I now have some pins/woggles on hands for those people who participated in WB I either in person or by e-learning. If your leader did not receive recognition, please let me know.

- WBI for 2011-2012 will be held in late mid January. If there are any interested in an earlier date, I need firm confirmation.
- All Group Commissioners have been notified of any leaders that have not had WB I training and/or if a leader has moved to a new section, they too will need training. Please advise those adults, that if they cannot make it to a live session, to go on line and do e-learning this Summer.

Recognition: Roger rsnuttall@storm.ca

I just want to remind the Group Commissioners to have the Leaders and other registered adults fill in a copy of their “My Scouting Resume” and return a copy to their Commissioner, who will keep a copy for their records and forward a copy to me for the Area’s recognition records.

Youth: Andreas dreas94@hotmail.com

& Matt nardoq16@gmail.com

Finance: Jean lasenba@sympatico.ca

Camp: Stan lasenba@sympatico.ca

The pump was removed and I found that the foot valve was full of rust. Replacing the foot valve improved but did not eliminate the problem. The pump will be removed again and flushed. Some trees were blown down and hung up during the wind storm last month and Roger and I were able to get them down safely and block them. Rideau Valley has sent me maps of the trails and I will endeavor to enlarge them and post them in the trailer. All we need at the camp now is more groups using it.

Stan Lasenba

Expenses

Foot valve	30.69
Tarp for Lawn Mower	13.51
Gas for Chain Saw	<u>5.59</u>
Total	49.79

Technology: Mike Dobbie 4mdobbie@gmail.com

Popcorn: Brian brian_billings@carleton.ca

Scoutrees: Brian brian_billings@carleton.ca

On Saturday, May 7th, 2011, 58 Scout youth (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Venturers) and 46 leaders/parents from across the Valley Highlands Area met in Drummond/North Elmsley Township for Scoutrees 2011. 2,500 trees consisting of 2,000 White Pine and 500 Tamarack seedlings were planted in the buffer zone area adjacent to the township landfill site on the corner of Code Road and Concession 5B. Valley Highlands Area groups in attendance were: Beckwith, Carleton Place, Drummond Centre, Merrickville, Perth, Smiths Falls, and Area Service Team. Valley Highlands Area Scouts have been planting this buffer zone area around the Drummond/North Elmsley landfill site since 1992.

It was a great day for planting trees with all trees being planted by 10:45h. The Reeve (Aubrey Churchill), Deputy Reeve (Gail Code), and Councilor (Ray Scissons) attended the plant site to thank the youth for their planting efforts and to recognize and appreciate the partnership with Scouts Canada/Drummond North Elmsley Township. Reeve Churchill presented a cheque in the amount of \$700 to offset the cost of the tree seedlings and was in return, presented with a Scoutrees certificate of appreciation for the Township from VHA Scouts. At the plant site Scoutrees certificates of appreciation were also presented to Lanark Cedar, Jeff Ward (OMNR/CSCLC), and Dan Cooper (RVCA).

Following the Scoutrees plant, Scouting youth gathered at Lanark Cedar for a fundraising barbeque and tree seedling sale - all proceeds raised were donated to Valley Highlands Area for Scouting activities. Thanks to JackFM, Lake 88.1, and Lanark Cedar for all their support. Other local sponsors of the Scoutrees program who were unable to attend but were also identified and appreciated for their support were: Albany International, and Blair and Son, for their support and sponsorship of the local Scoutrees for Canada program. I still need to settle accounts with Lanark Cedar for expenses from the BBQ and funds raised through the sale of White Cedar Seedlings and hope to do that before the end of May.

Scoutrees for Canada is a national environmental program that involves youth in a meaningful and hands-on conservation project. Scouts Canada youth plant trees first and raise money second. Over the years, Scoutrees has helped raise funds for Scouting. Through sponsors and donors Scoutrees income helps fund local Scouting activities, council programs, and also provides much needed income for the Canadian Scout Brotherhood Fund - 85% of all revenues raised from Scoutrees programs remains with local groups. For those groups who raised funds with Scoutrees, please remit the 15% portion of funds raised to Jean Lasenba at your earliest opportunity so she can forward the Area total to the National Office for the Scouts Canada Brotherhood Fund.

Thank you to all Groups for their participation in Scoutrees 2011...this has been the 19th year at D/NE and next year may be the final year at this plant site...yes, we will have finally planted all the fields!!!! Thanks to the Service Team for their assistance with this event and also my appreciation is extended to Jeff Ward and Dan Cooper for their year-round support and tending of the Scoutrees plant site!



Group reports:

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

1. EVENTS TO DATE:
 - a. All Sections participated in the Area Rally in March.
 - b. Scouts have been practicing their Pioneering, they built two 12 foot towers in my yard and put up a 30 foot zip line.
 - c. Scouts have been building things from old antlers, they've made whistles and woggles
 - d. Scouts have had a number of campfires in my yard.
 - e. Cubs have been doing badge work in the gym at the School, and have had hikes to Gemmill Park.
 - f. Beavers had their Swim-up on Monday, 16 May.

2. FUTURE EVENTS:
 - a. Scouts will be participating in the Area Scouting 101 Camp.
 - b. Cubs will be having their final camp the first weekend of June (Leadership not available for the Scouting 101 Camp).
 - c. Scouts will be doing canoeing in June as soon as the water slows down a bit.

3. MAIN EFFORTS:
 - a. We are trying to recruit new Leadership for all Sections and Group Committee.
 - b. I had Lynn Levitan reset my account in MMS so I can finish my registrations this weekend.

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

Activities:

Scouts have been busy with additional clean up at the Beckwith Park, fundraising for Scoutrees, Scoutrees planting followed by a afternoon at Whispering Pines.

Beavers have been busy with Spring crafts and preparation for the Scoutree plant.

Turnout for the Scoutrees was good for both Beavers, Scouts and Leaders.

Upcoming:

CP 101 Spring Camp

Swim-up early June ends our meeting year.

Algonquin

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 Pattemore – arnel@falls.igs.net

The Group Committee met on May 12th. We extend best wishes to John as he recuperates and wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

The highlight has been a visit from Ray's Reptiles when we had fifty people present including our Beavers and Scouts. This was a great treat and very educational, much enjoyed by all.

Beavers are winding down for the year and Scouts continue to be active including camping and Nitevent. We re now working on Spring Registration and planning for next year. Our emphasis will be on growth and renewal.

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

Old Business: AC Replacement Committee

Motion: Moved by Alex. Seconded by Jean. The area to reimburse up to 10 participants on successful completion of ORCA 3 ; the amount not to exceed \$500.00. Pass4ed unanimously.

New Business: All Outdoor activities paper work will be kept on file at National, but the Groups must submit them to either Michelle or myself to get them filed. This is for the protection of your leaders should they face accusations in the future of unacceptable behaviour

Next Meeting: June 16, 2011 Westminster Presbyterian Church

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Elizabeth. Seconded by Chris at 8:57p.m.

Minutes Read at Area Forum and motion to accept: _____

Minutes Signed by: _____
John Stalker, Area Commissioner